

CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EACH CHILD IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF GREAT WORTH

MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational Meeting
December 6, 2011
7 P.M.

Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room
Education Service and Support Center

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

*Opening
Procedures*

A. Call to Order

President Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mr. Larry Cunningham, President
Mrs. Pamela B. Smith, Vice President
Mr. Douglas E. Luffborough III, Clerk
Mr. David Bejarano, Member
Mr. Russell Y. Coronado, Member

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Dr. Francisco Escobedo, Superintendent
Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Asst. Supt., Business Services
Dr. John M. Nelson III, Asst. Supt., Instructional Services
Mrs. Sandra L. Villegas-Zúñiga, Asst. Supt., Human Resources Services
Mrs. Soreli M. Norton, Asst. to the Superintendent and Board of Education
Mrs. Mauricia Saucedo, Community Liaison

C. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Burton C. Tiffany Elementary School Students

Tiffany Students Adan Chacon, Jacobo Chacon, and Nicolas Chacon led the Pledge of Allegiance and joined Students Eric Chier

and Allison Yetter in speaking on school activities. Students from Tiffany provided the artwork displayed in the Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room.

Principal Joel Tapia accompanied the students to the meeting.

President Cunningham thanked the students and presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pencil engraved with "Each Child is an Individual of Great Worth."

2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action)

Approve Agenda

Motion: BEJARANO, Second: LUFFBOROUGH, Vote: UNANIMOUS

A. Conduct Annual Organizational Business of the Chula Vista Elementary School District Board of Education to:

(1) Elect Officers;

Board Member Coronado presented the following slate of officers for consideration: Vice President Smith (President), Clerk Luffborough (Vice President), and Board Member Bejarano (Clerk).

Motion: CORONADO, Second: CUNNINGHAM, Vote: UNANIMOUS

President Smith presented Board Member Cunningham with a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding leadership as Board President during 2011 and a check in the amount of \$100 to be donated to the Chula Vista Welfare Council in his name.

All Board Members expressed their appreciation to Board Member Cunningham for his leadership and professionalism.

Board Member Cunningham passed the gavel to President Smith.

(2) Appoint Superintendent as Secretary;

Dr. Escobedo was appointed Secretary to the Board of Education.

Motion: CORONADO, Second: BEJARANO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

(3) Elect or Appoint Board Member Representatives to Organizations as Desired; and

After discussion, the Board elected not to appoint Board Member representatives at this time.

Motion: CORONADO, Second: LUFFBOROUGH, Vote: UNANIMOUS

(4) Adopt Dates, Time, and Place for Regular Board Meetings in 2012

January 17	July 10
February 14	August 14
March 6	September 11
April 10	October 16
May 8	November 13
May 22	December 11
June 12	

Meetings will be held at 7 P.M. at the Education Service and Support Center, 84 East "J" Street, Chula Vista.

Motion: CUNNINGHAM, Second: LUFFBOROUGH, Vote: UNANIMOUS

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, WRITTEN REPORTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

*Presentations/
Awards*

A. Presentation of District Winners of the Holiday Greeting Card Competition

President Smith presented Certificates of Recognition and pencils engraved with "Each Child is an Individual of Great Worth" to First Place winner Larissa Viniegra (Halecrest), Second Place winner Mikala Villanueva Quimbao (Veterans), and Third Place winner Jordan Dimapilis (Chula Vista Hills).

Mrs. Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Copy Link for sponsoring the Holiday Greeting Card Competition. California Coast Credit Union was also recognized for sponsoring the event by providing the monetary prizes for the students.

B. Report on Burton C. Tiffany Elementary School for the 2010-11 School Year

Mr. Tapia, Teachers Catherine Price and Leslie Sabin, and PTA President Kathleen Yetter gave a summative presentation for the 2010-11 school year on demographics, state and local testing outcomes, Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress, and customer satisfaction indicators. Presenters also included next steps for the 2011-12 school year and answered questions from Board Members.

