

Escalon Unified School District

Board of Education

November 13, 2018; 7:00 PM

Location: District Office

Minutes

Attendance Taken at 6:59 PM:

Present:

Nicholas Caton

Martha Coelho

John Largent

Kate Powell

Richard Thompson

Absent:

Hailie Webster

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1. Call closed session to order

4.2. Discuss employment/discipline/release/acceptance of retirement/resignation/appointment or replacement of district employees

4.3. Conference with Superintendent and District Negotiator regarding negotiations

4.4. Liability Claim #561833

4.5. Adjourn closed session

5. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes:

7:02pm

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:
Recited

7. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:
The board voted unanimously to place a classified employee on the 39 month reemployment list pursuant to Education Code section 45192 effective November 26, 2018.

The board voted unanimously to deny Liability Claim #561833

8. ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Minutes:
None

9. REPORTS

9.1. Escalon High School Board Representative Report

Minutes:
Student Board Representative, Hailie Webster was absent, Scott Terpstra reported on events taking place at Escalon High School. The Veterans Day rally was a success. Donations for the Thanksgiving food drive are being accepted through November 14th. Tickets for Sober Grad Bunko are \$25 each and are still available. Sports awards are taking place on November 14th.

9.2. Period 3 Attendance

Minutes:
Superintendent Costa reported on period 3 attendance for the 2018-2019 school year. Attendance is up .15% over prior year and the YTD attendance is up by .24% and has shown an increase for all three periods this year over prior year. In addition, all 3 periods have 97% or higher this year for the district. Van Allen, Dent and Escalon Charter Academy are also up all three periods this year.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa handed the board a letter from Wendy Merseeth, teacher at Gateway Academy. He shared a county report on the results of the Williams visit and review of Dent Elementary. The team looks at instructional materials, teacher assignments and facilities. There were no instructional materials issues or teacher misassignment issues, however there were 9 facilities issues that are being looked into.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa reported Escalon won the playoff game on Friday. This week's game is against Hilmar at Hilmar.

Communication with parents is continuing to improve. An email and text to parents was sent out to inform them of our monthly newsletter and giving them an opportunity to get on the mailing list.

The district and the school sites are involved in the PLC process. Each of our teams are developing their team norms and beginning the process to determine our Guaranteed Standards. The district leadership team determined their norms and just as importantly how they are going to hold teams members accountable for the norms. This is the district's first attempt to make a tool for group members to remember our norms and be able to hold each other accountable.

Superintendent Costa reminded the board the CSBA conference is November 29th - December 1st in San Francisco. Emma will be getting the registration and lodging information to the board members who will be attending as soon as it is available.

On Friday, November 19th, OPSC finished the audit and forwarder the paperwork to their accounting departments to release the funds for the EHS modernization.

12. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Minutes:

Dawn Webster, Principal of Collegeville and Farmington Elementary reported her sites both had a successful Red Ribbon Week and Jog-a-Thon. Both of her sites have been meeting to discuss the PLC process. Both of her sites will be holding trimester awards.

Anthony Varni, Principal of Dent Elementary reported his site recently held a Veterans Day assembly with visitors from the American Legion to answer questions for students. Parent conferences are going well at Dent. On Friday, November 16th is the Kindergarten Harvest Program, as well as the Pie Fundraising Assembly.

Jennifer Klopatek-Driscoll, Principal of Gateway Academy is preparing to its WASC visit at the end of December. Enrichment classes are a huge success. Science day went very well, with a great turn out.

Julio Zambrano, Principal of Van Allen Elementary reported the Rotary Club recently distributed dictionaries to all the Van Allen third graders. Conferences seem to be going very well. Poor air quality had all EUSD schools on rainy day schedules, which made it good practice for the upcoming rainy days. A yearbook contest is underway at Van Allen for the cover.

Mark Vos, Principal of El Portal Middle School reported Mr. Gaston was wrapping up today's parent conferences. Mr. Vos and Mr. Gaston recently visited every classroom to discuss Active Shooter, for those staff members who didn't attend the session during the staff development. Escalon Fire visited EPMS to ensure classrooms were safe. There are 1200 opportunities for perfect attendance in a 2 month period, his site recently had 10 students with perfect attendance, which is not an easy task.

George Megenney, Principal of Vista High School reported his site recently had a visitor from Stanislaus State, and former drug addict speak to students, who seemed very engaged. His site also had a presentation from the US Navy. This month both

Vista teachers will attend a conference in Fresno on how to engage unmotivated students. A pizza lunch prize will take place for students with good attendance.

Eric Simoni, Principal of Escalon High School reported his site recently held a Veteran's Day assembly, which all students were extremely well behaved and respectful. His site is moving forward with the PLC process. The football team will be playing Hilmar this week. Winter formal is December 7th.

13. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

Peter Krumeich, City Councilman spoke during oral communications to the board. He would like to see the board work closely with the City of Escalon in the future.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Kate Powell and a second by Nicholas Caton.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

14.1. Approval of Minutes, October 16, 2018

14.2. Student Body Quarterly Report

14.3. Approval of Bills/Warrants

15. ACTION ITEMS

15.1. Consider Approval to Enter Into a Contract With American Modular Systems (AMS) for three (3) DSA Approved Classroom Buildings at Collegeville Elementary.

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve Entering Into a Contract with American Modular Systems (AMS) for the three (3) DSA Approved Classroom

Buildings at Collegeville Elementary. Passed with a motion by John Largent and a second by Richard Thompson.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

15.2. Consider Approval to Enter Into a Contract With American Modular Systems (AMS) for three (2) DSA Approved Classroom Buildings and (1) Restroom Building at Escalon Charter Academy.

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve Entering Into a Contract with American Modular Systems (AMS) for two (2) DSA Approved Classroom Buildings and one (1) restroom building at Escalon Charter Academy. Passed with a motion by Richard Thompson and a second by John Largent.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

15.3. Consider Approval of Gift Donations to Escalon High School

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the Gift Donations Made to Escalon High School. Passed with a motion by Kate Powell and a second by Nicholas Caton.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

16. INFORMATION

16.1. Update on CA Dashboard Local Indicators

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent Ricardo Chavez gave an update on CA Dashboard Local Indicators. His report showed LCFF local indicators and measuring their performance and basic services. The district completed a self-reflection tool to determine it's progress towards the implementation of state academic standards. Parent engagement is key and each year the district administers a

parent/community survey aligned with the LCFF priorities. The Healthy Kids Student Survey administered to grades 5th, 7th and 11th grade for the 2017-2018 school year have not made publicly available. Students have access to and are enrolled in a board course of study consistent with CA Ed Code 51210 and 51220.

16.2. CSEA sunshine proposal for negotiations with Escalon Unified School District for 2018-2019.

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa informed the board, on behalf of CSEA, the CSEA sunshine proposal for negotiations with Escalon Unified School District for 2018-2019.

16.3. A first reading will be held for the proposed board policy revisions as listed below. These revisions will be posted for public perusal at school sites and district office until the next board meeting wherein they will be considered for board adoption.

Minutes:

A first reading was held for the proposed board policy revisions.

16.4. Review Revised Administrative Regulations

Minutes:

The board reviewed revised administrative regulations.

17. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Minutes:

The board congratulated Richard Thompson and Kate Powell for winning the board elections. They thanked Peter Krumeich for attending tonight's meeting, for Ricardo Chavez' information on the CA Dashboard Local Indicators and Jennifer Klopatek-Driscoll for her hard work with Gateway Academy.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

18.1. November

18.2. December

19. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

8:02pm