

## **KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 19, 2011

#### **1. OPEN SESSION**

a) Call to Order

Leonard Dias, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

b) Members Present

The following trustees were present: Andy Atsma, Sheree Deniz, Leonard Dias and Dino Giacomazzi. Joe Oliveira was late but joined the Board meeting during the Superintendent Report sequence of the meeting. Also present was Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal. Present in the audience were Kim Grant, Evelin Escareno and Robert Inabnit. Also present were two college students, Nick Sprague and Rebecca Navarro, attending as part of their studies.

c) Pledge to the Flag

Rebecca Navarro led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **2. Public Comment**

a) None

b) Public Comment:

Presentations of the District's Initial proposal for 2011-2012 certificated contract negotiations. Copies of the proposal are available for inspection. This time was made available to the public for comments concerning the District's Initial Proposal for 2011-2012.

#### **3. Presentations, Report and Communications**

a) Review calendar events

Mr. Barlow reviewed the calendar of events that take place between today date and the next Board Meeting of November 2, 2011.

b) **Board and staff comments:**

**Staff**

- Mr. Barlow stated that as of today, Kit Carson School has 429 students enrolled and Mid Valley School has 17 students enrolled. He recommended that the action item to approve the Waiver of Election Requirement to Establish Trustee Areas on tonight's agenda be postponed to a future meeting.
- Kim Grant stated she is concerned about the State making mid-year cuts and has done a budget analysis that she will share with the Board during the Superintendent's Report. The water connection to the City of Hanford is requiring attention and she plans to meet with John Dominguez during the first week of November to complete the land purchase.
- Robert Inabnit stated the he is reviewing his department budget.

- Evelin Escareno reported that the CELDT (California English Language Development Testing) was completed and she is focusing on RTI (Response to Intervention) beginning 10/20/11 with 6 different groups. Evelin also was present during parent/teacher conferences on 10/7/11 to translate English to Spanish speaking parents.

**Board:**

- Trustee Giacomazzi: No report
- Trustee Deniz: No report
- Trustee Atsma: No report
- Trustee Dias stated that he attended a meeting with Todd Barlow, Kim Grant and representatives from AECOM regarding the water connection project contract. It was decided that the district would be responsible for any amount the contract with the CA Dept of Public Health (CHDP) would not pay. He commended Mr. Barlow and Mrs. Grant for a job well done. He also updated the Board on the High Speed Railroad and confirmed that the tracks were now designed to be placed on the west side of Hanford. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is scheduled to be available in the Spring of 2012 and that Kings County helped respond to the EIR. Many concerns that Trustee Dias has expressed in the past were addressed in the Kings County response to the EIR. He also commended Stacey Unruh for maintaining our web page in a timely manner; pointing out how quickly the mid-week message was posted on our site.

c) **Superintendent's Report**

- Mr. Barlow reported that the Professional Development day held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 was a success. Teachers received a crash course in using the responders. During his classroom observations, he noted more teachers are incorporating their use.
- Mr. Barlow brought the Board up to date on the fill dirt for the north section of property which was tested by Central Valley Testing Service and it was found to be within the state regulations.
- Mr. Barlow also reported on the students who broke their arms. The students were not doing anything out of the ordinary when the separate accidents occurred and there has been no parent complaint.
- He reported that during the fundraiser, there was \$42,000 in VIP coupon sales so a Limousine ride reward will take place. He estimates that the school should see about \$20,000 in proceeds. Kudos to Mr. Lloyd for spearheading the fundraiser and for his enthusiasm in promoting the sales.
- Last Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> was Jill Chrisman's last day of work in preparation for the birth of her first child. Mrs. Osterland will be substituting until Mrs. Awbrey returns on November 7<sup>th</sup>. At which time Mrs. Burchett will substitute for Mrs. Chrisman until her return on January 9, 2012.

- The budget has also been a concern for Mr. Barlow and he is reviewing it frequently with Mrs. Grant.
- A power point presentation was conducted regarding the district budget concerns by Mrs. Grant. She attended a webinar held by CASBO (California Association of School Business Officials) in concert with FCMAT (Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team) and SSC (School Services of California) that was very beneficial in explaining the school financial woes at the state level. The webinar outlined the faults of Proposition 13, passed by the voters during the mid-seventies that stifled any possible increase in revenue for schools from property tax. This dilemma will have far reaching concerns well into the future. Without a reliable means of support for schools we will have to make do with the money the state allocates. Kit Carson has adjusted to the affects in the loss of current year revenue by eliminating the position of Assistant Principal. The district may lose \$132,000 in revenue if mid-year cuts happen. This loss will be reflected in the First Interim report to be presented during the December 7, 2011 regular Board meeting.

#### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### a) Review Bills and Warrants

The Bills and Warrants were accepted as presented.

#### ACTION ITEMS

#### 5. Business

##### a) Consider approving the Waiver of Election Requirements to Establish Trustee Areas for Kit Carson Union School District; Resolution 1112-07

It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to table this item to a future meeting Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

##### b) To accept the second reading and consider approval of certain Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) for the purpose of updating

It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) as presented; Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

##### c) Consider approval to re-designate General Fund Reserves; Resolution 1112-06

It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the elimination of Board Designated reserves and establish new designations to align with GASB 54 as presented; Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

##### d) Consider approving the Agreement for the Kings County Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Induction Consortium between Kings County Superintendent of Schools and Kit Carson Union School District

Mr. Barlow presented the BTSA contract and indicated that Evelin Escareno was enrolled in the program with Lori Roy as her mentor teacher. It was moved by Trustee Deniz to approve the agreement as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

**6. Financial**

None

**7. Consent Items**

- a) Consider approving the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 5, 2011  
 It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the minutes with a correction that Mrs. Grant was not present at this meeting; Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

**8. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals: 2011-2012**

None

**9. Personnel**

None

**10. Future Planning and Adjournment**

- Mr. Barlow request that a closed session be scheduled for the November 2, 2011 meeting to discuss personnel items.
- Mr. Barlow stated he would like to update the board on plans for the Presentation Center.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dias at 8:05 pm. No closed session followed.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leonard Dias, President

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Andy Atsma, Clerk of the Board

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Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal