

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, NOVEMBER 12, 2009, in the District Office Board Room.

Chairman Eric Hodson called the Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Trustees, Gus Amos, Glenn Estes, Bob Ford and Ruby Johnson were present.

Also in attendance were Steve Bogan, Charlene Garcia, Andrea Materoh, Principals Lance Clement, Shawn Beck, and Laurie Blue, Assistant Principals Xavier Pina and Misti Jennings, Teri Wilbur, Kim Stover-Myers, Jackie Lopez, Phillip Estes, Gina Freitas, Karen Estes, Lisa Chavarin and Jeanette Ardans.

I. FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Hodson led the flag salute.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Hodson opened the floor for public comments.

Trustee Johnson noted that Ms. Sifton and Ms. Luis's first grade classes did a wonderful job with their Veteran's Day program at the Grangeville Cemetery and the program was beautiful.

III. ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item #1 – Action on Minutes of the October 22, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Estes made a motion to approve the Board minutes of the October 22, 2009, Board meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #2 – Discussion/Action on Setting Date and Time for Annual Organizational Meeting of the Armona Board of Trustees

Trustee Estes made a motion to hold the annual organizational meeting of the Armona Board of Trustees on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Amos, and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #3 – Discussion /Action on a Part –Time Algebra I Intervention Teacher Job Description and Salary

Mr. Bogan explained the need for this position. Due to the test scores at Crossroads we need to try another method of teaching our students Algebra. Mr. Bogan advised the salary was fair and comparable for the hours that would be required for this position. Trustee Amos made a motion to approve the Algebra I Intervention Teacher job description and salary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Estes, and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #4 – Discussion/Action on Special Approval of Algebra I Intervention Class

A motion to approve the Algebra I Intervention Class was made by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Ford and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion/Action on a Servi-Tech Controls concept Maintenance Program Addendum

Mr. Bogan explained there were two quotes, one for Armona Elementary (\$2,985.00) and one for Parkview Middle School (\$5,183.00). Mr. Bogan recommended accepting the contract for the Parkview Middle School due to the nature of the HVAC equipment. However he stated that he would not recommend accepting the quote for Armona Elementary. He suggested that we would look to local maintenance people when the need arose. Trustee Estes made a motion to accept the quote for Parkview only and not Armona Elementary as recommend by Mr. Bogan, the motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #6 – PUBLIC HEARING – National University Academy Armona Charter

Trustee Hodson opened the Public Hearing for public comments on the National University Academy Armona Charter Program. There were no comments from the floor. Trustee Hodson closed the Public Hearing.

Agenda Item #7 – Discussion/Action on Approving the National University Academy Armona Charter Program

Trustee Ford made a motion to approve accepting the National University Academy Armona Charter Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #8 – Discussion/Action on Secret Santa Fund Raiser at Armona Elementary

Trustee Johnson made a motion to approve the secret Santa fund raiser at Armona Elementary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ford, and approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #9 – Discussion/Action on Canceling the Second Board Meeting in December and the Early Release of December Warrants

On a motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Amos, the second Board Meeting in December and the early release of December warrants was approved for by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #10 – Discussion/Action on Sending Teri Wilbur and Kim Stover-Myers to the Southern California Kindergarten Conference

On a motion by Trustee Estes, seconded by Trustee Amos, the Kindergarten Conference in Southern California for Teri Wilbur and Kim Stover-Myers was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #11 – Discussion/Action on Afterschool Education and Safety

Mr. Bogan stated that we had already begun the Afterschool Education and Safety Program for this year. We just needed the Board to vote on accepting the program. Trustee Amos made the motion to accept the Afterschool Education and Safety Program. Trustee Estes seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item #12 – Discussion/Action on the 2009/2010 Williams Report for Parkview Middle School

