

Arcadia Unified School District  
Board of Education Meeting **Unadopted Minutes**  
January 28, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Arcadia Education Center  
District Boardroom  
150 South Third Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006  
Closed Session - 6:00 p.m. - Superintendent's Conference Room  
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- I.a. CALL TO ORDER: The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- I.b. ROLL CALL: All Board Members were present
- I.c. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

**II. CLOSED SESSION**

- II.a. The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session as provided for in California Government Code Section 54947.6 to discuss negotiations with the District's representative, Superintendent, Dr. David Vannasdall.

**III. RECONVENE TO SPECIAL MEETING AND REPORT OUT**

The Board President reconvened the meeting and reported no action was taken during the closed session.

**IV. ADJOURN**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

**V. OPENING BUSINESS**

- V.a. CALL TO ORDER: The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
- V.b. ROLL CALL: All Board Members were present
- V.c. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Phillipi
- V.d. INSPIRATION: Mr. Nguyen
- V.e. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented

**By:** Mrs. Chavez

**Second:** Mr. Eng

**Vote:** 5/0

- V.f. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION: No actions were taken

- V.g. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- V.h. PRESENTATION: DELTA KAPPA GAMMA ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER - MINI GRANT AWARDS

Mrs. Judy Kerns spoke on behalf of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Alpha Upsilon Chapter, she shared 12 women founded DKG in 1929. She highlighted their mission to support teachers and then presented 13 Arcadia Unified Teachers with their award of mini grants.

#### V.i. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative, Conner Hua, and representatives from ASB provided an update on current and upcoming activities at Arcadia High School.

### VI. ACTION ITEMS

#### VI.a. RESOLUTION NO. 1396 - NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK FEBRUARY 3-7, 2020

##### **Introduction:**

Dr. Hryciw shared our school counselors have a direct effect on the quality of the District's educational program. Therefore, the recognition of school counselors is most deserved.

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution No. 1396: National School Counseling Week February 3-7, 2020, as presented.

**By:** Mrs. Chavez

**Second:** Mrs. Kinsler

**Vote:** 5/0

#### VI.b. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

### VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### VII.a. REPORT ON CAMINO GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD LEARNING WALK

Dr. Forsee gave a brief introduction highlighting the theme for the learning walk and thanked the principal and staff involved in the event.

Mr. Nguyen shared he believed Camino Grove was creating expert learners by making learning enjoyable. The students were engaged and learning in all the classes he went into. There were examples of student ownership and choice at all levels. The Kinder Olympics was enjoyable to watch as they incorporated the activities into lesson plans. The instruction going on with our special needs students was remarkable to observe.

Mrs. Chavez stated it is always a pleasure to be at Camino Grove. Observing the co-teaching continuing to grow at the site is exciting. Seeing peer teaching and student agency at all grade levels is impressive. She liked how the site has adapted UDL to TK. She enjoyed seeing card games being used to help reinforce math and teamwork. Students were focused and engaged in all the classrooms she visited.

Dr. Vannasdall shared that being able to shadow a 5th grader and see a small portion of what their day looks like was interesting. It was great to talk with them and have them explain what a typical day at school looks like for them. The students had a lot of confidence and were very articulate.

Principal Popovich stated she is glad that the Board of Education goes to school sites each year to learn what is going on at the sites and uses that knowledge as they make decisions throughout the year. She thanked her staff that was present at the meeting and the staff that were not able to attend for all they do for the students.

### **VIII. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion:** To take consent agenda items VII.a - VII.i. together and approve as presented.

