

KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2012

CLOSED SESSION

Board President Leonard Dias called the closed session of the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:45 pm. All trustees were present: Andy Atsma, Sheree Deniz, Leonard Dias, Dino Giacomazzi and Joe Oliveira. Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal was also present. The item on the agenda was listed as follows: Government Code section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

1. OPEN SESSION

a) Call to Order

Leonard Dias, president, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

b) Members Present

The following trustees were present: Andy Atsma, Sheree Deniz, Leonard Dias, Dino Giacomazzi and Trustee Oliveira. Also present were Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal, Margaret DeSantos, Administrative Secretary. Also present in the audience were Kim Grant and Robert Inabnit.

c) Pledge to the Flag

Joe Oliveira led the pledge of allegiance.

d) Report out from closed session

Board President, Leonard Dias, stated that a letter of resignation was received from a certificated staff member. A motion by Trustee Atsma to add to the agenda item 9a under Personnel was made; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Presentations, Report and Communications

a) Review calendar events

Mr. Barlow reviewed the calendar, and spoke of the following upcoming events; Storybook Parade is scheduled on Friday, March 16th; also the Anti Bullying Assemblies are schedule for Friday, March 23rd; the 5th graders will be visiting the Fresno Planetarium on Monday March 26th; the 4th graders will be visiting the San Miguel Mission on Wednesday, March 28th; and the "K" class will have an Egg Hunt and picnic on Friday, March 30th. Mr. Barlow also reminded the trustees that the Annual Spring Carnival is scheduled on Saturday, April 14th.

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 23 students enrolled. Mrs. DeSantos also mentioned that PTC rewarded 90 students for their participation in Winter Reading. Each student was able to attend an ice cream party and also given a \$5.00 gift card, which would be used at the Book Fair benefiting the Kit Carson Library. The student with the most reading was given a wristband to be used at the Spring Carnival games.
- Robert Inabnit informed the trustees that Kit Carson was selected to receive a new bus through a CA Department of Education Bus Grant Replacement Program. Robert invited the trustee to view one of the buses on Tuesday, March 28th at 10am. He also stated that he and his crew will be attending a bus training session in Prather.
- Kim Grant stated that she and Megan Vickers will be attending a CASBO Conference in San Diego in April. She also stated that she working on finishing the Interim Report and continuing discussions with AECOM and the Department of Public Health to get our reimbursement for expenses to date on the Water Project. The Feasibility process is complete and pipeline construction could begin this Fall.

Board:

- Trustee Oliveira stated that while he was dropping of his son, Steele, off at school he noticed Mr. Barlow greeting the students at the front of the school. He complimented Mr. Barlow's for his personal attention to the students.
- Trustee Deniz – no report
- Trustee Giacomazzi stated that today was his first official day as a parent at Kit Carson School. He and Julie registered their son, Miro for kindergarten. Miro will begin school on August 15, 2012.
- Trustee Atsma - no report
- Trustee Dias reported that he attended a meeting with Mr. Barlow and Kim Grant regarding the Water Project. He stated that the information he received was very informative and there is a Power Point presentation available from the CA Dept. of Public Health, which explained the steps that are required to complete claims for the Prop 84 Water Project funds.
- Trustee Dias also gave kudos to the Kit Carson staff for a great job of organizing and preparing for the One Bus Run. He also mentioned that the California Citizen against the High Speed Rail Organization thanked Kit Carson for the use of their facilities.

c) Superintendent's Report

Mr. Barlow informed the board members that the Basketball Tournament was well attended; unfortunately Kit Carson was eliminated on the first round, but the teams played well. He also stated that on the Professional Development Day, held February 3rd, the discussion was centered on Character Counts. There was also some training on Behavioral Manifestations of Internal Response States (BMIRS).

Mr. Barlow informed the Board members that six teachers attended a Common Core Workshop in Visalia and that the 3rd grade class attended Farm Day at the Kings County Fairgrounds. Mrs. Champlin informed Mr. Barlow that she is creating a book, which will discuss the experience at the Farm Day event. He mentioned that the 4th and 7th grade students participated in the CST Writing Test. Also, at the Kings County Spelling Bee, our 8th grade student, Yesenia Sanchez, took 3rd place. Mr. Barlow mentioned that the Parent Teacher Conferences went very well; he stated that letters were mailed out to parents whose children are at risk of not being promoted. The 7th & 8th grade parents have been meeting to prepare for the 7th grade dinner and the 8th grade graduation. Mr. Barlow also stated that the Outdoor Ed fieldtrip went very well, there were no complaints.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Review Bills and Warrants

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

b) Update on water connection project

Mr. Barlow stated that after the meeting with the CA Department of Public Health personnel, he now feels more comfortable regarding the states funding mechanism for the Water Project; It was nice to put faces to the many names of individuals whom we have spoken to regarding the Water Project.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Business

a) Consider approval of the School Safety Plan

Mr. Barlow stated that this is an annual Plan and that it was approved by Site Council on February 29, 2012. It was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi to approve the School Safety Plan as presented; Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

b) Consider approval of Resolution 1112-17; Reduction in Force (RIF) Criteria as stipulated in Education Code 44955 and Board Policy 4117.3

Mr. Barlow stated that this is a resolution to determine the procedure to follow when deciding to lay off employees who serve their first day in paid status on the same day. The district has not previously adopted a policy; therefore he is requesting the governing board review and approve this resolution. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the Resolution 1112-17 as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

6. Financial

a) Consider approval of revised budget presented in Second Interim Report

Kim Grant distributed a Second Interim Multi Year Projection Report to all present, and discussed the matter at length. Mr. Barlow also mentioned that a Budget Committee has been formed and has met to discuss the State financial dilemma and how that could affect the district. Trustee Dias expressed his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to work commitments. After discussing the Interim Report, it was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the revised budget as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote. Trustee Dias also thanked Mrs. Grant for her work relating to the Second Interim Report.

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 February 22, 2012

It was moved by Trustee Deniz to approve the minutes as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

8. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals

It was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi to approve the inter district request as presented; Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

9. Personnel

a) Consider accepting the resignation of a certificated staff member

It was moved by Trustee Deniz to accept the letter of resignation from Renee Ruch; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

10. Future Planning and Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: March 28, 2012
Consider adopting the School calendar for 2012-2013 school year
Discussion regarding reducing the school year to 175 days
Discussion regarding Developer Fees

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. No closed session.

Date: _____

Leonard Dias, President

Andy Atsma, Clerk of the Board

Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal