

## MINUTES

Vineland School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 16, 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 7:00 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Leticia Prado, *President*,  
Viviana Ramirez, *Clerk*  
Francisca Hernandez  
Freddy Medina  
Andy Stenderup

#### 1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Items 4.3, 5.1 and 5.7 were removed from the agenda. It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to adopt the agenda as submitted.

#### 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

The following students from Sunset School led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance: Fidel Negrete, Metzl Delgadillo and Alejandra Lopez. Dr. Ross thanked the students and presented each student a certificate.

#### 1.4 Minutes Approved

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez., seconded by Trustee Hernandez, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2013 as submitted.

### 2. Public Comments

#### 2.1 General

Isabel Rojas, Labor Relations Representative from California School Employees Association (CSEA), addressed the Board and read a letter regarding a complaint from a CSEA employee. Dalia Villalon, Chapter #185 CSEA, addressed the Board and read a Cease and Desist Unfair Labor Practice.

#### 2.2 Presentation of Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation

Dr. Ross presented Mrs. Prado, Board President, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools for her five years of service on the Vineland School District Board of Trustees.

#### 2.3 Presentation of the Highest Attendance Award

Dr. Ross and Mrs. Prado presented Mrs. Mares, teacher at Sunset School, and her 6<sup>th</sup> grade class the District Attendance Award trophy for achieving the highest attendance rate of 99.06% for the period of August 5-30, 2013. Mrs. Mares' class will keep the trophy for the month.

3. Study Session

- 3.1 Mrs. Rocio Munoz, Principal, Sunset School, reported that Sunset teachers have attended Common Core training.
- 3.2 Mrs. Dena Kiouses, Principal, Vineland School, reported on the Educational Initiative on English Learners Proficiency and disseminated sample student performance data.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Ratify the Supplemental, B Warrant Register – Batch Numbers 3.
- 4.2 Accept letter of resignation from Patricia Chocoteco, Comprehensive Aide.
- 4.3 The Initial Proposal of the Vineland School District for Reopening of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2013-2014 School Year was sunshined.
- 4.4 The Initial Proposal of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the Reopening of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Vineland School District for the 2013-2014 School Year was accepted.

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Hernandez, and carried by a vote of 5 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 5 to 0 to approve the Agreement for Services with J's Communications, Inc. to provide narrow band bus radio services. As of January 1, 2013 the FCC has required all emergency and public safety agencies to use narrow band radio protocols. The District was informed of this requirement by our current provider, C.E.I. back in January.
- 5.2 It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Stenderup and carried by a vote of 5 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 Hernandez and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to approve the Migrant Education District Service Agreement (DSA) as revised. The primary changes to the DSA reference services to 9<sup>th</sup> grade which the District doesn't have and high school exit exam which are not administered. The revision will allow parents choices of tutorial services, for example night school, Saturday services or one on one services which our current DSA does not allow the District to currently offer.
- 5.4 A Public Hearing was held to allow the public responses as to whether every pupil in the Vineland School District has or will have prior to June 30, 2014, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in all subjects that are consistent with the content and cycles of curriculum frameworks adopted by the state board. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m. Dr. Ross reported that the District did have the Williams Visit and the District was found compliant and sufficient in all instructional materials.

5.5 It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Hernandez and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to approve Resolution #0913-01 certifying that all state material fund requirements have been met and that all students will have been met and that all students will have appropriate textbooks by the end of the fiscal year 2014.

5.6 It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Stenderup and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to approve the Agreement for Reimbursement Costs of the Special Education Programs and Transportation provided by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office.

## 6. General Correspondence

### 6.1 Student Enrollment

Dr. Ross reported that student District enrollment is at 834 students. The District will lose several Migrant students between now and the middle of October. There are parents that would like to bring their children back to the District due to smaller classes.

6.2 Dr. Ross reported that we are in the middle of our Common Core training offered by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. We have two more follow-up trainings for kindergarten through second grade teachers. By January 31, 2014, 100% of our teachers will be trained in the new common core standards as well as the new assessment protocols.

### 6.3 Legislative Updates

Dr. Ross reported that the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) funding entitlement was recently released. The District will receive \$159,400 for materials, technology upgrades, and professional development.

The State Senate and the Assembly passed AB 484, which would suspend most of the current Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) testing systems currently in place for the expanding of field testing of the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Smarter Balanced Assessments that will be required in 2014. AB 484 will give students the opportunity to experience the new assessments and allow teachers to prepare our students for the real Smarter Balanced Assessments in 2014-15.

### 6.4 Response(s) to Community Members

Dr. Ross reported that there is now a Williams Complaint form, a Family Community Comment form and a Parent or Community Report of Complaint to better address concerns parents may have.

## 7. Report from the Board Members

Trustee Hernandez reported that for the last two years the Migrant Program has collected and received donations for the food baskets. H & R Block donated chairs and other office equipment to be sold and the money collected will go towards the food baskets. Fliers regarding the food drive and food baskets went out last week.

## 8. Report from the Superintendent

Dr. Ross thanked Mrs. Munoz and Sunset students for the flag salute. Dr. Ross congratulated Mrs. Mares and her students for achieving 99.06% attendance rate and thanked Pat Vasco for putting the trophy together. He welcomed Mr. Freddy Medina as the new board member. He thanked everyone who supported Vineland's

Operation School Bell. Dr. Ross will be meeting with VTA this week and CSEA next week for their monthly meeting. The District received a certificate of recognition from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools recognizing the District as a tobacco free school district.

Dr. Ross summarized the District's 2013-14 educational reform efforts, which would focus all of our efforts and resources in supporting high quality instruction in the classroom, as well as the extended learning environment. We will need to invest our time, energies, and resources in implementing the following educational reform efforts so that as a team we can provide the best educational opportunities to all of our students: High Quality Instruction –At-Scale, Integration of the Common Core State Standards and Assessment, Integration of the Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, Development of Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

The Board agreed to have a special board meeting to approve the unaudited actuals and GANN Limit. The special board meeting will be on September 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 It was moved by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Hernandez and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to approve to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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Unless otherwise posted, the next regular meeting will be held on October 21, 2013.

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Clerk of the Board