

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 26, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board, Sammy Ramirez, called the regular meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

Trustees present were Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson and Valerie Bega

OTHERS PRESENT

Lupita Fields Charles Price, Horacio Cruz, JJ Albert, Antonia Ramirez, Laurie Haas, Pearl Prins, Judy Fierro, Alisa Gomez, Dulce Sandoval, LeeAnne Lucio, Mandi Powell, Marsha Early, Carol Abeyta, Karen Yamashita, Brian Brazier, Roseanne Salcedo, Steve Berry Pam Dihel, Eduardo Ochoa, Gina Gonzales, and others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board voted to approve the agenda for the regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2022

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson and Valerie Bega

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Ochoa recognized and awarded the CJUSD Star Students.

CFA REPORT

CFA President Roseanne Salcedo stated as the end of the school year approaches, so is the state testing period. She restated that teaching during the pandemic via Zoom and in-person was a challenging time in which teachers did not acquire COVID-related incentives or bonuses. Mrs. Salcedo shared with the Board the contents of an article posted on the Beyond the Now website regarding students needing more behavioral support, and the California Faculty Association's (CFA) union negotiations begin on Monday, May 16. Each school had different events happening, which Mrs. Salcedo reported to the Board. She expressed gratitude to all teachers and their dedication to students. Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated the week of May, from May 1 through May 8, and teachers got the extra credit they deserved.

CSEA REPORT

CSEA President Dulce Sandoval counted 16 days left of school. Staff and students are experiencing the excitement and pressure as state testing concludes. Classified school employee week is May 7 through May 11. Ms. Sandoval joined CSEA in recognizing these essential staff members and thanked them for keeping our schools a safe and clean learning environment. She reported that CSEA will hold their next negotiations meeting soon and hopes it is a successful, productive day.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Board President Sammy Ramirez attended the plaque memorial dedication for Raymond Lerma and stated it was a lovely well-planned event.

CBO REPORT

CBO Pam Dihel reiterated that the forklift the District is currently using is extremely aged. The department has been maintaining it by ordering parts that are becoming challenging, with it being old and not worth more money put into it. Some quotes have been received and are brought to the board for approval. A bid of \$23,500 should gain us another 25 years of use. Additionally, a quote for a scissor lift and trencher is needed, totaling about \$13,200. The Business Department will use the Restricted Maintenance account to purchase this equipment. Electrical projects will be underway this summer based on the liability insurance review. It includes additional ceiling-mounted outlets to lessen trip hazards at the high school and the installation of new LED lighting due to the age of fixtures at John Muir. Each project runs around \$14,000. Mrs. Dihel additionally suggested the District would replace all wooden doors with new hollow metal doors.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Ochoa reported the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the District recently experienced a slight rise, with 16 total. This follows the growing direction across the state. If needed, the District will keep a close eye on any possible trends and follow up with the Kings County Department of Public Health. Staff will receive test kits this week. The Health Services Department will share another round of test kits with students in the coming weeks. Mr. Ochoa summarized the progress of updating the morning drop-off procedures for elementary and middle schools. This week the plans for our drop-off procedures will be finalized. The process will be updated to increase safety and efficiency while decreasing traffic congestion around our schools. Mr. Ochoa appreciated the collaboration with the city's Public Works Director, Mr. Joe Faulkner, city manager Mr. Greg Gatzka, Police Chief Reuben Shortnacy, and District Facilities Director, Mr. Horacio Cruz. John Muir held a very successful Career Fair and the High school had a very successful Art Show last week. Senior Awards will take place this Wednesday at the Technology Learning Center. The District is also greatly appreciative of our community partners who contribute to the scholarships seniors will receive. Superintendent Ochoa kept the board apprised of upcoming school events. Bret Harte has had excellent turnouts for Math Night and Open House and is looking forward to another successful event with Literacy Night this Thursday at 5 pm. John C. Fremont will host its Open House on Wednesday, May 18th. The middle and high schools will host their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19th, at the John Muir campus at 6:30 pm. The District is in the midst of state testing in grades 3-8 and 11 and will conclude in a few weeks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Ochoa reviewed the District's Core Values and essential factors with the Board. He will share them his weekly update and looks to finalizing at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 26, 2022
- b. Warrant Registers for:
 - i. April 22, 2022 for \$220,053.38
 - ii. April 29, 2022 for \$147,387.99
- c. 2021-22 Personnel Assignment Order #16
- d. Student Trip
 - i. For 3 High school students and staff Miles Robinson to Tulare-Kings Sectional FFA Meeting and Election to be held May 11, 2022, in Visalia. Use of van to be paid FFA and ASB account
 - ii. For 8 High school students and staff Miles Robinson to Fairgrounds Workday to be held May 14, 2022, in Hanford. Use of van to be paid site funds
 - iii. For 7 High school students and staff Dustin Newby to Bret Harte Farm Visit to be held May 19, 2022, in Corcoran. Use of van to be paid site funds
 - iv. For 43 High school students and staff Miles Robinson, Dustin Newby, Nick Boyett, and Alisa Gomez to 2022 Kings County Fair to be held June 7 through June 12, 2022, in Hanford. Use of bus and van to be paid Career Technical Education Incentive grant

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson and Valerie Bega

ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed and approved the 2022-23 Minimum Days, Quarter/Semester, and Trimester Dates, and Parent Conferences

Motion: Sandra DeLaFuente

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

PUPIL PERSONNEL

The Board discussed and approved an interdistrict transfer agreement with Visalia Unified School District for Olivia Lucio (9) to attend Corcoran Joint Unified School District

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Patty Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved an interdistrict transfer agreement with Hanford Joint Unified School District for Elaina Danielle Stone (11) to attend Corcoran Joint Unified School District

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved an interdistrict transfer request for Hudson Boyett (TK) to attend Waukena Joint Union Elementary

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved a student's request to graduate Corcoran High School early

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

RESOLUTIONS

The Board discussed and approved Resolution No. 1341 – Designate Official Representative or Official Alternate Representative to the California Risk Management Authority Board of Directors

Motion: Valerie Bega

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved Resolution 1342 - Authorize Designated Personnel to Sign Contract Documents for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Motion: Valerie Bega

Second: Berenice Alvarez

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

BUSINESS

The Board discussed and approved the 2022-23 Aeries Software Renewal Notification

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved a quote from United Rentals for equipment needs

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Sammy Ramirez

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

PERSONNEL

The Board discussed and approved an employees request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Motion: Sammy Ramirez

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 6:39 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 6:51 p.m.

Board President Sammy Ramirez reported that the Board agreed with the recommendation for student matter EH 2021-22/10. A discussion was held regarding items pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code with Superintendent Ochoa.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:52 p.m.

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson and Valerie Bega