

KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2012

1. OPEN SESSION

a) Call to Order

Leonard Dias, president, called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm

b) Members Present

The following trustees were present: Andy Atsma, Leonard Dias, and Sheree Deniz and Dino Giacomazzi. The following trustees were absent, Joe Oliveira, who joined the meeting at 7:07 pm. Also present were Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal and Kim Grant. Also present in the audience was Robert Inabnit.

c) Pledge to the Flag

Dino Giacomazzi led the pledge of allegiance.

2. a. Public Comment

None

3. Presentations, Report and Communications

a) Review calendar events

Mr. Barlow reviewed the calendar of October. He mentioned that the Budget Committee will be meeting this Thursday;

Reporting on Red Ribbon Week, he stated that the Kick-off Rally will be moved to October 25th and the K-9 unit will give a demonstration;

The 8th Grade will be attending the Civil War Reenactment at Kearney Park on October 26th; the County Superintendent, Tim Bowers help set this up;

Kindergarten will go to the downtown on Halloween as always;

The pumpkin pie sale will be held before Thanksgiving.

b) Board and staff comments:

Staff

- Robert Inabnit stated he plans to apply for another bus grant
- Kim Grant had no report

Board:

- Trustee Giacomazzi reported that he had another son named Gio and mother/son are doing well.
- Trustee Sheree Deniz had nothing to report

- Trustee Atsma had no report
- Trustee Dias reported that the 1975 Kit Carson class reunion went very well. There were 21 people plus spouses that attended including Mrs. Tubbs and Mrs. Rose, retired teachers. He would like to thank Mrs. Kanagawa for opening her classroom up for touring and has pictures for the school.
- Trustee Dias mentioned that he and Todd Barlow met in the early morning hours, earlier this month, with members of the community and reporters from Fox 11 News out of Los Angeles to discuss the impacts of the High Speed Rail.
- Trustee Dias congratulated Dino on his new baby boy.

c) Superintendent's Report

Mr. Barlow reviewed the 2011-12 School Quality Snapshot, a new report generated by Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, illustrating the school's demographics and test scores for all learning groups. The report shows the learning levels are flat lined with the 2012 Growth API at 791. He stated that although this number is on target and overall the school ranking is higher, the school will be in Program Improvement Year 2. Trustee Dias inquired if there was a report at the high school level that tracked our Kit Carson graduates.

Mr. Barlow informed the board of the law outlining the timing of our December Organizational meeting. According to Ed.Code 45143 and Gov.Code 5017, the meeting is timed with the date of the November election. Therefore, the Organization meeting must take place in a window from December 7 – 21. Due to the cancellation of the December 12th regular Board meeting, he suggested we revisit an alternative date. After Board discussion, it was concluded that Thursday, December 13th is when the Board will hold their annual organization meeting.

The Association of CA School Administrators (ACSA) held a conference in which Mr. Barlow and Mrs. Gonzales attended. The theme of the conference was, "We will Survive" and was attended by many school administrators and board members. The keynote speaker was a soldier who lost a leg during the war in Iraq. One of the presentations during the conference was from Dataworks, who presented the attendees with a program that "compliments where Kit Carson is going in the area of instruction." Themes included *How to Teach Perfect CCSS (Common Core State Standards)*, *Great initial first Teaching*, and *Strategies for Student Engagement*.

Mr. Barlow stated that the program offered by Dataworks is essential in implementing the professional development needed to instate CCS by 2014. He successfully negotiated a price to hire Dataworks to present their program to our teachers during the October 24 and February 1 professional development days. The School Site Council approved the Dataworks contract for \$5,000 to be funded by

Title I monies. Trustee Dias and the other members of the Board directed Mr. Barlow to contract with Dataworks to confirm the contract and present the contract at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Giacomazzi questioned if the teachers are using their technology to the high degree the Board is expecting. His question focused around the use of the responders in the classroom. Mr. Barlow explained that we have encountered some problems with the responders but our computer technician is working diligently to correct the problems. He will continue to push the usage in the future as a valuable tool for teachers to gain knowledge of their individual students.

Trustee Dias discussed the possibility of a roaming sub-teacher on a day that Renaissance, the company who manufactures the responders, could be here to visit each classroom and assist the teachers with their daily use. Mr. Barlow will follow up with Renaissance about this possibility.

Mr. Barlow announced during the faculty meeting that the Board was interested in inviting classroom students to a future Board meeting. Interest was shown by several teachers.

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 approving the Agreement between Renaissance Learning Inc., and Kit Carson Union School District
After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the contract as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

b. Consider approving the Service Agreement between School Reach Instant Parent Contact and Kit Carson Union School District

This is a service to facilitate contact parents electronically via phone for \$2 per student. It was moved by Trustee Deniz and seconded by Trustee Atsma to approve the contract. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote

c. Consider approving and adopting the second reading of certain Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) for the purpose of updating them

Mr. Barlow polled for questions. Seeing none, it was motioned by Trustee Atsma and seconded by Trustee Oliveira. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

d. Consider approving the 2012-2015 Kit Carson Educators Association Contract

Mr. Barlow discussed the changes to the language of some Articles within the contract to bring them up to date. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira and seconded by Trustee Giacomazzi to accept the contract as written. Motion carried 5-0

- e. Approving the appointment of a candidate to the Kit Carson School Board of Trustees, pursuant California Education Code 5326 and 5328

Mr. Barlow received written notification that Joe Oliveira was interested in continuing his role on the Board of Trustees. With the recommendation to appoint Mr. Oliveira to the Board, it was moved by Trustee Giacomazzi and seconded by Trustee Atsma. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Oliveira will take his place during the December 13th regular Board/Organizational meeting.

6. Financial

NONE

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.

Consider approving the Board minutes of September 26, 2012

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

8. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals

There were no inter-district requests

9. Personnel

10. Future Planning and Adjournment

Board visits to the classroom were discussed and dates were set

The winter dinner is slated for December 7th with a location to be determined

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Adjourned at 7:43 pm, No closed session

Date: _____

Leonard Dias, President

Andy Atsma, Clerk of the Board

Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal