

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 25, 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, Bob Ford and Ruby Johnson were present.

Also in attendance were Steve Bogan, Charlene Garcia, Lance Clement, Shawn Beck, Laurie Blue, Xavier Pina, Misti Jennings, Terri Wilbur, Karen Tokunaga-Chavez, Lisa Chavarin and Jeanette Ardans.

I. FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Hodson led the flag salute.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Hodson announced to the Board that the KCSBA/ASCA President's dinner will be held at the Corcoran Technology Learning Center on March 5, 2010.

III. ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item #1 – Action on Minutes of the August 13, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Estes made a motion to approve the Board minutes of the August 13, 2009, Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Amos, and approved by majority vote (4-0-1). Trustee Ford abstained from voting as he was absent from the August 13th meeting.

Agenda Item #2 – Discussion/Action Approval of a Part-time Work Experience Coordinator for Crossroads Charter Academy

Trustee Johnson made a motion approve hiring a part-time Work Experience Coordinator for the Crossroads Charter Academy. Trustee Amos seconded the motion and hiring a part-time Work Experience Coordinator was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #3 – Discussion/Action on Approval of a \$20,000 Annual Stipend for the Work Experience Coordinator Position

This position will be paid an annual salary of \$20,000 on a contract instead of a stipend due to the amount. Trustee Amos made a motion to approve an annual salary of \$20,000 for the Work Experience Coordinator. Trustee Estes seconded the motion that the Work Experience Coordinator will be paid an annual salary not a stipend of \$20,000 and it was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #4 – Discussion/Action Approval for a Band/Choir Beef Jerky Fund Raiser

Mr. Clement stated that Ms. Ruby wanted to hold a Beef Jerky Fund Raiser to raise money for band equipment, supplies and music. Board members want to make sure that this fund raiser does not overlap with other Beef Jerky Fund Raisers so a beginning and ending date should be set. A motion to approve the Beef Jerky Fund Raiser was made by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Ford and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion/Action Approval of the Certificated Seniority List

Trustee Hodson found that Randy Howard and Shawn Beck were misclassified and listed at the wrong school site. Trustee Amos made a motion to approve the Certificated Seniority List with the noted corrections. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion and the Certificated Seniority List was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #6 – Discussion/Action Approval of the Classified Seniority List

A motion to approve the Classified Seniority List was made by Trustee Amos, seconded by Trustee Estes and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #7 – Discussion/Action on the 2009/2010 Superintendent's Goals

After some discussion regarding the selection of goals, a motion to approve the Superintendent's goals for 2009/2010 was made by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Johnson and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

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

On a motion by Trustee Amos, seconded by Trustee Ford, warrants in the amount \$34,537.88, \$2,484.00 and \$977,184.03 were approved for payment by majority vote (4-0-1). Trustee Estes abstained from voting due to a possible personal gain.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Principals' Report

Shawn Beck – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Beck reported on his STAR Test Scores which showed growth in all testing sub-groups.
2. Cal Trans delivered between 50 and 55 backpacks to Armona Elementary for the students who did not have a backpack or a backpack in poor condition. The backpacks were filled with all types of supplies that the students need for the start of school.

Lance Clement – Parkview Middle School

1. Mr. Clement also reviewed his STAR Testing Score numbers for the Board. He also briefly outlined Parkview's plan to help students progress further.
2. He is looking forward to what he feels will be a great year.

Laurie Blue/Misti Jennings – Crossroads Charter Academy

1. Mrs. Blue gave a short presentation on the Crossroads STAR Testing Scores. She report that scores had gone up in all areas but they still have a very long way to go.
2. Mrs. Jennings reported that Crossroads is still getting large numbers of students in their orientations.

Xavier Pina – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Pina reported that he is currently teaching the teachers how to use the data driven classroom program.
2. Mr. Bernie Salgado will be starting Monday working with the migrant students on reading skills.
3. We also have a counselor coming in from the Tulare County Office of Education to work with our students.
4. We have held the year's first fire drills on both campuses. The one at Armona Elementary was unscheduled, but everything went well on both campuses.
5. CELDT Testing is in progress. This testing will help us ensure students are in the appropriate programs.

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

1. Phillip reported that bus evacuations are scheduled for both campuses next week.
2. We are unable to get by with only running two buses, but the change in our routes and extending our pick up distance to 1.5 miles is saving us about \$700 per week.
3. Custodial coverage has changed a little as one of our custodians will be working part-time every day at the Crossroads Hanford locations; and another custodian will be going to the Crossroads' Lemoore facility daily.
4. The maintenance crew has also been busy finishing off the Crossroads Trade Tech facility.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Bogan reported on the situation of the well at Armona Elementary. He explained the options that could be used to fix the well and the pump. We have the water tested and the results indicated that the minerals in the water are part of the problem. Overall we are looking at around \$14,000 to fix the well.
2. If all goes well, Crossroads Trade Tech will be allowed to accept students on Monday. The smoke detectors are installed but we will physically have to check every room hourly until the fire department signs off that they are installed and working.

D. Kings County Treasurer's Quarterly Compliance Report 4/1 – 6/30/09

The Kings County Treasurer's Quarterly compliance Report for April 1 through June 30, 2009, is in the Armona District Office for any individual interested in viewing the report.

There being no further regular business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Hodson Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Steve Bogan, Secretary to the Board of Trustees