**By:** Mrs. Kinsler

**Second:** Mr. Nguyen

**Vote:** 5/0

VIII.a. PURCHASE ORDER REPORT NO. 11

VIII.b. SPECIAL AGREEMENT REPORT NO. 11

VIII.c. WARRANT REPORT NO. 7

VIII.d. BUDGET TRANSFERS AND ADJUSTMENTS 2019-2020 NO. 8

VIII.e. FIELD TRIP APPROVAL REPORT NO. 7

VIII.f. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020 AND 2020-2021

VIII.g. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: INSTALLATION OF NEW BASEBALL SCOREBOARD AT ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL

VIII.h. SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS

VIII.i. BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES, OCTOBER 7, 2019

### **IX. STUDY SESSION**

IX.a. GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS FOR 2020-2021 STATE BUDGET AND K-12 EDUCATION

Mr. Esseln thanked Board Members, Mrs. Chavez, Mrs. Kinsler, and Mr. Nguyen for attending a half-day workshop with Katherine Mahoney, a parent, and bargaining unit representatives from ATA, APSSA, and CSEA as well as staff from the Fiscal Department.

Mr. Vong gave a presentation on the Governor's Proposals for the 2020-2021 State Budget and K-12 Education. He shared that the Governor's proposals for the 2020-2021 State Budget and K-12 Education serves as the first step in the development of the school district budget for the 2020 -2021 and multi-year projections for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years. The District is required to develop a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) that incorporates State interests and local priorities and is to be developed in conjunction with the District's budget due to the State requirement that the budget includes the funds necessary to implement the LCAP.

## **X. COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF**

### Board Member Mr. Nguyen

Reported as the Board representative to the Music Club, that there was a good turn out to both the Festival of Bands event in November and the Annual Spaghetti Dinner in January. He stated the Orchestra Benefit Dinner is scheduled for February 29th and noted attendance at the bi-monthly Music Club meetings is growing.

He thanked all the staff for attending the budget workshop and for the presentation.

He noted the School Accountability Report Cards were intriguing to read and that there was a lot of positive information in them.

### Board Member Mr. Eng

Congratulated the teachers that received mini-grant awards from Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Upsilon Chapter at the beginning of the meeting.

He thanked Mr. Vong and his staff for their work on the budget update.

### Student Representative Conner Hua

Thanked Mr. Vong for his presentation on the budget and stated it is interesting to see the budget information which is not typically viewed by students.

### Board Member Mrs. Chavez

Stated it is nice that the School Counselors are being recognized by a National School Counseling week in February.

As the board representative to AEF she provided an update, sharing that the fundraisers are going good for them, they are working on a video contest to have the message of AEF shared to the community, and they are moving forward on summer school plans.

She attended the PTA Reflection event the previous week and stated it is always inspiring to see the creativity of all the different levels of students.

She thanked Mr. Foran and his team on the communications relating to COVID-19.

She concluded her remarks by thanking the Fiscal Service team for their budget presentation.

### Board Member Mrs. Kinsler

Shared that the Collaboration Time group recently held a meeting, and they looked at the calendar for the following year. They reviewed SWAG feedback from the last survey. They discussed what to do in the 2020-2021 fiscal year and noted it might include some Professional Development training during the SWAG days in lieu of groups or with the use of groups if it works. Their final meeting is scheduled in April.

### Board Member Mrs. Phillipi

Believes the increase in School Counselors from 13.5 FTE to 22 FTE is a great help to our students and staff.

She stated it is great that our bargaining units attend the budget workshops and that we are truly interest-based in our approach to negotiations.

She stated that with the increases in STRS and PERS along with the mandated unfunded programs we cannot just stand by, we have to keep fighting for improvements in the budget for education from Sacramento.

She concluded her remarks by stating that the one thing we can do to calm scared parents regarding COVID-19 is to provide consistent and accurate communications.

Superintendent Dr. Vannasdall

He said he is looking forward to the upcoming PTA Honorary Service Award event. It is always a pleasant event and great to celebrate those being recognized for the various PTA awards.

He shared he recently attended the Highland Oaks STEM Lab, ribbon-cutting event. There are so many spaces being created by staff at the school sites. The schools are reaching out to PTA, AEF, and others to help and then working with staff to bring it all together. The ribbon-cutting event was a nice way to celebrate all the people and groups involved in creating the STEM Lab at Highland Oaks.

**XI. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC):** None

**XII. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING AND REPORT OUT:** None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm

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Dr. David Vannasdall, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board

Adopted By Board Action on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Board Clerk