C. Report on Joseph Casillas Elementary School for the 2010-11 School Year

Principal Emiko Nakamura, Teachers Michael Esslinger and Deborah Santori, and School Site Council Parent Representative Bruce Smith gave a summative presentation for the 2010-11 school

year on demographics, state and local testing outcomes, Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress, and customer satisfaction indicators. Presenters also included next steps for the 2011-12 school year and answered questions from Board Members.

- D. Review Written Report on Chula Vista Hills Elementary School for the 2010-11 School Year
- E. Review Written Report on Anne and William Hedenkamp Elementary School for the 2010-11 School Year

The Board reviewed Chula Vista Hills and Anne and William Hedenkamp Elementary Schools' written reports detailing progress made in addressing the District Strategic Goals of Literacy, Equity, Collaboration, Technology, and Safe and Supportive Environment for the 2010-11 school year.

Principals Monica Sorenson (Chula Vista Hills) and Rick Hanks (Hedenkamp) were present to answer questions.

- F. Report from District Parent Leaders

Parents Lilia Carnahan (District Advisory Council); Patricia Ruvalcaba (District English Learner Advisory Committee); Margaret Akronowitz, Helen Crenshaw, and Rachel Rudden (Special Education Parents Committee); Diana Godfrey (PTA); and Ellen Kappes (Gifted and Talented Education Committee) reported on efforts of their respective committees to support positive learning for all children and answered questions from Board Members.

- G. Report on the California Voting Rights Act

District Legal Counsel Mr. Peter Fagen presented an overview of the California Voting Rights Act and Board election systems. He also reported on available options and procedures to follow should the Board decide to take action to change the District trustee election system and answered questions from Board Members.

4. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)

*Consent
Calendar*

The following items listed under Consent Calendar are considered by the Board in one action. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

Motion: CORONADO, Second: BEJARANO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting November 15, 2011

B. Approve Superintendent's Evaluation for the Period of November 1, 2010, Through June 30, 2011

President Smith announced that Board Member Cunningham would read excerpts from the annual evaluation of the Superintendent.

The Board of Education of the Chula Vista Elementary School District is pleased to announce the completion of the Superintendent's annual review. The Board is delighted with the overall student achievement results and with Superintendent Francisco Escobedo's efforts to maintain the District's positive course and build on its accomplishments.

The Board acknowledges Dr. Escobedo's contributions towards the following District successes:

- Robust Districtwide student achievement that resulted in an overall Academic Performance Index (API) score of 861—well above the desired 800 mark.
- Proven gains in the academic progress of District English Learner students that further closed the achievement gap and resulted in an API of 818 for this target population, an increase of 22 points from the previous year.
- Strong financial standing in spite of the continually challenging economic climate.

The Board commends Dr. Escobedo for his:

- Futuristic vision in building the necessary infrastructure to meet 21st century learning challenges.
- Resolute focus on building supportive teaching and learning environments within District schools.
- Persistent efforts in challenging District schools to advance student learning and to continue reducing the achievement gap.
- Continuous work with charter schools to expand innovation and further accelerate student achievement.
- Purposeful presence in District schools.
- Thorough identification of schools not achieving at suitable levels and efforts to provide support to those schools.
- Constant pursuit of grants from public and private sources for the benefit of District students.
- Solid presence in the community through involvement in civic and service organizations.
- Continued endeavors to develop partnerships with public and private organizations for the betterment of District students.

- Strong support of the District's "Growing Healthy Children" initiative.
- Determined endeavors to build relationships with institutions of higher learning as a means to provide early opportunities to help District students begin their journey to college.

The Board recognizes that some of Dr. Escobedo's challenges include:

- Eliminating the achievement gap.
- Moving all District schools above the 800 API threshold while increasing the District's API to 900.
- Increasing student achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics for all students while focusing on implementing the Common Core Standards and the new Local Measures assessments.
- Reversing the Districtwide childhood obesity trends.
- Continuing to address the needs of students with disabilities.
- Building the Otay Ranch Village 11 school site for opening in July 2013.

