

KIT CARSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 8, 2012

1. OPEN SESSION

a) Call to Order

Leonard Dias, president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

b) Members Present

The following trustees were present: Andy Atsma, Sheree Deniz, Leonard Dias, and Joe Oliveira. Trustee Dino Giacomazzi arrived at 6:40 pm. Also present were Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal and Margaret DeSantos, Administrative Secretary. Also present in the audience Kim Grant, and Robert Inabnit

c) Pledge to the Flag

Margaret DeSantos led the pledge of allegiance.

At 6:30 pm the Governing Board took a break, to view see the Vegetable Garden located next to Room 26.

At 6:40 pm the Governing Board returned and the board meeting resumed. Trustee Dino Giacomazzi was present at that time.

2. Public Comment

Mrs. Rocha introduced herself to the Board members and asked that they consider accepting her daughter, who is a kindergartner, to attend Kit Cason School on an Inter-District transfer request. Mrs. Rocha stated that Kit Carson is a wonderful school, and is happy with the academics at Kit Carson. Her daughter attended Preschool at Kit Carson and has many friends attending Kit Carson as well. Mrs. Rocha believes that Kit Carson is the best school for her to attend.

3. Presentations, Report and Communications

a) Review calendar events

Mr. Barlow reviewed the calendar and mentioned teacher professional development days are set for August 9th and 10th; the class list will be posted on Friday, August 10th, and the Welcome Back is scheduled for August 14th at 10:45 am in the cafeteria, Mr. Barlow invited all the board members. He stated that Chad Costa, president of PTC will be providing lunch for all staff members at the Welcome Back. Also upcoming are the Student Council Elections and Back to School Night.

Mr. Barlow added the 6th/7th/8th grade parent meeting on September 11th.

b) Board and staff comments:

Staff

- Margaret DeSantos reported that Kit Carson has 419 enrolled and, per Mrs. Hofer, Mid-Valley Charter School will start with 18 students beginning August 15, 2012.
- Robert Inabnit stated that he and his crew have been busy. They have trimmed some of the trees, have painted some of the school facilities, and have found termites in the upper grade bathroom area. Robert stated that he has called Clarks' Pest Control and they will come out to the school and investigate the damage.
- Kim Grant stated that she has been working on closing out the district finance books and she has also been working on the Water Project. She stated that she will be speaking on the Health Benefits premium increase at the September board meeting. She also mentioned a meeting she attended and briefly discussed the State of CA cashflow crisis and how it impacts Kit Carson; at the close of 2010/11 the State owed the district \$414,586.00 in cash, last year this increased to \$684,809.00. Basically projecting these figures could increase this accounts receivable to \$955,000.00 by 2012/13. This is about the amount left in fund 4000, our special reserve for capital facilities. The Budget Committee will reconvene to discuss the options to decrease spending and the Board will be updated at a future time.

Board:

- Trustee Oliveira stated that he had a wonderful vacation with his family in Hawaii. He also thanked Mrs. DeSantos for the phone call reminder regarding the submission of election paper work, and he told Robert that the school grounds look good and congratulations on the new bus.
- Trustee Giacomazzi – no report
- Trustee Deniz – no report
- Trustee Atsma stated that he has filed the appropriate paperwork with the elections department to continue as a trustee for Kit Carson School.
- Trustee Dias stated that he saw the new school bus, "Looks great." He also mentioned that Jessica Wright's husband had a stent placed in his heart, and Mr. Wright is recovering well. Trustee Dias also gave his congratulations of Trustee Giacomazzi grandmother's 99th birthday.

- Superintendent's Report

Mr. Barlow stated that he is very happy that Trustee Oliveira and Trustee Atsma have decided to remain as board members for the Kit Carson School. Mr. Barlow also stated that he appreciates all the board members and their continued services to Kit Carson School and the students.

Mr. Barlow informed the board members that he received an invitation and a brochure from the Association of School Administrators regarding Yes on Proposition 30. He stated that he is unable to attend this event.

