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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – September 14, 2022
Closed Session – 4 P.M.
Open Session – 6 P.M.
Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room, Education Service and Support Center
Streamed Online

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. Call to Order
President Ugarte called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

B. Roll Call
Members Present:
Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President
Ms. Leslie Bunker, Vice President
Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Clerk
Ms. Kate Bishop, Member
Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Member

Members Absent:
None

Others Present:
Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent
Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Jason Romero, Asst. Supt. Human Resources
Dr. Matthew Tessier, Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction
Ms. Giovanna Castro, Communications Officer
Ms. Araceli Guzman, Supt. and Board of Education Administrative
   Manager
Ms. Paloma Romo, Secretary II (Office of the Superintendent)

C. Pledge of Allegiance
President Ugarte asked Clerk Tamayo to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action)

Motion: BISHOP, Second: BUNKER, Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Agenda
3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The Oral Communications section provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on closed session items only. Persons wishing to be heard may attend in person and should complete a "Request to Be Heard" card and submit it to the Recording Secretary before the start of the meeting or call 619-679-9001 prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to three minutes and speak in a respectful and professional manner. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each topic to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comments depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. No Board action can be taken.

No speakers.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

President Ugarte adjourned to closed session at 4:08 P.M. in accordance with the following:

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

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2022050500 for Student No. 453679

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2022070205 for Student No. 912888

Government Code Section 54956.9(d): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Superior Court, Sacramento County, Case No. 37-2017-80002701-CU-WM-GDS

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Ugarte reconvened to open session at 6:01 P.M. with all Board Members present.

Clerk Tamayo announced that in closed session, the Board:

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2022050500 for Student No. 453679

Approved.
Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2022070205 for Student No. 912888

Approved.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

Government Code Section 54956.9(d): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Superior Court, Sacramento County, Case No. 37-2017-80002701-CU-WM-GDS

No action was taken.

President Ugarte requested a break at 6:03 P.M. and meeting reconvened at 6:04 P.M.

A. Call to Order
   President Ugarte called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. with all Board Members present.

B. Roll Call
   Members Present:
   Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President
   Ms. Leslie Bunker, Vice President
   Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Clerk
   Ms. Kate Bishop, Member
   Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Member
   Members Absent:
   None

   Others Present:
   Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent
   Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent
   Mr. Jason Romero, Asst. Supt. Human Resources
   Dr. Matthew Tessier, Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction
   Ms. Giovanna Castro, Communications Officer
   Ms. Araceli Guzman, Supt. and Board of Education Administrative Manager
   Ms. Paloma Romo, Secretary II

C. Pledge of Allegiance
   President Ugarte asked Member Fernandez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. APPROVE AGENDA (Action)  

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND HONORS  

A. Presentation of Newly Hired and Promoted Employees  
   Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Mr. Jason Romero announced the following promotions:  
   Catherin Alihin, Human Resources Coordinator/COVID Coordinator  
   Margarita Duarte, Student Attendant  
   Heather Hass, Library Technology Technician  
   Jeanette Hernandez, Instructional Assistant-Special Education  
   Erika Munoz, Coordinator of Early Childhood Education Services  
   Maria Rubio, Child Nutrition Services III  
   Maria Samaniego, Library Technology Technician  
   Marian Santos-Ebriega, Child Nutrition Services III  
   Mr. Romero announced that CVESD works diligently to prioritize classified staff on professional development opportunities. Just a few months ago, the District had embarked on a grant writing offer with National University giving priority to classified employees pursuing an educational career in the most needed areas of instruction, dual immersion, special education, and VAPA. On Monday, the District was notified that it was awarded a $6.1 million grant, giving priority to classified employees pursuing an educational career. The District will ensure that 100 of its classified employees will get this opportunity.  

Member Bishop asked about the details of the grant. Mr. Romero stated it is geared toward tuition. The ‘residency’ will be composed of the classified employee spending one year in the classroom with a master teacher. The master teacher will be compensated for being the mentor, and the classified employee will continue to be compensated for their regular job. A bonus to this program is that we train our future educators to our standards while they continue to serve our community.  

Dr. Reyes recognized and commended Ms. Theresa Villanueva for her 21-years of service to CVESD. Mr. Esquivel shared his appreciation for her work and devotion and wished her well on her retirement. Board Members each thanked Ms. Villanueva for her service.
Dr. Reyes brought attention to the beautiful artwork on the wall in the room from our students at Rice, Finney, Wolf, Lauderbach, and Montgomery. They put a lot of work and heart into the artwork.

B. Recognition of Chula Vista American Little League 10U All-Star Team for Winning the 2022 California District 42 Little League Tournament

Mr. Fernandez stated that the league was chartered in 1958 and has served the community for 64 years. It is located next door to Hilltop Middle School.

It is important to recognize students who excel both in the classroom and on the field. These students are the best of their peers and age bracket. They competed in several tournaments from June to August.

The athletes accomplished the following:

Won 2022 District 42 Little League Championship which encompasses all little leagues in Chula Vista.

Won 2022 Section 7 Little League Tournament, which includes districts spread throughout San Diego County.

Placed Second in over 400 teams throughout Southern California.

Below is a list of the team:

Evan Bortscheller, #24, Clearview
Anthony Burgos, #11, Saint Pius
Manny Dorado, #8, Cook
Samuel Feria, #1, Halecrest
Roman Flores, #50, Halecrest
Sonny Garcia, #1, Hilltop
Lance Gomez, #55, Halecrest
Logan Hinojos, #10, Hilltop
Jacob Loya, #13, Halecrest
Isreal Mejia, #7, Discovery
Luke Moreno, #30, CVLCC
Dominik Paredes, #3, Halecrest
Javier Rios, #9, Halecrest
Titan Smith, #5, Discovery

Appreciation was also extended to the team manager Sergio Feria, and coaches Hugo Contreras, Vincent Moreno, and Juan Carlos Rios.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and congratulate the student athletes.

C. Recognition of the Bonita Optimist Club for the Bonita Optimist Book Grant Awarded to Ten Chula Vista Elementary School District Schools

Dr. Tessier shared that 10 schools participated in the Bonita Optimist Student Appreciation program: Allen, Castle Park, Cook, Discovery,
Halecrest, Harborside, Hilltop, Rice, Sunnyside, and Valle Lindo. They were invited to apply for a one-time library book grant, and were awarded $700 each, for a grand total of $7000. The funds are to purchase new library books for the participating schools.

Bonita Optimist President Kevin Nash and Bonita Optimist Member Ann Stevens were recognized and accepted the Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Bonita Optimist Club. Ms. Stevens stated that the club has existed for over 45 years, and that all fundraising is geared toward student programs. Because of the impact of the pandemic, a grant was offered to schools to use the money to enhance the schools. Students were very appreciative of the opportunity and even wrote thank you notes to the Club.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and thanked the Bonita Optimist Club for their partnership and support.

President Ugarte requested a three-minute break at 6:42 P.M. and meeting reconvened at 6:45 P.M.

8. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

President Angela Reed expressed excitement about the National University grant with CVESD and the opportunity for classified staff.

She shared her concerns of classified staff inappropriately assigned to take roles of certificated staff. They are not trained or credentialed to fulfill these assignments. She gave a few examples of the assignments.

An additional concern is the working conditions of paraprofessionals exposed to maladaptive behavior. They need specialized training to help support students with these behaviors.

These are urgent needs that require prompt attention.

B. Chula Vista Educators

President Rosi Martínez acknowledged the effects of the decisions of leadership, Dr. Reyes, and the Board with students' needs being prioritized and supports being put in place: a counselor at each site to provide mental health support; an impact teacher at every site to provide academic support. Dr. Reyes has provided an additional impact teacher to the highest needs schools which reflects his understanding and willingness to provide what is needed to support students and teachers.

CVE and the District have worked collaboratively to support the social and emotional component of MTSS. Ms. Martínez reiterated her appreciation to the Board for its support, and Superintendent Dr.
Reyes for his full support and ensuring that programs came to fruition. The work is not yet fully executed, though we have strong team to support these services. She acknowledged Lisa Forehand and Rochelle Carroll.