The Board recognizes that the District is accountable to the community it serves and welcomes any input—be it praise or constructive criticism—from community members. Dr. Escobedo is held accountable for his actions and decisions and works constantly to address issues or concerns that may be raised by members of the community.

The Board recognizes that honest feedback by the Superintendent is key in supporting efforts of continually improving the District. The Board appreciates Dr. Escobedo's willingness to undertake the challenge of advancing the District's successes to an even higher level and his strong focus on what is best for students during decision making.

The Board is pleased to affirm that in the short year he has guided the District, Dr. Escobedo has earned the Board's confidence in his leadership abilities and management skills.

President Smith commended Dr. Escobedo for a terrific first year and said the Board receives a lot of positive feedback from the community regarding his leadership. Board Members congratulated Dr. Escobedo for a great job and said they have full trust in him, as he always puts the children and the District first. They commented that it is easier to walk into an organization that has many issues and fix them than to walk into one that has done extremely well and

continue the upward path. They stated that Dr. Escobedo has achieved this feat in the District and that he has exceeded the Board's expectations.

Dr. Escobedo thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and said that he is part of a great team—a wonderful Board, remarkable Cabinet, excellent principals, tireless teachers, and awesome parents—and that the success of the District is due to team efforts. He added that the District enjoys one of the top cultures in the nation and that he is privileged to receive the Board's vote of confidence to continue leading the District.

C. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through I **2011-12.42**

Mrs. Villegas-Zúñiga introduced Teachers Rebecca Hedlund (Cook), Pamela Landy (Cook), Heather Robertson (Arroyo Vista Charter), and Azucena Velazquez (Montgomery) who were reclassified from Temporary Certificated to Probationary status.

Mrs. Robertson spoke on this item.

D. Approve Local Educational Agency Plan Addendum to Address Program Improvement Status

E. Approve Overnight Study Trip for Fourth Grade Students from Halecrest Elementary School to Sacramento, California, on March 19-20, 2012

F. Approve Amendment to Engagement for Services Agreement with Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP for Legal Services Relating to the California Voting Rights Act

G. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through November 30, 2011 **2011-12.43**

H. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests **2011-12.44**

I. Approve Requests for Use of District Facilities **2011-12.45**

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings

None.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

*Administrative
Action Items*

A. (1) Approve Revisions to Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget;

Mr. Esquivel presented a report on the District's financial status.

(2) Approve First Interim Financial Report at October 31, 2011; and

(3) Certify District's Financial Status for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Motion: CUNNINGHAM, Second: BEJARANO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

7. FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS

First and Second Readings

A. First Reading: Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6159, Instruction, Individualized Education Program

B. First Reading: Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6164.4, Instruction, Identification of Individuals for Special Education

C. Second Reading/Adopt: Board Policy 6164.41 (New), Instruction, Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents/Guardians in Private Schools

Motion: CUNNINGHAM, Second: BEJARANO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

8. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

Information Items/Reports

A. Report Calendar to Board of Education

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications

Oral Communications provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on non-agenda items. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to five minutes. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each agenda item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. No Board action can be taken.

Parent MaryJo Meer spoke regarding a zone transfer for her disabled preschool child.

10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Communications

Mr. Bejarano:

- Said he enjoyed recently walking at Rogers with students and staff. Added that it was good to see the students excited about exercising.
- Thanked Board Member Cunningham for his leadership as Board President.

Mr. Coronado:

- Thanked the schools that presented. Said he appreciates that each school has been pointing out the percentage of its achievement gap and specifying what the school is doing to close it.
- Mentioned that he attended the California School Boards Association (CSBA) conference with Vice President Luffborough, where he heard some interesting things. Also attended some presentations by schools throughout the county and noticed that many of the programs highlighted were already taking place in the District.

