

ARMONA UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

Minutes of a regular Board Meeting of the Armona Union Elementary School District's Board of Trustees held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009, in the District Office Board Room.

Chairman Eric Hodson called the Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees, Gus Amos, Glenn Estes and Ruby Johnson were present. Trustee Robert Ford was absent.

Also in attendance were Steve Bogan, Charlene Garcia, Andrea Materoh, Principals Lance Clement and Shawn Beck, Assistant Principals Xavier Pina and Misti Jennings, Lisa Chavarin, Bernie Salgado, Andrew Williams and Terri Wilbur.

I. FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Hodson led the flag salute.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Hodson opened the floor for public comments. Andrew Williams from Crossroads Charter Academy shared a story from the Hanford Sentinel about a former Crossroads student. Andrew thanked the Board for making Crossroads a possibility to educate students like Mr. Raub.

III. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bogan reported that on a motion by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Johnson it was approved by unanimous vote (4-0) to hire Robert Stevenson, Jim Pardieu and Eric Thiessen as part time teachers for the Crossroads Charter Academy. Mr. Bogan advised the Board that this employee had been properly screened and had met all the qualifications for these positions.

Nothing to report out on the expulsion as the date has been changed to the October 22, 2009, meeting.

IV. PRESENTATION – Migrant Program

Mr. Xavier Pina and Mr. Bernie Salgado gave a presentation on what has been happening at Armona Elementary and Parkview Middle Schools in the Migrant Program. Our program runs in conjunction with the Tulare County Office of Education. Mr. Salgado has been working diligently with our first through fourth grade English Learner Migrant Students. He has been providing them the instructional support to increase their English language abilities. Mr.

Pina reviewed the tracking paperwork to show how the students had grown over the last school year. Mr. Salgado a brief explanation on the summer Migrant Program that he oversaw for twelve days this past summer. The students were busy learning about nature and natural resources here in the valley with trips to Burris Park, Sequoia National Park and Pine Flat Dam. Mr. Salgado was very excited about this program and hopes to see it continue and grow next year.

Mr. Pina also noted that Melanie Romero worked with our Migrant students in a four to six week program to help increase literacy. At Parkview, Rosa Ayala is working with our seventh and eighth grade students in areas that encourage them to think more towards becoming college bound now rather than waiting until they get to high school.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item #1 – Action on Minutes of the September 24, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Johnson made a motion to approve the Board minutes of the September 24, 2009, Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Estes, and approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #2 – Discussion/Action on Approving the 2009/2010 K-3 Class Size Reduction Application

Mr. Bogan explained that our K-3 Class Size Reduction Program will change some this year as the State is allowing larger classes with smaller monetary reductions because of the overages. This program will continue until 2012 and like us, may other districts are taking advantage of this program. Trustee Amos made a motion to approve the 2009/2010 K-3 Class Size Reduction Application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Estes, and approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #3 – PUBLIC HEARING – 2009/2010 ABX4 2 – Use of Tier III Funds

Trustee Hodson opened the Public Hearing for any comments on the 2009/10 ABX4 2 – Use of tier III Funds. There were no comments. Trustee Hodson closed the Public Hearing.

Agenda Item #4 – Discussion/Action on Approving 2009/2010 Use of Tier III Funds

Mrs. Materoh explained that a Public Hearing and a separate Board action were now necessary so we could use these funds to cover district expenses. A motion to approve 2009/10 ABX4 2 – Use of tier III Funds was made by Trustee Amos, seconded by Trustee Johnson and approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion/Action on Approval of AUESD Title I Comparability Report for 2009/2010

Mr. Pina stated that this report is required to show the CDE there is a disparity between our Title I schools and are non-Title I schools. Mr. Pina briefly gave an overview of the report and recommended the Board approve the AUESD Title I Comparability Report as is showing we have met comparability. Trustee Estes made a motion to approve the AUESD Title I Comparability Report for 2009/2010, the motion was seconded by Trustee Amos and approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #6 – Discussion/Action on the Warrant List

On a motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Estes, warrants in the amount of \$122,851.77 were approved for payment by unanimous vote (4-0).

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Principals' Report

Shawn Beck – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Beck advised the Board that six week assessments are basically completed, just doing some fine tuning.
2. We had an early out this week for writing samples. All the teachers met in the AE cafeteria to score their samples. This system worked out extremely well as the teachers were able to collaborate with other grade level teachers.
3. The parking is still an issue, but it is a little better. It will be a constant work in progress situation.
4. Today the first graders when on a field trip to the Fresno Fair.
5. Mr. Beck wanted to again thank the staff for picking up the extra work when a fellow employee was absent. Everyone has really been working together to get the job done.

Lance Clement – Parkview Middle School

1. Mr. Clement reported that Parkview's average attendance school wide is 95.65%. Those numbers are very good. He is using positive enforcement to get students to school like popcorn for the classroom with the best attendance or for the students with good attendance.
2. Held the writing sample this week. Mr. Pina completed the scoring rubric. Next week we will have a collaboration with all the teachers to review the writing samples.
3. Student behavior has been very good this year and that gives another reason to celebrate.
4. Progress reports are going out along with notices to parents of eighth grade students that are in jeopardy of not graduating because of their grade point average.

Laurie Blue/Misti Jennings – Crossroads Charter Academy

1. Mrs. Jennings reported that Crossroads held its first round of CASHEE testing. She noticed this time that students took their time with the test instead of rushing through it. Overall most of the students felt they did well on the test.
2. CELDT testing at Crossroads will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Xavier Pina – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Pina reported that CELDT testing is still going on and he hopes to finish up in a couple of weeks.
2. Last week we had our first Parent Advisory meeting. It was well attended.
3. Yesterday we held the first Migrant Parent Meeting.

B. M. O. & T. Supervisor's Report

No Report.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Bogan reported that there could be a retirement problem with 2009 employees and he will be researching it further.
2. The nets on the new Parkview playground equipment are coming apart. Mr. Bogan has been in touch with the company and they have no idea why we are having this problem.

New nets are on order; however, they have to come from Turkey so as soon as they arrive they will be installed.

3. Mr. Bogan will be attending the CSD meeting next Tuesday to discuss some issues that have come up over the rental of the gym.
4. Mr. Bogan passed out the National University Charter proposal for the Board to review. He will get with Mr. Hanlon to see when he could attend a Study Session to answer all their questions regarding the proposal.

There being no further regular business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Hodson Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Steve Bogan, Secretary to the Board of Trustees