

KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2014

1. OPEN SESSION

a) Call to Order

Leonard Dias, president, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

b) Members Present

The following trustees were present: Andy Atsma, Leonard Dias, Dino Giacomazzi and Joe Oliveira. Trustee Deniz was absent. At this time the closed session commenced.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:30 pm

1. a) Pledge to the Flag

Jason Chmielewski led the pledge of allegiance.

b) Report on closed session

Trustee Dias reported that, no decisions were made in the closed session.

2. a. Public Comment

Jason Chmielewski suggested that caps and gowns not be purchased for the Graduation Ceremony. He stated that his daughter only worn her cap and gown once, and now it hangs in her closet. He stated that the students would benefit if the monies used to purchase the cap and gowns were used toward the 8th grade fieldtrip.

Mr. Chmielewski also stated his concern that 4th through 8th grade students aren't in reading groups like they are in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Trustee Dias asked Mr. Barlow if this is within the "Common Core" standards.

Mr. Barlow stated that there is a shift in methodology in the upper grades and teachers differentiate curriculum for the students that are in need of help and for those who need to be challenged.

3. Presentations, Report and Communications

a) Review calendar events

Mr. Barlow reviewed the calendar of events with the board members.

Mr. Barlow also informed the board members that 10 members of the California Conservation Core Energy Department were on campus last week and how they performed an audit on the schools need to conserve energy; he stated that the audit is free. The information gather will be given to UC Davis and they will prepare a report detailing the school's needs. The district will receive the report once it is completed.

b) **Board and staff comments:**

Staff

- Margaret DeSantos reported that as of today there are 394 students enrolled at Kit Carson and Mid Valley Charter School has 20 students enrolled.
- Robert Inabnit reported that the Water Well had been water logged, however it has been fixed. He also mentioned that the new cameras have been installed in each bus

and they are very efficient and the SD card system works well. Mr. Barlow added that there was a bus incident, so he and Robert pulled the SD card to view the incident, and that the audio clarity is very good. Mr. Barlow thanked Robert for pursuing the need for the bus cameras and thanked the board for investing in the safety of our bus riders.

- Robert Inabnit also stated that since Norma Harp has retired, he has taken over her bus route.
- Shelley Leal informed the board members that she and Mr. Barlow attended a workshop in Fresno on the Governor's Budget. Mrs. Leal stated that an increase of 28% for education has been granted, however she is skeptical if that will be the true figure after the May Revise.

Board:

- Trustee Oliveira thanked Mr. Chmielewski for informing the board members that Mackenzie Costa is the top student of the Freshman Class and added that Trent Reynolds is the top student in the Junior Class.
- Trustee Giacomazzi express his appreciation to Mr. Chmielewski for bringing his concerns to the board members.
- Trustee Atsma – no report
- Trustee Dias wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also thanked Mrs. Mankey and her students for the Tiger Roar Newsletter. Trustee Dias stated he enjoys receive the Tiger's Roar each time.
- Trustee Dias also congratulated Norma Harp on her retirement and stated that she will be missed.

c) Superintendent's Report

Mr. Barlow informed the board members that he plans to have a meeting regarding the Local Cap Accountability Plan (LCAP) and he will invite the community, staff, Parent/Teacher Club and board members. He stated that the district, according to the state department, must create a Plan on a funding formula that best suits the district. Mr. Barlow hopes to receive input from those invited in creating a new budget that complies with the new LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) that was presented to the board in June.

Mr. Barlow also report that the 6th grade class has raised \$1,463.50 towards their trip, that the 7th graders have about \$700 in their account and the 8th graders have enough funds for Disneyland and their stay at the Hotel.

Mr. Chmielewski mentioned that the Museum of Science and Industry is free to the public and is located in Los Angeles and might be a suitable replacement for the Museum of Tolerance.

The board members directed Mr. Barlow to gather information on the Museum of Science and Industry and report at the next board meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Review Bills and Warrants

The Bills and Warrants were submitted by Shelley Leal, and accepted by the governing board.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Business

- a. Consider renewing the contract with Dellavalle Laboratory, Inc.
Mr. Barlow stated that he is not sure that we will need the contract due to the fact that we will be connected to the City of Hanford. At this time Trustee Oliveira moved to table this item; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.
Ayes: Atsma; Oliveira; Giacomazzi and Dias.
Noes: None
Absent: Deniz

- b. Consider approving the Collaboration Agreement between the Kings County Office of Education and Local Educational Agencies (LEA's)
Shelley Leal informed the governing board that this is an annual item. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the agreement as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 3-1 vote.
Ayes: Atsma, Dias, and Oliveira
Noes: Giacomazzi
Absent: Deniz

- c. Consider approval of the Annual Report of Developer Fees
Shelley Leal informed the board members that this report is for the 2012-2013 Developer Fees. Mrs. Leal also stated there will be an increase of 54¢ per square foot on new commercial/industrial construction. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the Annual Report as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
Ayes: Atsma, Dias, Giacomazzi and Oliveira
Noes: None
Absent: Deniz

- d. Consider approving the Proposal from DigiTech Integration Inc.
Mr. Barlow stated that additional bells are needed at wing 10, wing 20 and the Library area. The purchase of the additional bells will be paid by the REAP funds. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the proposal as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
Ayes: Atsma, Dias, Giacomazzi and Oliveira
Noes: None
Absent: Deniz

- e. Consider approving Resolution 1314-08; Kings County Treasurer's Statement of Finance's Investment Policy
Shelley Leal informed the board members that this is an annual Resolution, which requires board approval. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve resolution 1314-08 as presented; Trustee Dias seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
Ayes: Atsma, Dias, Giacomazzi and Oliveira
Noes: None
Absent: Deniz

f. Consider approving the destruction of listed documents

Mrs. DeSantos reported that documents listed have been kept the legal amount of time and now can be shredded as listed on the attachment to the board packet. It was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi to approve the shredding as presented; Trustee Oliveira seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Ayes: Atsma, Dias, Giacomazzi and Oliveira

Noes: None

Absent: Deniz

6. Financial

a) Consider approving the 2012-2013 Audit Report

Kelly Mynderup from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. introduced herself. Mrs. Mynderup reviewed the Audit Report with the board members. Mrs. Mynderup ask the board members to view the following pages as she explained their contents, page 13; page 14; page 15 and page 52. Mrs. Mynderup mentioned an audit adjustment in the transportation department and stated that the budget for next year should be monitored because of the district's continuing deficit spending. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the Audit Report as presented; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed at a 4-0 vote.

Ayes: Atsma, Dias, Giacomazzi and Oliveira

Noes: None

Absent: Deniz

7. Consent Items

Consider approving the Board minutes of December 11, 2013

a) It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the minutes as presented; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Ayes: Atsma, Dias, Giacomazzi and Oliveira

Noes: None

Absent: Deniz

8. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals

None

9. Personnel

a. Consider increasing the working hours for one Custodian/Bus Driver

Mr. Barlow stated with Ms. Harp retiring the maintenance department has been short staff. Mr. Bryant has been a part time employee with Kit Carson since August 9, 2011. Mr. Bryant is a valued employee of Kit Carson and I would like to recommend that his hours be increase to 8 hours per day. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to increase the working hours as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Ayes: Atsma, Dias, Giacomazzi and Oliveira

Noes: None

Absent: Deniz

10. Future Planning and Adjournment

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 @ 6:30 pm and a Special Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

- Safety Plan Report
- Personnel (Closed Session)

Adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Date: _____

Leonard Dias, President

Andy Atsma, Clerk of the Board

Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal