

KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 8, 2012

CLOSED SESSION

Leonard Dias, Board President, called the closed session meeting to order at 5:15 pm. The following were present: Andy Atsma, Sheree Deniz, Leonard Dias, and Dino Giacomazzi. The item on the agenda was listed as follows: Student Discipline: Expulsion Hearing Case: 1112-01. The board conducted the expulsion hearing as listed.

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. Trustee Oliveira was absent. Also present were Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal, Margaret DeSantos, and Administrative Secretary. Also present in the audience Kim Grant, Robert Inabnit and Mandy Combes.

c) Pledge to the Flag

Mandy Combes led the pledge of allegiance.

Expulsion Results

Trustee Atsma made a motion to expel student in case #1112-01 until January 7, 2013 for violation of Education Code 48914.5(a-2). Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

2. Public Comment

Mrs. Combes commented that she and her husband believe that having one bus run is a great idea. However, because of the added time to the day, they would like that some sort of PE, Science and Social Studies be added to fill in the extra time rather than doing more of what they are already doing. President Dias thanked her for her comment.

3. Presentations, Report and Communications

a) Review calendar events

Mr. Barlow stated that we recently passed the 100th day of school. He reviewed the events that will take place between today's date and the next board meeting of February 22, 2012.

Mr. Barlow also spoke of the Professional Development Day, which was held on February 10th. Mr. Barlow presented to the certificated staff with an overview of the California Common Core Standards, which was discussed in length. He stated that they also were in-serviced in implementing the Character Counts Program. "It went over very well and the teachers' reactions were very positive. I also discussed the Character Counts information with the classified staff, they received the same information."

b) Board and staff comments:

Staff

- Margaret DeSantos stated that as of today, Kit Carson School has 423 students enrolled and Mid Valley School has 19 students enrolled.
- Robert Inabnit stated that all is running well in the operations of the district
- Kim Grant stated that this is her first day back to work this week, she has been out due to illness

Board:

- Trustee Deniz – no report
- Trustee Giacomazzi had nothing to report, but made a recommendation, that the flag be moved from the West wall to the South wall. He also mentioned that the Apple Company introduced the I-Books 2 Application. He stated that Apple partnered with every one of the text book publishers including Houghton-Mifflin, and they will start producing text books for \$15.00 a piece for sale on the iPad. “It will be interactive with video, etc.” Trustee Giacomazzi stated, this may be something for the district to keep watch for. It could be that the district could purchase an iPad for each student, versus purchasing a text book at \$150 for each student. A discussion was held regarding the last time an ordered was placed for text books and the purchase cost.
- Trustee Atsma - no report
- Trustee Dias stated he enjoyed his school visit to the preschool and the other classes. He stated that each class is doing a great job and presenting their educational learning skills. Trustee Dias also stated that the High Speed Rail press conference was held last week between at the County. Trustee Dias commended Kings County for taking the lead in the opposition of the High Speed Rail.

c) Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Barlow reported on the Spelling Bee and announced the winners of each grades. These winners will represent Kit Carson at the County Spelling Bee, which is scheduled for March. Mr. Barlow stated that he held a 6th, 7th and 8th grade meeting and informed the parents of the field trip finances and how student council monies are spent. A discussion was held regarding fundraising and what must be done to raise money before the 6th grade trip on March 6th and for future fieldtrips.

Mr. Barlow stated that he spoke with Judy Wade from the Hanford Garden Club. Mrs. Waite will be attending a faculty staff meeting on February 28th to discuss growing a vegetable garden at Kit Carson. Mrs. Wade would like to show the students how to grow vegetables, possibly for consumption.

Mr. Barlow informed the board members of an invitation to the Kings County School Board Association Administrative Dinner on Monday, March 26th, which will be held at the Central Union School District, starting at 6:00 pm. Trustee Dias stated that he will be attending the CSBA dinner.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Review Bills and Warrants

The Bills and Warrants were accepted as submitted by Kim Grant.

b) To review and consider certain Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) for the purpose of updating them

The Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) were reviewed and accepted.

c) Review draft of Resolution 1112-13; Opposing the High Speed Rail

Mr. Barlow stated that the Resolution is in draft form and may be edited before being brought to the board at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Business

a) Consider approving the 2010/2011 Audit Report

Kim Grant stated that this matter has been approved at a prior board meeting, and there is no action needed. No action taken.

b) Consider pursuing a loan from KNN for pipeline

Kim Grant stated that this matter was discussed at the January 11th board meeting. She stated, "this is the money the district needs to start the water project pipeline construction." She mentioned that she submitted an e-mail to the CA Department of Public Health informing them that the district is concerned about timely reimbursements during the construction in order to pay the debt payment due for the KNN loan. The message was forwarded to the appropriate personnel within the CA Dept. of Public Health.

Trustee Giacomazzi asked, "Why do we have to do this?" Mrs. Grant responded by stating that the construction project is estimated at \$2.1 million. The district does not have \$2.1 million for on-going expenses during construction. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the risk of borrowing the \$2.1 million from KNN, and the risk of the state not reimbursing the district on a timely manner.

Mr. Barlow also expressed his concern in regards to the state financial outlook due to the state economic status and the length of time it took for the state to reimburse the district for previous expenses pertaining to the water well project.

President Dias stated that Mr. Barlow and Kim Grant are to travel to Sacramento and meet with the CA Department of Public Health personnel and inquire as to the status of the monies that are tagged for this project. After a lengthy discussion,

Trustee Atsma moved to table this matter. Trustee Deniz seconded the motion.
Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

6. Financial

None

7. Consent Items

Items listed are considered routine and may be adopted in one motion. If discussion is required, a particular item may be removed upon request by a Board member and made a part of the regular business.

a) Consider approving the minutes of the Board Meeting of January 11, 2012 and Special Board Meeting of July 29, 2011

Kim Grant made a correction on the minutes of January 11, 2012. She stated that item 7b should read as follows, after the words are no “findings in the 2010/2011 Audit report; however there was a management finding to the report, which reflected that there were signed blank checks. Even though no findings were reported in the audit report, an audit adjustment must be made in Special Ed revenue for a double booking of an account receivable in the 2011-2012 year. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the minutes, with the correction as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

8. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals

It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the Inter-district transfer request as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-0.

9. Personnel

None

10. Future Planning and Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: February 22, 2012
Schedule next Board Members’ visit to the school
Schedule a study session committee to review the wording of the Resolution to Oppose the High Speed Rail

Adjourned at 8:06 pm. No closed session.

Date: _____

Leonard Dias, President

Andy Atsma, Clerk of the Board

Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal