

CORONADO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
ADOPTED MINUTES
October 16, 2014, at 4:30 PM

Ledyard Hakes ♦ Brenda Kracht ♦ Dawn Ovrom ♦ Bruce Shepherd ♦ Maria Simon
Student Board Representative: Lauren McBride
Superintendent/Secretary: Jeffrey Felix ♦ Recording Secretary: Maria Johnson

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Order of Business

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Ovrom called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at Coronado Unified School District, 201 Sixth Street, Coronado, CA.

Roll Call

The following Board Members were present: Dawn Ovrom, Maria Simon, Ledyard Hakes, and Brenda Kracht, and Bruce Shepherd. Also present were Jeffrey Felix, Superintendent, Keith Butler and Richard Erhard, Assistant Superintendents. Student Board Representative Lauren McBride was absent.

2.0 OPEN SESSION

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Approve the Agenda

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Agenda Item 5.2 will be moved ahead of Agenda Item 5.1.

Motion: Simon Second: Hakes Vote: 4-0. Member Kracht arrived after the vote was taken.

2.3 Board Recognition

The Board recognized and thanked Linda Rahn, Director of the City of Coronado Recreation Services, for her outstanding service to the students and staff of Coronado Unified School District. City Manager Blair King thanked the Board for their recognition of Linda Rahn. Mayor Casey Tanaka said that Linda Rahn has made a profound impact on the parents, students, and staff in the community.

2.4 Student Report

Village Preschool students, Ellie Harris and Hunter Naef, and Silver Strand Elementary School student Jack Wheeler, updated the Board on the school activities.

2.5 Shareholder Report

The following addressed the Board with their Shareholder reports:

- Patty Cowan, Executive Director of the Coronado Schools Foundation, updated the Board on upcoming activities
- Andrea Webster, Executive Director of SAFE, updated the Board and community on upcoming events, and also updated the Board on the Coronado School of the Arts upcoming events
- Kevin Nicolls, Director of Coronado Pathways Charter School, updated the Board on the activities of Coronado Pathways

2.6 **Comments from Board Members**

- Member Ovrom gave a better explanation of the video that we just saw that she found on Honeywell's website. This was a description of the program that the Middle School Students are going to see tomorrow that Honeywell and Nassau created. The program was created to inspire middle school students to explore science, technology, engineering and math. Member Ovrom said that this is the absolute crux of what we are doing in this District. Member Simon said this was a perfect example of partnership with others during these hard times of limited resources and how did we get so lucky to get this opportunity. Dr. Marquand was thanked for applying for and being approved for this program.

3.0 **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- John Bonnett, President of CSEA, addressed the Board and said he was disappointed that no one from CSEA was invited to sit at the Round Table at the October 8, 2014, Special Board Meeting.
- John Coolidge addressed the Board and thanked Dr. Felix for following through with his word that in his emails, speeches and communication he will address the title of classified as well as the teachers. Mr. Coolidge also requested that the Board include a "me too" clause in the CSEA Agreement.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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Motion: Hakes Second: Shepherd Vote: 5-0.

- 4.1 Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2014, and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2014
- 4.2 Accept Donations to the Coronado Unified School District
- 4.3 Approve/Ratify Contracts for Services
- 4.4 Approve/Ratify Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 4.5 Approve Certificated Personnel Register
- 4.6 Approve Classified Personnel Register
- 4.7 Accept Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report

5.0 **REPORT (See Agenda for Written Report)**

- 5.2 **Business Services Report** included Ten-Year Fiscal Sensitivity Analysis, Next Financial Report – December 11, 2014, Regular Governing Board Meeting, and the Coronado Pathways Charter School Update.

Coronado Pathways Charter School Update

Dr. Felix welcomed three Board Members of Coronado Pathways Charter School and invited them to speak. Dr. Butler gave a brief update on the finances of the Charter School since the Governing Board has fiduciary responsibility for Pathways. Member Ovrom allowed the Governing Board to ask questions of the Pathways Board. Member Kracht asked where we are going from here, what is their vision for Pathways, and what support do you need from this District besides money? She believes it will take a lot more than money to make Pathways viable.

Member Simon asked if the Governing Board is being asked to take a philosophical position. Dr. Butler answered that this Board has talked about two ways of looking at the debt of Pathways.

One is you have a debt that has incurred expenses that you have not been able to pay and you are recognizing your obligation to pay back. This is financial. The other way to look at it is to consider what the real exposure is to the District if Pathways had never existed. The District would be at the same place financially by paying all of Kevin Nicolls salary that last two years, so in that sense it is philosophical.