Mr. Cunningham:

- Said he also enjoyed walking at Rogers with students and staff.
- Mentioned that he considers it a privilege to serve as Board President. Stated that he is proud to be part of this Board, which is very unique in that the reason Board Members serve is they care for the children and the community. Added that they do not always agree, but when they disagree, everyone supports the direction chosen by the majority of the Board Members.

Mr. Luffborough:

- Commented that CSBA was a good learning experience and he appreciated the opportunity to learn how the District compares with other districts from a governance standpoint.
- Said he also enjoyed walking at Rogers with students and staff. Added that he just completed his first half marathon.
- Mentioned that he was happy to see Sweetwater Union High School District's change of heart and will allow charter middle school students to participate in the Compact for Success Program and complimented all the parents and staff who were involved and helped bring about change.
- Thanked Board Member Cunningham for his leadership and mentorship as Board President. Also welcomed Board President Smith.
- Was impressed with the use of humor throughout the Tiffany presentation.
- Thanked the parents who presented for their involvement.

Mrs. Smith:

- Congratulated the holiday card competition winners and said they are very talented.
- Commented that Supervisor Greg Cox asked the County of San Diego to look into the issue of grandparents raising grandchildren. This is a matter of major concern as the number of grandparents in this situation has grown by 75 percent in the last 20 years—with nearly 30,000 grandparents in the county currently raising their grandchildren. Added that these are usually complex cases that involve legal, emotional, health, and educational issues. Mentioned that the County is working with community partners on two projects: a toolkit to help grandparents find needed resources and an April 2012 symposium that will feature several speakers and will be webcast to several locations where

grandparents can attend workshops. Said she hopes the District will assist in spreading the word about these upcoming resources.

- Mentioned that she recently had the pleasure of meeting and hearing Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speak at a conference. Requested that the District look into iCivics, a web-based project started by Justice O'Connor and designed to teach students civics and inspire them to be active participants in our democracy. Added that the project is targeted for middle school but would also be appropriate for sixth grade students.
- Wished everyone happy holidays.
- Said she appreciates Board Member Cunningham's leadership on the Board.
- Congratulated Dr. Escobedo on completing a successful first year as Superintendent.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

*Superintendent's
Communication*

Dr. Escobedo:

- Introduced Associate Principal Allison Cometa (Discovery Charter) and Projects Specialist Patricia Pimentel (Language Acquisition and Development).
- Reported that State Superintendent Tom Torlakson's visit to Otay Elementary was very successful. He stated that Mr. Torlakson visited several classrooms and was very impressed with what he observed at this school that has been able to sustain its excellence.
- Shared that the following day he would join City of Chula Vista officials and County Health and Human Services Agency staff to promote the Cilantro to Stores project. Explained that Cilantro to Stores is a partnership of several agencies that aims to increase access to local fresh-farmed fruits and vegetables in western Chula Vista by establishing fresh produce stands at convenience stores that do not normally carry these products. Added that he is looking forward to this endeavor that provides families with healthy food alternatives at these locations.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

President Smith recessed to closed session at 10:10 P.M. in accordance with the following:

Government Code Sections 3549.1(d) and 54957.6, Collective Bargaining/Employee Negotiations; Agency Negotiator: Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost LLP; Employee Organizations: Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization (CVCEO); Chula Vista Educators (CVE); Nonrepresented Employees

13. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

Public Session

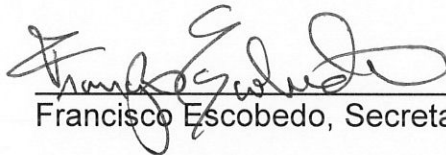
President Smith reconvened to public session at 10:20 P.M. and announced the following:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the final settlement agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2011081176 Regarding Student No. 301942.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:21 P.M.



Francisco Escobedo, Secretary



David Bejarano, Clerk

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012, AT 7 P.M.