Mr. Bogan reviewed the 209/10 annual Williams Report for the Parkview Middle School. The report noted that there were no teacher misassignments, no complaints filled and no audit exceptions for the year. A motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Estes to accept the 2009/10 Williams Report for Parkview Middle School. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Agenda Item 13 – Discussion/Action on the Warrant List

On a motion by Trustee Ford, seconded by Trustee Amos, warrants in the amount of \$463,343.27, \$158,522.46 and \$12,841.63 were approved for payment by majority vote (4-0-1). Trustee Estes abstained from voting due to possible personal gain.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Principals' Report

Shawn Beck – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Beck noted that the first grade Veteran's Day celebration was a tremendous performance. Ms. Sifton did an excellent job of preparing her students for the event. He received good parent feedback about the program.
2. Mr. Beck thanked the students and staff for all doing their best as there have been a lot of people out. He also thanked the special education staff for the excellent job they have been doing to "make it work."
3. We held our second Site Council meeting tonight and we discussed our goals. Everything is going well.

Gina Freitas invited the Board to stop by her classroom any time to see her room and her students in the classroom. She noted that she has been giving them cooking lessons and to get them to write she has them writing down the recipes.

Lance Clement – Parkview Middle School

1. Mr. Clement reported that the first trimester ends tomorrow and report cards will go home tomorrow.
2. Next week he plans to review GPA on the eighth grade students and send home letters on students that are not meeting graduation requirements.
3. On November 30th is a teacher buy back day and he will have Mr. Cory Greenlaw conducting a data driven presentation. We will use our benchmarks and review them with the staff in the afternoon.
4. Tomorrow we will have an assembly with a power lifter. He will do a presentation on being drug free and how to achieve your goals without the use of drugs. He wanted to end the trimester on a high note.
5. The second Site Council meeting is scheduled for November 19th.

Laurie Blue/Misti Jennings – Crossroads Charter Academy

1. Mrs. Blue reported that everything is going well at Crossroads and Trade Tech. Student enrollment is climbing a little bit.

2. Mrs. Blue thanked the maintenance staff for all they have done in getting them moved into their new Lemoore site.
3. Mrs. Jennings stated that the new Lemoore site is scheduled to open Monday.
4. The new Algebra I classes have already started and though the classes are small, we hope to see our numbers grow.

Mr. Clement noted that at the last SELPA meeting he attended there was a very positive attitude in the room about Trade Tech. The special education program seemed excited about the Trade Tech program.

Xavier Pina – Armona Elementary

1. Mr. Pina gave a brief report on CELDT testing which finished the last week of October. He has tested a total of 331 students between Armona Elementary and Parkview. So far he has reclassified 16 students at Parkview. He will be reviewing Armona Elementary students to reclassify them later. The test have been packaged up and sent in for scoring. We recently had three additional student enroll and will need to be tested. Between Crossroads and Trade Tech we have tested between 15 and 20 students.

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

1. Next Tuesday will be our annual CHP inspection. They will be here to check our buses and our records.
2. So far we have not had any foggy day called, but Mr. Nuttall did put our foggy day schedule on our website and it looks great. Parents and students can access the website and check to see if a foggy day has been called and what plan the district is on.
3. To save some money, we recently canceled the 2:00 p.m. bus run which had only 6 students on the bus. We asked those parents to either pick up their students or place them in day care for an hour and then they can ride the 3:00 p.m. bus home.
4. Phillip will again apply for a bus replacement grant. He will be bringing the application to the next Board meeting for approval.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Bogan reported that the County Office of Education had approved the district's budget.
2. CSBA is asking if there is any interest in being nominated for an assembly delegate.

3. Mr. Larry Aceves will be at the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce (Lemoore train depot) next Thursday, November 19th at 4:00 p.m. All the Board Members, management staff and anyone else that would like to meet Mr. Aceves are welcome to attend the "meet and greet". Please send him an e-mail if you are planning to attend.
4. The district has received notification from M. Greene and Company that they have completed the preliminary review of the Migrant Program and there are no findings or reconciliations.

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