We still need trained staff to help support students with extreme behaviors. Currently, we have teachers supporting these students without the appropriate training while still maintaining a high amount of rigor in their classrooms. The added expectations are affecting teachers. She expressed her appreciation for their dedication, the ongoing support from all other staff in providing services to children, and wished them a well-deserved fall break.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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- Mike Rodriguez regarding school safety practices and active shooter training.
- Armando Farias regarding proficiency for English Language Learners not meeting standards in literacy and math.
- Martin Corona spoke about son being bullied at school.
- Delia Dominguez Cervantes addressed Board Member Bishop regarding her inappropriate comments about a meeting the prior week.
- Rebecca Lemons regarding son at Halecrest Elementary being intimidated by staff.
- Marie addressed Board Member Bishop regarding her negative comments about parents, and her reluctance to salute the flag.

10. ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

A. District Safety Efforts/COVID-19 Update

Mr. Jason Romero presented information on Safety Committees. Committees have been formed at each site, and first quarter meetings have been held. Safety committees are composed of administrators,
teachers, classified staff, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Manager Jose Cortez, Benefits and Risk Management Manager Jennifer Venyak, Senior Director of Human Resources Jorge Mora, and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Jason Romero.

Safety committee discussions/recommendations included:

- Cleaning MOU is no longer required as per CAL OSHA. COVID updates show that cases have declined and there is data to support these results.
- Perimeter checks with areas of concern, i.e., perimeters, fences, work orders. Working with Director of Maintenance and Facilities and Safety Manager to ensure protocols are in place, and repairs are top priority.
- Visitor check-ins. Lack of front office coverage occurs, particularly during lunch schedule shifts. Front doors will be locked, and signs will be placed during the brief periods of staff shortages.
- Rainy day (or heat) schedules being considered for high heat days of over 95 degrees by having students stay indoors.
- Supporting staff on addressing students with violent behaviors. Prioritizing student and staff safety and training during student outbursts.

As for the COVID update, effective September 17th, the State Public Health Officer Order rescinded the requirement of weekly testing for unvaccinated staff and volunteers. Though there are new variants, BA5 remains dormant, and cases are declining. Additionally, ages 12 and up are eligible for the new omicron-specific booster.

- Delia Dominguez Cervantes addressed school safety measures, a discrepancy on the August Board meeting minutes, and teacher pay and curriculum for teacher substitutes.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment.

Member Bishop requested information on student restrictions on the playground during recess, heat level temperature designated as unsafe, and funding for radios (walkie-talkies). Clarification provided stated that there are no COVID restrictions in place for playground activity, heat levels for safety measures are still being reviewed, and funding for radios was a federal grant by the Department of Justice.

Member Fernandez inquired about hiring consultants with expertise in school safety. Mr. Romero shared that the Sobel Group has been considered to provide an independent review of every single school site by conducting safety checks, i.e., checking unsecured areas, ingress/digress during evacuation, and reviewing all safety areas and protocols.

Clerk Tamayo expressed his appreciation for follow through on placing school safety as a top priority and inquired about the security
cameras and COVID testing. Ms. Romero stated that cameras will be synced with Chula Vista and San Diego Police Departments. This has been a top priority for safety. He also stated that there’s been a lot of debate on masking and testing, but consensus that testing and it does work. Weekly testing is highly encouraged and continues to be offered at the sites, and for school events such as sixth grade camp.

President Ugarte acknowledged Dr. Reyes and his team for the emphasis, follow through, immediate communication notification and updates to the Board, staff, and parents on safety concerns, and top priority placed on safety efforts.

B. Harborside Elementary School and Safety Update

Mr. Romero provided an update on safety at Harborside. The topic, work, and efforts date back to January 2022, prior to receiving communication and concerns by the parents, staff, community, and media. One of the biggest joint efforts with the City and community has been to ensure the closure of the park for safety concerns.

Harborside will be the first school to get security cameras. Paid security guards have been on site from 6 am to 6 pm on school days. The recruitment of a new principal was prioritized and thoroughly thought out, and as a result, selected a former Harborside student with a vested interest in the well-being of the school.

In conjunction with South Bay Community Services, improving student attendance is also a focus for the school’s success. Community partnerships have been solicited to help take the community to the next level, in particular the local Sprouts Market. They donated 100 tickets to Disneyland for students who have never attended.

