

## **KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 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, Leonard Dias, and Dino Giacomazzi. Trustee Deniz and Trustee Oliveira were absent. Also present were Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal, and Margaret DeSantos, Administrative Secretary.

Present in the audience Tim Bowers, the Kings County Superintendent of Schools, Kim Grant, and Robert Inabnit.

#### c) Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Bowers led the pledge of allegiance.

### **2. Public Comment**

Mr. Bowers addressed the governing board and stated that the Kings County Office of Education (KCOE) is considering the formation of a coalition to address the inadequacies in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) published by the High Speed Rail Authority (HSR). Mr. Bowers also stated that board members at Kings River-Hardwick District are also interested and willing to join the coalition. Mr. Bowers stated that the estimated cost to retain a law firm to address the issues that may impact the county schools would be \$1,500 but no more than \$2,000 for each school district who joins the coalition. He also stated, "A more intense review could be a possibility depending on the first assessment of the EIR."

Mr. Barlow stated that this matter will be discussed at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting. The governing board members were in consensus that they would like to receive more information regarding the High Speed Rail in regards to its impact and future impact in regards to construction. Mr. Bowers stated that the HSR will impact eleven to twelve dairy zones as well as residential zones. Mr. Barlow felt comfortable supporting KCOE's endeavors to review the EIR." Mr. Bowers will keep Mr. Barlow updated on this matter.

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

#### a) Review calendar events

Mr. Barlow reviewed the calendar of events that take place between today's date and the next board meeting of October 5, 2011.

**b) Board and staff comments:**

**Staff**

- Margaret DeSantos stated that as of today, Kit Carson School has 431 students enrolled and Mid Valley School has 13. Mrs. DeSantos also stated that she and Nurse Shaw visited the classrooms so that Nurse Shaw could introduce herself to the teachers and students. She attended a Webcast workshop at the KCOE regarding Special Education Credentials, and exported student information to CALPADS.
- Kim Grant stated that she has been working on closing the 2010-11 unaudited actuals. She also is revising the 2012-13 budget.
- Robert Inabnit stated that everything is going well, however Bus 3 has an oil leak, but it is being repaired.

**Board:**

- Trustee Giacomazzi mentioned that the University of California Extension Office has 1,000 books that are curriculum based on nutrition. They are willing to give the books to any school or class that wants them, at no cost to the school. Trustee Giacomazzi encourages Kit Carson to capitalize on these free books.
- Trustee Atsma stated he has nothing to report
- Trustee Dias stated that the Governance Training with Leslie DeMersseman from California School Board Association was very beneficial. Mrs. DeMersseman did an outstanding job. Trustee Dias also gave Robert and his crew kudos for a job well done in installing a new toilet seat in the Nurse's station. Trustee Dias also attended the High Speed Rail/EIR meeting at the Civic Auditorium. He stated that it was well attended and Representative David Valadao did a very nice job in representing the public's concerns. Also the Citizen for California High Speed Rail Accountability (CCHSRA) held their meeting in the Kit Carson cafeteria on September 10<sup>th</sup>. They were very appreciative of the district for allowing them to use the facilities for the public meeting.

**c) Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Barlow stated that he attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting and informed the parents of the balance in the 8<sup>th</sup> graders account. A discussion was held in regards to the funding and how matters have been handled in the past for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fieldtrip. Mr. Barlow stated that he has been visiting teacher classrooms and discussed the system he is utilizing to keep log of each visit. Mr. Barlow stated that each board member has a Google account at Kit Carson School.com, which Mrs. Unruh has created. The data which Mr. Barlow has collected is via Google form; he can select a teacher, and review his notes and the number of visits. He can review the learning objective and what has or has not been referenced to when the teacher is teaching. He stated "It is a great data collection tool." Mr. Barlow also stated that

Amy Awbrey will return and train the teachers on using the classroom responders in order to retrieve student data right away. Mr. Barlow also stated he would like to have our cafeteria transformed into a presentation center by wiring for a projector. Mr. Costa the PTC president is also interested. Mr. Barlow listed several uses for the project: meetings, drama; spring and winter performances. He would also like to upgrade the sound system and has spoken to Eric from Gilbert Electric to get a quote. Mr. Barlow is looking into this and PTC is willing to assist.

d) Update on the Student Council Fundraiser

Mr. Barlow stated that the fundraiser kickoff is going well. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have raised \$1,200, as of today. He stated that the fundraiser will end Tuesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) Review Bills and Warrants

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**5. Business**

a) Consider accepting two donations from Target

It was moved by Trustee Atsma to accept the donations as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a vote of 3-0.

**6. Financial**

a) Consider approving the 2010-2011 Un-audited Actuals

Kim Grant distributed the 2010-2011 Unaudited Actual report to the governing board, Mr. Barlow and Robert Inabnit. The report was reviewed and discussed in length. Trustee Atsma moved to approve the 2010-2011 Unaudited Actuals as presented and also included is Resolution 1112-04 for the GANN Limit; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 3-0.

**7. Consent Items**

a) Consider approving the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 07, 2011

It was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi to approve the minutes as presented; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote

**8. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals**

It was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi to approve and accept the Inter-district request as presented; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

**9. Personnel**

None

**10. Future Planning and Adjournment**

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Barlow stated that he would like to form a Budget Committee which would include Mr. Barlow, Kim Grant, and Robert Inabnit, teachers, classified staff and two board members. Also items to be added to the October 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda are:

- Discussion regarding a Presentation Center for Kit Carson School
- Application for a Bus Grant
- Update on the Dirt Project
- Joining Kings County Office of Education in a coalition to respond to the High Speed Rail Authority EIR review
- Discussions with Attorney Randy Edwards regarding Negotiations

President Dias adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm. No closed session.

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