Member Shepherd said he would like to expand on Member Kracht's question. He said we have great programs and his concern is that there are great things we want to do in this District but we cannot continue to operate great programs with a structural deficit, it is just not going to work. How are we going to get out of this structural deficit? Member Shepherd would like to see a detailed plan that the Board can realistically count on to get out of this structural deficit mode so that the loan will not build. He would not like to put on an arbitrary cap on the loan because he does see the value in this program but this Board has a fiduciary duty in respect to that loan and he would like to see a viable plan because we have to find a solution as hard as this may be. So the plan should be detailed on how we are going to get out, where the students are going to come from, and what are the programs that are going to get us there.

Bill Seager, Board Member of Coronado Pathways Charter School, thanked the Governing Board for their service. He thanked the Governing Board for their vision to create Pathways. Mr. Seager said obviously it is where education is going now with blended learning. Pathways serves a large number of kids in personalized way. He said that he does not want the community to get the impression that if Pathways was not in existence than there would be this extra money. Half of Mr. Nicolls salary is being paid by Pathways, so it would be the same amount of money the District would encumber if there were no Pathways. Pathways has every intention to pay the District back. They are increasing their student population but it takes time.

Doug Metz, Board Member of Coronado Pathways Charter School, thanked the Governing Board for providing the "seed" money to start the Charter School. He also thanked Dr. Felix, Dr. Butler, Claudia Gallant, and Jennifer Moore for their counsel and assistance. He said the District and Pathways work together to: review all opportunities to incorporate state of the art online offerings appropriate for each grade in the District; to examine opportunities to encourage online learning as an option for some of our AP courses; reengineering the alignment of the high school and middle school periods would open opportunities for more effective staff utilization and economics. This would provide opportunities to explore the increased use of online learning in the lower secondary grades.

The Board concurred that no decisions will be made until the new Board Members are seated. The Board requested monthly reports from Director Nicolls which is to include enrollment numbers and the Board would like to see revenues and expenses projected out. Dr. Felix said that the best time for the Board to make any decisions would be when the First Interim Report is brought to the Board.

5.1 **Learning and Instruction Report**

Included: Academic Performance Index 3 Year Average, Science CST Scores, and New Elementary Report Card. Village Elementary School Principal Whitney DeSantis and Assistant Principal Tom Bevilacqua, and Silver Strand Elementary School Principal Bill Cass gave their annual site updates.

5.3 **Superintendent's Statement to the Governing Board on the Current Wellbeing of the CUSD and a Proposal of Financial Strategy for the Future**

The Superintendent proposed a multiyear plan for Board consideration that not only allows for the District to subsist, but also to grow at a pace that supports the community's expectations for academic excellence. The Board discussed the plan and had many questions and concerns. They discussed Fund 40 and the pass through funds. The Board would like a report back for discussion which includes some solutions and scenarios. There was a consensus by the Board that Fund 40 is protected but to use portions of the annual pass through money.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS/PUBLIC HEARING**

6.1 **Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2014-2015**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 8:27 pm. There were no comments and the Public Hearing ended at 8:27 pm

6.2 **Adopt Resolution #14-10-02 on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2014-2015 #13**

Motion: Hakes Second: Kracht Vote: 5-0

6.3 **Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Coronado Pathways Charter School for the Years 2014-15 to 2017-18, Inclusive #14**

Motion: Hakes Second: Simon Vote: 5-0

7.0 **PROPOSALS/FIRST READING**

7.1 Adopt Revisions to Board Policies, Board Bylaws, Administrative Regulations, and/or Exhibits (First Reading)

8.0 **ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

8.1 **Proposed List of Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings**

November there will be a CoSA Report, a ceremony on December 5th to swear in the two new Board Members, with another swearing in on December 11th for their families. Member Simon requested that the Board policy regarding online classes be brought to the Board within the next few months. Dr. Felix will also check if this is a negotiated item.

8.2 **Upcoming Governing Board Meetings at 4:30 PM, District Office Board Room**

- Regular Board Meeting, November 20, 2014
- Regular Board Meeting, December 11, 2014

9.0 **CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting convened to Closed Session at 8:50 PM

10.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:40 PM, and reported the following: #15


9.2 Motion: Hakes Second: Shepherd Vote: 5-0, to reject Liability Claim, Government Code 54956.95; Claimant: #14-3714 - Agency Claimed Against: Coronado Unified School District

9.4 Motion: Shepherd Second: Hakes Vote: 5-0, approved the Settlement Agreement (OAH) Case #2014080174 #16

11.0 **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

Approved:



Jeffrey Felix, Ed/D.
Secretary to the Board of Education