Dr. Reyes added that for several months, he has met and been in communication with the City Council members, Mayor, and local authorities to address the health and safety concerns at the park that has been a recurring concern for years but has become unsustainable. He also stated that the City has protocols they need to follow, and because the park is a City property, it was action that they needed to take. These efforts resulted in the closure of the park on August 31. Furthermore, the City will involve stakeholders for input on the next steps for the property.

- Delia Domínguez Cervantes regarding her involvement with a group of parents at Harborside and shared their input on addressing the safety at the park and school.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment.

Member Fernandez shared his first school visit as a Board Member was Harborside because of the safety concerns. He added that he
too has been in communication with the City, and he expressed appreciation to District personnel for their involvement in addressing these concerns.

Clerk Tamayo affirmed that the passion for student safety is there. His discussions with the City have been ongoing for at least a year. The process has been slow, but we are getting help from councilmembers. Just like we advocate for our students, we also need to see how we can provide alternate solutions for the property and the City.

Member Bunker shared sentiments and emphasized her appreciation to staff for their support and involvement on addressing this issue.

President Ugarte reaffirmed that Dr. Reyes acted immediately on addressing this issue as soon as he was appointed Superintendent. As a result, he called for Community Forums, and action was taken. This issue has not been ignored. The safety of students has been and continues to be the number one priority. Additionally, parents and staff are notified immediately when safety concerns arise at the schools.

C. Report on District Social Workers/Counselor Support Efforts

Dr. Matthew Tessier and Senior Director of Student, Family Community, and Instruction Lisa Forehand and her team presented on District Social Worker and Counselor Efforts prioritizing on student social and emotional wellbeing as stipulated in LCAP Goal #2. There are a multitude of services from District social workers and counselors. Added emphasis was placed on the requirement of obtaining written parental consent for a child to be served. Parents have the right to opt in or opt out. Ultimately, no student is seen without parental consent.

Currently, there are eight District social workers (licensed clinicians), eight interns, and 30 school site-based counselors.

Social Workers are licensed clinicians providing a variety of intensive counseling and case management services to the most vulnerable student population. A list their daily tasks was presented, and a list of student supports.

The top 10 unduplicated sites are each provided with a fulltime school counselor. The remaining are assigned a school counselor 2.5 days per week. A list of their scope of work was shared.

- Delia Dominguez Cervantes discussed parental consent for services being offered to students by the social worker and the need for a bilingual parental consent form specific to services being rendered and keeping parents informed

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.
Board Member Bishop asked for clarification on how the caseload/case management is established, if services and support are provided throughout the year, and how do social workers interact with outside agencies for added support. She also requested clarification on counselor interns. The District social worker explained the breakdown of caseload numbers, that services are ongoing depending on the child's needs, protected services are provided to families, and there is a lot of collaboration and communication amongst all the parties involved, including with partnerships. MTSS Director Elizabeth Gianulis confirmed that there are counselor interns and explained the requirements/qualifications and training provided.

Board Member Fernandez commended and acknowledged the counselors and social workers for their commitment and support.

Clerk Tamayo expressed appreciation for the support provided to students. He asked how much of a challenge it is to recruit counselors and social workers. Mr. Romero explained that currently there is a hiring shortage in all areas of education. Fortunately, partnering with local universities so that we have a network of counseling connections help in providing internships and valuable opportunities for interested and qualified candidates.

Vice President Bunker and President Ugarte commended the support of social workers and counselors focusing on students with greatest need, and highlighted that parents are required to provide written consent for their child to receive these services.

11. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)  
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: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

   Items pulled by the public: 11A, and 11C.K. Item 11B was pulled by Member Bishop.

A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting August 10, 2022
   • Delia Dominguez Cervantes discussed the achievement gap, and resources for teachers

Present Ugarte stated that comments on 11.A. were noted, but in reviewing the minutes of the meeting it is confirmed that they accurately reflect what was said.
Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ,
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

B. Adopt Resolution Acknowledging and Establishing the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day

Board Member Bishop said it was important to take this time to read the importance of the resolution and not hide in Consent. She read the resolution out loud in its entirety.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

C. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through O

- Ariana Rodriguez questioned the reclassification of range change for classified employees effective July 1, 2021, as a result of reallocation.