Mr. Barlow stated that he has a few more items to discuss:

- SB 70, which has to do with \$15,000 in funds provided to the school that assists student with Mental Health behavior and the welfare of our students. The money is earmarked for a psychologist to provide counseling services our students;
- Maria Lemus, an Instructional Aide, contacted Mr. Barlow and has resigned her position. Miss Lemus will be attending school full time. Once the letter of resignation is received from Miss Lemus it will be place it on a future Board Agenda for approval;
- Mr. Barlow reviewed the class numbers with the board, he stated, "We were at 421, however as of today we are at 419. Mr. Barlow reviewed the Class Count **Form** with the board members;
- The proposal/contract to asphalt the front parking lot of the school has been reviewed by Mr. Barlow. For comparison, he stated that last year Eugene Busby submit a quote of \$50,000, this year it's \$59,000. The other quote from a company in Visalia is \$52,000 and we also spoke with Mike Gomez. Mr. Gomez did come out to the school and measured the front parking lot, however he has not submit a quote nor returned our phone calls. Mr. Barlow stated that this would be a new parking lot, it will not be re-slurried to be paid from Deferred Maintenance Funds; however the quotes are higher that what I had hoped for. A discussion was held regarding when it would be best to re-do the parking lot.
- In regards to the Professional Development Agenda for August 9th and 10th, he stated that Common Core State Standard will be the topic of discussion with any emphasis on the Cognitive Coaching Rules and Backwards Mapping.
- Cyber Safety Curriculum has been set in place requiring teachers to include cyber safety and cyber ethics in their lesson plans and to assure the district that all students understand the policy before access to the computer lab is granted.
- **I-Ready is a new software program we have coming in for Benchmarks. The teachers will be trained on how to utilize the program.**

what "Form"

Is I-Ready the program that replaced NWEA? if so, say so

Trustee Giacomazzi inquired as to what degree of knowledge the teachers have in using Technology in the classroom. Mr. Barlow stated that in his observation during the course of last year, he noticed every teacher using the technology that the governing board purchased for them. Mr. Barlow also stated those teachers that were not comfortable with the new technology have been utilizing it daily. Mr. Barlow is satisfied that all teachers are experienced in this matter. Mr. Barlow reviewed the 2011 CA State Testing scores with the Board members.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Review Bills and Warrants

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

b) Review quarterly Williams Report

Mr. Barlow stated that there have been no complaints filed.

c) Increase in Health insurance premium

Kim Grant stated that the increase will only effective the fifteen classified staff members who are entitled to participate in the SISC health insurance program.

She stated that the premium increased from \$1,121.23 to \$1, 199.23, an increase of \$78.00 per month beginning October 1, 2012.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Business

a) Consider authorizing the district to enter into a service agreement for 403B services with Central Valley Support Services JPA

Kim Grant stated that this is a formality as the district is a participant in the CVSS JPA, our third party administrator, to oversee the legalities of employee elected Tax Shelter Annuities. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira moved to authorize the agreement as presented and Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

b) Consider approval Agreement to provide mandated Cost Claim Preparations Services with Mandate Resource Service, LLC

Mrs. Grant stated that this an annual contract by a third party to compile and submit claims to the State of CA for mandates performed by school personnel. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the agreement as presented and seconded by Trustee Deniz. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

c) Consider approval of the Kings County School District Consortium Plan for Serving Expelled Students

Mr. Barlow stated this is a plan is the responsibility of the Kings County Office of Education. This was approved by our governing board three years ago. This update is remains the same, but does not affected Kit Carson because the district's record has been not to expelled young students. The coalition was created in order to be

prepared if a third grade student should be expelled. It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the agreement as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

d) Consider approval of renewing the contract with Dellavalle Laboratory, Inc. for Domestic Water Testing Service for July 2012 through December 2012

Mr. Barlow stated, "It has always been six month contract, however there is a new charge testing of Quarterly Gross Alpha + Radium 228". It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the renewal as presented; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

e) Consider renewing the Legal Service Agreement between Kit Carson School and the Law Firm of GRISWOLD, LaSALLE, COBB DOWD and GIN

Mr. Barlow stated, "They are a very good law firm to work with, and they did not raise their rates." It was moved by Trustee Oliveira to approve the agreement as presented; Trustee Giacomazzi seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

f) Consider approval of Resolution 1213-01 to authorize the Construction of the Kit Carson Water Connection with the City of Hanford

Kim Grant stated the resolution will accompany the application for the water line connection through the CA Dept of Public Health. It was moved by Trustee Atsma to approve the resolution as presented; Trustee Deniz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

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.

a) Consider approving the minutes of the Board Meeting of June 27, 2012

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

8. Inter-District Transfer Request and Renewals

Mr. Barlow

It was moved by Trustee Deniz to approve the inter district transfers as presented for the 2012-2013 school year; Trustee Atsma seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

9. Personnel

None

10. Future Planning and Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: August 22, 2012

Adjourned at 8:35 pm, no closed session.

Date: _____

Leonard Dias, President

Andy Atsma, Clerk of the Board

Todd Barlow, Superintendent/Principal