

## MINUTES

Vineland School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 19, 2013  
District Office Board Room

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### 1. Open Session

#### 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call

President Prado called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Leticia Prado, *President*,  
Viviana Ramirez, *Clerk*  
Andy Stenderup

#### Member Absent:

Francisca Hernandez

#### 1.2 Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Stenderup, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0, to adopt the agenda.

#### 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

The following students from Vineland School led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance: Emmanuel Arias, Celeste Rodriguez, Edgar Garza and Yvette Rodriguez. Trustee Ramirez thanked the students and presented each student a certificate.

#### 1.4 Minutes Approved

It was moved by Trustee Stenderup, seconded by Trustee Ramirez, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 22, 2013 as submitted.

### 2. Public Comments

2.1 There were no public comments.

### 3. Study Session

3.1 Mrs. Rocio Munoz, Principal, Sunset School, welcomed everyone back. The students are very excited about starting a new year and are preparing posters to elect student body officers. The school is preparing for the Common Standards. Teachers will be attending trainings throughout the year with the support from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools office. Mrs. Munoz has met with the English Language Learners (ELL) students to make sure the students are given the opportunity to move out of the English Language Development (ELD) program and transition into an English only classroom. She is looking into Accelerated Math for students. She is looking into the Wellness policy to educate parents about healthy eating by providing parenting classes.

3.2 Mrs. Dena Kiouses, Principal, Vineland School, stated that Vineland school is also preparing for Common Core Standards which will impact the District's assessment test. Vineland School will also be working with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Kiouses would like to have parents

involved with classroom walk-throughs. She would like to dive deeper into Accelerated Reader and have students do quality reading and improve reading. She would like to continue more Positive Behavior Invention Strategies (PBIS) this year and to have kindergarten parents onboard with the Wellness Program.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Ratify the Supplemental, B Warrant Registers – Batch Numbers 1 – 2.
- 4.2 Accept letter of resignation from Karina Bedolla, Comprehensive Aide.
- 4.3 Accept letter of resignation from Myra Morales, Campus Monitor.

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Stenderup, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 to approve the consent agenda.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Stenderup and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 to approve the 2013-2014 Academic Calendar. The academic calendar provides for 180 school days for students, 34 early release days and 4 minimum days.
- 5.2 It was moved by Trustee Stenderup, seconded by Trustee Ramirez and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 to approve the Recommendation for Approval and Denial of the Inter-District Transfer Agreement Requests.
- 5.3 It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Stenderup and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 to approve the Contractor Service Agreement for TUPE Tier II Program with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

#### 6. General Correspondence

##### 6.1 Student Enrollment

Dr. Ross reported that student enrollment for Sunset School is at 337 and 484 students for Vineland Elementary School.

##### 6.2 Legislative Updates

Dr. Ross reported that the Assembly Education Committee approved the new Senate Bill (SB) 344. SB 344 will revise provisions regarding the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), primarily in regard to English Learners (EL). AB 643 creates an exemption to allow caseworkers or a representative of a state or local child welfare agency, or tribal organization to access transcripts and reports cards to avoid problems of inappropriate course placement and lost credits when a foster youth changes schools. This will require changes to the District's Student Enrollment Packet and Emergency Contact cards.

##### 6.3 Response(s) to Community Members

Dr. Ross reported that he met with a parent regarding the ASES Program. He is working with the Boys and Girls Club so the District can have multiple offerings so students do not have to choose between one program or another and possibly moving the programs into different blocks.

7. Dr. Ross reported that there were originally four candidates. One candidate withdrew because she is moving out of the district and the other candidate could not attend the board meeting but she can still be considered by the Board. The Board conducted an interview in public of Mr. Freddy Medina and Mrs. Eldemira Gonzalez to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees created by the resignation of Steve Hallum.
8. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:55 p.m. to deliberate and select a candidate for provisional appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees.
9. The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:21 p.m. By a vote of 3 to 0, the Board voted to provisionally appoint Mr. Freddy Medina to serve on the Board of Trustees replacing Mr. Steve Hallum for the remainder of the term, ending in 2014. Mr. Medina was sworn in by Dr. Ross as the provisional appointment to the Board of Trustees.
10. There was no report from the Board.
11. Report from the Superintendent

Dr. Ross welcomed Mr. Freddy Medina to the Vineland School District Board of Trustees. Dr. Ross stated that there will need to be an eligibility check with the County of Kern and the provisional appointment will need to be posted in the newspaper. If there is no request for a special election within 30 days, Mr. Medina will be officially appointed.

Dr. Ross thanked Sunset and Vineland Schools for decorating the District hallway. Each month classrooms will rotate and decorate the wall. He also thanked the Vineland students for participating with the flag salute. The District had the Williams Visit for both instructional materials and facilities. The District passed on the instructional materials and facilities with minor repairs. Dr. Ross announced that Dust Bowl Days Festival will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be fundraising dinner on Saturday and tickets can be purchased at Bear Mountain Sports.

Dr. Ross met with Vineland Teachers Association (VTA) last Thursday which will be part of the regular monthly meetings. He will be meeting with California Schools Employee Association (CSEA) on Thursday and will also be meeting once a month.

The final FPM item has been cleared. It is a clearance and the money needs to be used next year the way it was intended this last year.

Back-to-School Night for Vineland School is set for this Thursday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and next week for Sunset School.

Dr. Ross hopes to have the first recipient of the highest attendance award for the classroom next month. The trophy will be rotated each month for the highest attendance classroom.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- 12.1 It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Stenderup and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 to approve to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Unless otherwise posted, the next regular meeting will be held on September 16, 2013.

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Clerk of the Board