Mr. Romero explained that the reallocation process is initiated by the CVCEO, and compensation is compared at 10 local districts. Recommendations are then brought to the District based on meeting the 50% threshold. If it is under 50%, based on the data, positions in that category are brought forward for approval.

Additionally, reallocation as related to job duties are specific. What is reviewed is wage averages. The results of the reallocation study are available to employees to review either with their union or in human resources.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: BUNKER
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

D. Approve Revision to Management Salary Schedules

E. Approve the 2022-23 Consolidated Application

F. Ratify Second Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with the YMCA of San Diego County for the After-School Education and Safety Program for the 2021-22 School Year

G. Adopt Resolution Endorsing the 2022 RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN

H. Ratify Agreement with San Diego Interagency Related to Providing Educational Support to Students in Foster Care for the Period of August 1, 2021, Through June 30, 2026
I. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with South Bay Community Services to Provide Mental Health Support to Students for the Period of July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2023

J. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with South Bay Community Services to Provide Children’s Mental Health Program to Students for the Period of July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2027

K. Ratify Contract for Management and Implementation of a Community Development Block Grant Between Chula Vista Elementary School District, as the Fiscal Agency for the Chula Vista Community Collaborative, and the City of Chula Vista for the 2022-23 School Year

L. Ratify Nonpublic, Nonsectarian Individual Services Agreement with ACES Academy for Student No. 307621 for the 2022-23 School Year

M. Approve Renewal of Agreement with the Living Coast Discovery Center Foundation for Environment and Coastal Resource Preservation Educational Programs, for the Period of September 15, 2022, Through June 30, 2025

N. Adopt Resolution Establishing Appropriations Limits for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 Pursuant to Article XIIIB (Gann Amendment) of the California State Constitution

O. Approve Agreement with the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control for School Cleanup Agreement at Otay Ranch Village 2, Site 2 School Site in the Amount of $51,404, from September 15, 2022, Through Completion of the Cleanup

P. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Chula Vista Elementary School District to Accept San Diego County Air Pollution Control District Funds for School Bus Replacement and Execute Two Grant Agreements with the Air Pollution Control District

Q. Approve Amendment to Bid No. 21/22-3 Network Hardware Equipment with GigaKOM to Purchase Cisco 9300 Network Equipment Switches in the Amount of $49,261.40, for the Period of September 15, 2022, Through March 31, 2023

S. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the South County Support Services Agency Piggyback Bid No. 2122-SC11-01-C, Public Transportation Equipment to Purchase Electric and/or Alternative Fuel Buses, for the Period of September 14, 2022, Through November 2, 2022

T. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the Waterford Unified School District’s Bid No. 01/22 School Buses to Purchase Three Compressed Natural Gas Low Nitrogen Oxide Buses, for the Period of September 14, 2022, Through December 31, 2022

U. (1) Approve Retention Release for Bid Packages Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, and 16 for Fahari L. Jeffers Elementary School;

(2) Approve Change Order for Multiple Prime Contractors for an Increase in the Amount of $69,475; and

(3) Approve Notice of Completion for Bid Packages Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, and 16

V. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through August 31, 2022

W. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearings section provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on specific items. Persons wishing to address the Board on any public hearing items must complete a “Request to Be Heard” card and submit it to the Recording Secretary before the start of the meeting or call 619-679-9001 prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to three minutes and speak in a respectful and professional manner. The Board shall limit the total time for input on each public hearing item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comments on each public hearing item depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard.

A. (1) Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and the Williams Class Action Settlement; and

(2) Adopt Resolution for the 2022-23 School Year Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and the Williams Class Action Settlement with the State of California.

Dr. Matthew Tessier stated that the lawsuit originated in San Francisco 2000 and settlement reached in 2004. It stipulated that
lower income community schools had decrepit buildings, insufficient instructional materials, and unqualified teachers. As a result, State brought teams around to make sure that the aforementioned issues were corrected.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: BISHOP
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

B. (1) Conduct Public Hearing to Evaluate School Site Located in Otay Ranch Village 2 Based on California Department Education Title 5 Standards; and

(2) Adopt Resolution Making Certain Environmental and Title 5 Site Selection Standard Findings Relative to the Approved Site for Otay Ranch Village 2, Site 2 School and Authorizing Staff to Take Certain Related Actions.

Mr. Oscar Esquivel shared the District is in the process of the acquisition of the new school site in the Otay Ranch Community. As part of that process, the District must perform a public hearing and provide certain findings as stated on the resolution to the California Department of Education with the signature of approval.

Motion: BUNKER, Second: BISHOP
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

13. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Submittal of 2021-22 Year-End Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Mr. Oscar Esquivel presented a report on the 2021-2022 unaudited actuals financials where the District closed the books. He provided information on the changes in the General Fund, including estimated actuals budget, unaudited actuals, increases/decreases, restricted designations, reserve for economic uncertainties, unrestricted revenue and expenditures, contribution changes, and unrestricted designation changes.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Member Bishop asked how it was decided to spend ELOP funds. Dr. Tessier shared that funds were used for support services during break, such as Crickets, DASH, and STETCH, and computers for five schools for students learning to code.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
B. Adopt Resolution Approving an Agreement for Purchase of a Second School Site within Village 2 of Otay Ranch and Delegating Authority to Complete the Purchase

Mr. Oscar Esquivel shared the District agreed on purchase of the Otay Ranch Community school site. The purchase agreement is the finalization of the purchase of 9.4 acres, approximately $1.165 million per acre, construction to be completed by June 2024.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BUNKER
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

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

None.

15. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

A. Report Calendar to Board of Education

Board Member Bishop requested a follow up on the City of Chula Vista traffic study, a specific MTSS report, and a unified calendar for school events. Dr. Reyes stated that the unified calendar of events is currently in progress.

16. RECESS TO CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING CORPORATION

President Ugarte adjourned to the Chula Vista Elementary School District Public Facilities Financing Corporation meeting at 9:34 P.M.
Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Secretary
Mrs. Kristen Armatis, Chief Financial Officer

Members Absent: None

Others Present:
Mr. Cesar Fernandez
Mr. Francisco Tamayo
Dr. Matthew Tessier, Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction
Mr. Jason Romero, Asst. Supt., Human Resources

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEM

A. Adopt Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chula Vista Elementary School District Public Facilities Financing Corporation Appointing Officers and Taking Related Action in Connection Therewith

Mr. Oscar Esquivel explained that as part of the financing process of the Certificates of Participation, the District has organized a Public Facilities Financing Corporation. Due to changes in District management, a resolution is needed to the appoint new officer. With the retirement of current Director of Fiscal Services Theresa Villanueva, effective September 30, 2022, the new Director of Fiscal Services is Kristin Armatis, who becomes the new Chief Financial Officer, effective October 1, 2022.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: BUNKER
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

3. ADJOURNMENT OF CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING CORPORATION MEETING

Chairperson Ugarte adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

17. RECONVENE TO CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

President Ugarte reconvened to the Chula Vista Elementary School District Board of Education meeting at 9:35 P.M.

18. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Bishop gave a shout out to all staff for all the work in the first quarter.

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Board Member Fernandez visited Rogers Elementary. He is impressed with the high level of work.

Clerk Tamayo wished everyone a well-deserved break.

Vice President Bunker shared that at every school she visited she saw students engaged and following school rules, was impressed with their behaviors, that campuses looked beautiful, and she felt very proud. She wished everyone a restful break.

President Ugarte said that it was a busy first quarter and got to visit sites. She and Dr. Reyes attended the Salute to Teachers and witnessed teachers being recognized. During her visit to Allen, she saw students picking up trash and keeping their campus beautiful. Also, she met with Communication Officer Giovanna Castro who shared the communications plan and goals similar to detailed lesson plans on social media, and District media in general.

19. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

In talking to principals, staff, students, and parents, Dr. Reyes shared that this school year has been such a different feel for what we do. Since day one, the vibe has been positive and uplifting. It has been tough and challenging, yet there is excitement and hard work and it is really refreshing to witness. He sees what happens at every level, behind the scenes, and the results are outstanding. The heart is what we have at CVESD. He wished everyone an amazing break.

20. ADJOURNMENT

President Ugarte adjourned the meeting at 9:43 P.M.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: UGARTE
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Eduardo Reyes, Ed.D. Secretary

Francisco Tamayo, Clerk

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022, AT 4 P.M. CLOSED SESSION, AND 6:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION.