

KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2011

1. OPEN SESSION

a) Call to Order

Leonard Dias, president, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

b) Members Present

The following trustees were present: Andy Atsma, Sheree Deniz, Leonard Dias, Dino Giacomazzi and Joe Oliveira. Also present were John Sousa, Superintendent/Principal, Todd Barlow, Director of Student Services and Margaret DeSantos, Administrative Secretary.

In the audience Kim Grant, Robert Inabnit, and Greg Ollivier were present.

c) Pledge to the Flag

Greg Ollivier led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public Comment

a) At 7:08 pm the Governing Board members and all others that were present proceeded to Mrs. Kanagawa's classroom to for a presentation by some of the kindergarten students. The students sang two songs and a slide show of the students' fieldtrip to the Dias Dairy and the new Pre-K students were presented by Mrs. Kanagawa.

At 7:30 pm the Governing Board members and all others present proceeded back to the Staffroom to continue with the board meeting.

b) Mr. Greg Ollivier, a parent from the Mid Valley Charter Home School was present. He stated that he is very happy with the Charter Home School, "It is a wonderful program." However Mr. Ollivier expressed his concerns regarding the limited space and lack of privacy at the Mid Valley facilities.

Mr. Ollivier was informed that Mr. Barlow has met with Mrs. Hofer regarding the issues, but at this time no permanent solution has been made and the discussions are still on-going.

3. Presentations, Report and Communications

a) Review calendar events

Mr. Sousa reviewed the calendar of events that take place between today's date and the next board meeting of June 1, 2011.

b) Board and staff comments:

Staff

- Margaret DeSantos informed the board that as of today, Kit Carson has 420 students enrolled and Mid Valley Charter School has 28 students enrolled. Mrs. DeSantos also stated that she has received twenty-two applications for the two teaching positions.
- Kim Grant stated that it's time for the May Revise. She will be attending two workshops that will discuss the state's economic forecast for schools. This year has been particularly difficult in

school finance. Not only did the revenue limit endure a 20% deficit but the state is deferring several apportionment payments into 2011/12. In 2010/11, we received one-time money through the federal government in the form of ARRA and Ed. Jobs. Interest earned on these funds must be returned to the State. Mrs. Grant spoke of GASB 54 and Fund 1700. She will bring the GASB 54 item to for the board to review on June 1st. Mrs. Grant also stated that the lunch cost will increase by \$0.10¢ and adult lunches will increase to \$2.75 from \$2.50, however if a salad bar is added to the menu, the adult lunch will increase to \$3.00. Mrs. Grant updated the Board on the Land Purchase and stated that the soil sampling has been completed, however the staff from the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) were upset, because they were not present for the soil sampling. Mr. McCloskey, the consultant hired to do the Preliminary Environment Assessment, had informed the DTSC of the time the soil sampling would be conducted but arrangements could not be coordinated between them. She also updated the Board on the Water Connection Project. She has concerns that AECOM is not doing their due diligence to assure the district will be reimbursed for the project costs through the Department of Public Health under Proposition 84. When we accepted bids for the engineering, Boyle Engineering was the chosen firm. Since then, Boyle has been purchased by AECOM and a significant increase to the cost of design have been incurred. She has met with the Department of Public Health and AECOM to resolve the issues pertaining to the large increase in expense and assuring funding for the district. This is an ongoing concern and she will be working closely with both entities.

- Robert Inabnit stated that he and his staff are winding the school year down.

Board:

- Trustee Giacomazzi inquired as to why Mid Valley Charter School was moved to Room 51. Mr. Sousa stated that Mrs. Beinhorn (previous director) requested to move to room 51. A discussion was held regarding moving Mid Valley Charter Home School to the staffroom, or Room 25 or 26. No decision made.
- Trustee Dias stated that he attended the Softball Tournament. He gave kudos to the boy's team. He also thanked the Kit Carson staff for a well organized Pee Wee Event. Trustee Dias also stated that the Staff luncheon went very well, and the food was delicious. He thanked Trustee Oliveira for providing the rice and salad. He also thanked Mrs. Unruh for keeping the Kit Carson Webpage updated. Trustee Dias also welcomed Mr. Barlow to the front table, and announced that his daughter Megan Dias is now the president of FFA.
- Mr. Barlow stated that the STAR testing sheets were packed up and shipped out today. He also stated that the Pee Wee Track event was a great success. He stated that Robert and his staff did a great job of setting things up. Mr. Barlow stated that he is working on the single bus run schedule for next year and he has worked out a schedule that only reduces educational minutes in grades four through eight by five minutes; he also stated that the 8th grade GPA's are being calculated and three students that are at risk of not graduating.

Todd Barlow informed the Governing Board that he will review the applications on June 1st.

Mr. Barlow stated that he attended a May Revision Budget webinar and has reviewed analysis of the May Revision that, even in experts' opinions only makes the budget more confusing.

Mr. Sousa stated that he had a wonderful time in New York with his family. He also stated that Hwy 99 will be open on Monday, May 23rd. Mr. Sousa stated that the transition of the new Superintendent has been accomplished. "I am very pleased with the transition." Mr. Sousa also stated that his last day of work will be June 15th. The Governing Board agreed to June 15th. Mr. Sousa did state that he will be short vacation time, but calls it even and will expect a gentleman agreement.

c) Mid Valley Charter School end-of-year report

Mrs. Hofer presented a slide show of the activities at Mid Valley Charter Home School. She spoke of concerns about space and the current facility and of privacy availability. She showed a multi-media presentation. She also spoke of the students' accomplishments and reviewed the report with the Governing Board.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Review and accept Bills and Warrants

Bills and Warrants were accepted as submitted by Kim Grant.

b) Do the first reading of certain Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) for the purpose of updating them

The first reading was accepted as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

5.

a) Consider approving the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2011

It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the minutes; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals: 2011-2012

It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the inter-district request as presented; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

7. **Business**

a) Consider approval of Agreement for Technology Services with Kings County Office of Education for the 2011-2012 school year

It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the Agreement as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- b) Consider declaring the instructional materials as surplus, specifically, K-5 Houghton Mifflin Reading Series and 6-8 Holt, Rinehart and Winston Series

It was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi to declare the K-5 Houghton Mifflin Reading Series and 6-8 Holt, Rinehart and Winston Series as surplus; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- c) Consider approving the Declaration of Need For Fully qualified Educators

Mrs. DeSantos stated that this is an annual item. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the Declaration as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Financial

None

9. Personnel

- a) Consider approval of creating the position of English Language/Migrant Program Teacher as a 8hr position beginning in 2011-2012

Mr. Barlow stated that this matter was discussed previously with the Board. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the position as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- b) Consider approval of amending the duties of the Special Ed/Intervention teacher to include those listed on the Special Ed/Intervention Program Coordinator job description for 2011-2012

Mr. Barlow stated that this matter was discussed previously with the Board. It was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi to approve the amends as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Barlow also stated that he spoke with the Attorney Ray Dunne and was informed that there would be no changes and the interested employee would not need to apply for this position.

- c) Consider approval of job description of Classroom Teacher for grades K-8

Mr. Barlow requested that this item be tabled at this time. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to table this item; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- d) Consider approval of request for additional maternity leave by a certificated staff member

Mr. Barlow informed the board that the request letter had been forwarded to ray Dunn for review and suggested that this item be tabled at this time. It was moved by Trustee Deniz to table this item; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn at 8:59 pm by President Leonard Dias.

Date: _____

Leonard Dias, President

Andy Atsma, Clerk of the Board

John Sousa, Superintendent/Principal