

# KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2015

6:30 pm

### 1. OPEN SESSION

- a) Call to Order: Andy Atsma, President called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
- b) Members present: Andy Atsma, Eliza Carlson, Jasmine Costa, Sheree Deniz and Joe Oliveira. Also present: Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal, Margaret DeSantos, Administrative Secretary. Present in the audience: Shelley Leal, Robin Jones, Jason Chmielewski, John Scott, Cheryl Jones, Becky Hofer and several family members

of

the Kit Carson Mid Valley Charter School.

- c) Lorelai Kline led the pledge to the flag

### 2. Public comments and public hearings

Mrs. Becky Hofer, Director of the Kit Carson Mid Valley Charter School was present as well as Cheryl Jones and several students and families from Mid Valley. The students performed "Casey at the Bat."

- a) Robby Scott commented that his daughter won tickets to the Fresno Grizzlies Game through the Winter Reading Program, and also won a gift for the best selfie picture at the game. She chose tickets to Six Flags Magic Mountain as her prize.

Jason Chmielewski inquired as to having AP classes at Kit Carson for the 7th/8th grade students. Mr. Chmielewski stated that he has researched the subject of AP classes at other schools and believes that it would benefit the students of Kit Carson, he also mentioned Technology upgrade at Kit Carson School.

- b) Mr. Barlow welcomed everyone and presented information on the LCAP. There was a discussion that Family Night would be a great opportunity to talk to the parents about the Local Control Accountability Plan. Trustee Carlson also suggested that during this time the Survey could be passed out to the parents and submitted at the same time. Robin Jones stated that communication in reference to the LCAP is available on the Mid-Week Message; School Web page; on Facebook and the Weekly Bulletin.

- c) There was no public comment on the Presentation of the Kit Carson Educators Association/CTA/NEA Initial proposal for 2015-2016. However Mr. Barlow reviewed the request from the Association; 1) change the contract to read July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018; 2) Article VI section D add following sentence to read "Teachers in grades K through 3 will have at least 90 minutes of preparation time within each full school week which may be coordinated with the P.E. schedule; 3) Article VI Section J, the 2015/2016 school calendar is attached as an Appendix to the Agreement, and 4) Appendix E to reflect a six (6) percent pay raise on the 2014-2015 salary schedule.

### **3. Presentation, reports and communications**

a) Mr. Barlow reviewed the calendar of events for the month of April and May. He mentioned the Softball game with Kings River-Hardwick; the PTC Spring Carnival and the Pee Wee Track Meet scheduled for Friday, May 1st.

#### **b) Board and staff comments:**

- i. Margaret DeSantos reported that Kit Carson has 391 students and Mid Valley Charter School has 22 students enrolled.
- ii. Robin Jones reported that the CASSAP Testing has began, and all is running smoothly. Mr. Barlow stated that Mrs. Unruh the Technology Specialist performed a network test run, and the district received a over "A" rating for its network. Mrs. Jones also reported that the Monsanto Grant application has been submitted. Mrs. Jones also stated that "Kit Carson is a great place to work."
- iii. Shelley Leal stated that she attended the Family Bingo Night, and that Valerie Lopez

did

a wonderful job as the Bingo Announcer.

#### **c) Board:**

Trustee Oliveira, no report

Trustee Carlson, no report

Trustee Costa reported that she attended the Storybook Parade, she said her son was dress as a character from "Cars." She enjoyed the parade.

Trustee Deniz reported that she has a new granddaughter, her name is Marlee Caetano.

Trustee Atsma, no report

#### **d) Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Barlow welcomed Andy Atsma back.

Mr. Barlow stated that the Monsanto Grant has been submitted and thanked Robin Jones for her assistance in the writing of the Grant. He stated that Family Night was a success.

Mr. Barlow also thanked Robert and the staff for doing a great job at Kit Carson School.

Mr. Barlow reported on the continued interest of becoming a Charter School District.

He stated that the P-2 funding would be lost should it be approved this year, so he will submit the application next year.

Mr. Barlow also reported that he received 10% response rate regarding the LCAP survey. He reviewed some of the effects of parental involvement on Kit Carson, including implementing our new Chromebook labs.

### **4. Information items**

#### **a) Kit Carson Educators Association/CTA/NEA Initial proposal for 2015-2016**

Mr. Barlow informed the Governing Board that this item is information only. There was no discussion.

#### **b) First reading of Administrative Regulation 4262**

Mr. Barlow stated that this Administrative Regulation was last updated on October 14, 09. This item is a first reading.

- c) Review the Charter School Application to the California Department of Education Charter School Division

Mr. Barlow stated that the Mid Valley Charter application must be renewed every 5 years. This will be the first reading, there are minor changes and the format is new. The application will be placed on the May agenda for approval by the Governing Board.

**5. Consent items**

- a) Consider approving the Regular Board minutes of March 18, 2015

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

Trustee Atsma	Trustee Carlson	Trustee Costa	Trustee Deniz	Trustee Oliveira
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- b) Review and accept Bills and Warrants

The Bills and Warrants were submitted by Shelley Leal. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to accept the Bills and Warrants as presented; Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Trustee Atsma	Trustee Carlson	Trustee Costa	Trustee Deniz	Trustee Oliveira
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

**6. Actions items**

- a) Consider approving the Inter-District Request for 2015-2016 school years

It was moved by Trustee Carlson to approve the the requests as presented; Trustee Costa seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

Trustee Atsma	Trustee Carlson	Trustee Costa	Trustee Deniz	Trustee Oliveira
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nye

- b) Consider adopting Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 for the purpose of updating them

Mr. Barlow that the first reading of this board policy and administrative regulation was viewed by the Governing Board on March 18, 2015. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Trustee Deinz to adopt the board policy and administrative regulation as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Trustee Atsma	Trustee Carlson	Trustee Costa	Trustee Deniz	Trustee Oliveira
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- c) Consider approving the job description Special Education/Intervention Program Teacher

Mr. Barlow reported that the special education caseload has increased to over 28 students. The district will need to hire a Special Education teacher, therefore the job

description has been revised to meet the requirements for this position. Mr. Barlow stated

that a Waiver will be filed so the district can avoid state penalties. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the job description as presented; Trustee Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Trustee Atsma	Trustee Carlson	Trustee Costa	Trustee Deniz	Trustee Oliveira
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

## 7. Financial

None

### Future Planning and Adjournment:

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 6:30 pm

Future Planning: Discussion regarding two board meetings in June.

Local Control Accountability Plan

Budget Report

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm to closed session to discuss Negotiations. No decisions to be made.

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

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Andy Atsma, President

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Sheree Deniz, Clerk of the Board

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Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal