

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, August 13, 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 Bob Ford was absent.

Also in attendance were Steve Bogan, Charlene Garcia, Andrea Materoh, Lance Clement, Shawn Beck, Laurie Blue, Xavier Pina, Misti Jennings and Jeanette Ardans.

I. FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Hodson led the flag salute.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Hodson gave a reminder to the Board and Principals about the Fall KCSBA/ACSA Conference that will be held at West Hills College on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

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 Nainoa Kalama as a part time Teacher for the Crossroads Charter Academy. Mr. Bogan advised the Board that this employee had been properly screened and had met all the qualifications for the position.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item #1 – Action on Minutes of the June 11, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Johnson made a motion to approve the Board minutes of the June 25, 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 Joining Employee-Employer Relations Council Through Tulare County Office of Education

After a general discussion regarding the training we often take advantage of, joining the Council would save us money. Trustee Estes made a motion to join the Employer- Employee Relations Council through Tulare County Office of Education. Trustee Amos seconded the motion and joining the Employee=Employer Relations Council was approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #3 – Discussion/Action on a Job Description for a Part-time Multiple Subject Teacher of Crossroads Charter

Mr. Bogan noted that this job description would serve Crossroads as a Work Experience Coordinator. This position will be a certificated position working with our high school students getting them out in the work force. Trustee Amos made a motion to approve the job description for a Work Experience Coordinator. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approve by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #4 – Discussion/Action Resolution 081309 – A –SB435 Credential/Assignment Compliance/Single Subject Credentials

Mr. Bogan stated this Resolution is an annual occurrence which allows some of our single subject teachers to teach other subjects. A motion to approve Resolution 081309 – A – SB435 Credential/Assignment compliance/Single Subject Credentials was made by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Amos and approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion/Action on Resolution 081309 – B – SB435 Credential/Assignment Compliance/Multiple Subject Credentials

Trustee Amos made a motion to approve Resolution 081309–B– SB435 Credential/Assignment Compliance/Multiple Subject Credentials. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion and Resolution 081309-B was approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #6 – Discussion/Action on BP/AR 4113 Assignment

A motion to approve the BP/AR 4113 - Assignment was made by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Johnson and approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #7 – Discussion/Action on Attending the ACSA/KCSBA West Hills Fall Conference

A motion to approve attending the ACSA/KCSBA West Hills Fall Conference was made by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Amos and approved by unanimous vote (4-0).

Agenda Item #8 – Discussion/Action on the Warrant List

On a motion by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Johnson, warrants in the amount \$66,659.68, \$34,679.29, \$191,596.23, \$226,045.28, \$121,566.20, \$34,989.31, \$200,191.21, \$22,903.30 and \$55,163.46 were approved for payment by unanimous vote (3-0-1). Trustee Estes abstained from voting due to a possible personal gain.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Principals' Report

Shawn Beck – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Beck reported that Back to School Night was very well attended.
2. Enrollment for the first day of school was 579, with seven more students scheduled to start tomorrow morning and 5 more kindergarten students. Next week we will be following up on the no shows. We had about thirty students that were absent today.
3. We had an excellent start for the first day of school. Everything went very smooth. Mr. Beck thanked all the teachers, staff and parents for pitching in and helping wherever they could. Everyone knows we are lean on staff and our numbers are high in the classroom so everyone is working to get the job done.
4. The busing overall went very well. We had a couple of small problems, but they have been worked out.

Lance Clement – Parkview Middle School

1. Mr. Clement noted that the past three days have been great. On the teachers' first day back they worked in their classrooms. Then we met with a data storage company and did a little celebrating over our test scores. Mr. Clement will bring the scores to the Board at another Board Meeting.

2. Back to School Night was great. Attendance was good and we hope to do it the same way again next year.
3. Mr. Clement reported that the first day of school was the best first day he has ever experienced. Everything went very smooth including the busing of the students. It was a great day from start to finish.

Laurie Blue/Misti Jennings – Crossroads Charter Academy

1. Mrs. Jennings reported that returning and new student orientation was very well attended. They had 65 students go through orientation.
2. All new students are required to attend a 2 to 3 hour training that outlines the expectations and work that will be required of each student to achieve success in the classroom.
3. NWEA testing is scheduled to begin next week.
4. Mrs. Blue reported that 10 kids showed up for Trade Tech's first day, and we have three others signed up to attend. The students range in grade level from 7th to 12th.
5. Lunch went off without a hitch.
6. Mrs. Blue wanted to extend her heartfelt thanks to the Maintenance Department for all of their hard work in getting Trade Tech ready for students.

Xavier Pina – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Pina reported that Lena has been very busy getting the new projects office in order. Projects has moved into the old FRC center.
2. Lena is also preparing the CELDT tests that will be given to the English language learners. All CELDT testing needs to be completed by October.
3. Mr. Pina also briefly reviewed the Title I Parent Survey that was sent out last spring. Five hundred surveys were mailed out and we received 133 surveys back for Armona Elementary parents and 52 surveys back from Parkview parents. To better inform parents we have included the Title One handbook in the Parent Student Handbook so parents will know that both schools are Title I schools.

Trustee Estes interjected that the new team provided a fresh start this year and he feels it will be a good year. Trustee Estes stated "you guys are doing a good job".

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

No report

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Bogan reported that today's first day of school was the best first day he has ever been a part of. All the staff knows we have less and we have to do more with everyone pitching in to help get the job done.
2. The Williams Quarterly Report – was again without any complaints.
3. Report on Highly Qualified Teachers – All of Armona Union Elementary School District teachers are Highly Qualified.
4. The playground equipment for Parkview has started to arrive. The rest should be here next week so we can begin putting in the new playground next week.
5. Mr. Bogan passed out swine flu information from the CDC on how to prevent or lessen the effects of the swine flu. Mr. Bogan is working on getting all of the students and staff inoculated against the swine flu. He is also going to put alcohol wipes or gel in the classroom so the staff and students can use them to help prevent the flu.
6. Trade Tech Academy's new scheduled to open date is August 24th.

Mrs. Materoh gave a brief overview of the budget situation. Like before the budget is a good news bad news. We had budget a 60% loss in our Transportation Department but were cut only 20%. However, in other areas it is a give and take or move the money game. Andrea will be attending another workshop next Thursday to get another update on California's budget problems and solutions.

D. Armona and Parkview 08/09 Title Parent Survey Results

Discussed under Principal's Report.

There being no further regular business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Hodson Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Steve Bogan, Secretary to the Board of Trustees