

# CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2010  
7 P.M.  
Board Room  
Education Service and Support Center

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

*Opening  
Procedures*

A. Call to Order: President Coronado called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mr. Russell Y. Coronado, President  
Mr. Larry Cunningham, Vice President  
Mrs. Pamela B. Smith, Clerk  
Mr. Douglas E. Luffborough III, Member  
Mr. David Bejarano, Member

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Dr. Lowell J. Billings, Superintendent  
Mrs. Susan H. Fahle, Asst. Supt., Business Services  
Mrs. Sandra L. Villegas-Zúñiga, Asst. Supt., Human Resources Services  
Dr. John M. Nelson III, Asst. Supt./Team Leader, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Laura Miller Casas, Translator  
Mr. Max B. Batangan, Asst. to the Superintendent and Board of Education

C. Pledge of Allegiance Led By Silver Wing Elementary Students

Silver Wing students Breeannah Bailey, Viviana Delgadillo, Jonathan Ramirez, Breanna Wallace, and Imani Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke on their school activities. Students provided the work displayed in the Board Room.

Principal Alex Cortes accompanied the students to the meeting.

Mr. Coronado thanked the students for coming and presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation and pencils engraved with "Each Child is an Individual of Great Worth."

**2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action)**

*Approve Agenda*

*Motion: CUNNINGHAM, Second: SMITH, Vote: UNANIMOUS*

**3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, WRITTEN REPORTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

*Presentations/  
Awards*

**A. Presentation of First Place District Winners of the 2010 Speech Contest**

"Go Green/Recycle/Global Warming: What Can I Do?" was the topic for the District's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Speech Contest sponsored by the Chula Vista Rotary and Barrett Financial Services, Inc.

Dr. Nelson introduced the first place winners, who delivered their speeches and introduced members of their family.

Mr. Coronado presented Certificates of Recognition and pencils engraved with "Each Child is an Individual of Great Worth" to Grade 4 student Sierra Leeper (Joseph Casillas), Grade 5 student Cassandra Luna (Thurgood Marshall), and Grade 6 student Brent Avery (Olympic View). Dr. Nelson thanked the Chula Vista Rotary and Barrett Financial Services, Inc., for sponsoring the contest. He also thanked Smokin' Sam's BBQ and Allied Waste Services for providing services.

**B. Report on Silver Wing Elementary School for the 2008-09 School Year**

Principal Alex Cortes; Teachers Connie Carle, Kathy Carrillo, and Stacey Smith; and Parent Gabriella Wallace gave a summative presentation on demographics, state and local testing outcomes, Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress, customer satisfaction indicators for the 2008-09 school year, and next steps for the 2009-10 school year.

C. Report on Myrtle S. Finney Elementary School for the 2008-09 School Year

Principal Olivia Amador-Valerio, Instructional Assistant (ELL) Carmen Garcia, Parents Susie Carrillo and Maria Gochicoa, and Student Itzel Martinez gave a summative presentation on demographics, state and local testing outcomes, Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress, customer satisfaction indicators for the 2008-09 school year, and next steps for the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Coronado thanked Itzel for coming and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and pencils engraved with "Each Child is an Individual of Great Worth."

D. Review Written Report on Palomar Elementary School for the 2008-09 School Year

E. Review Written Report on Fred H. Rohr Elementary School for the 2008-09 School Year

The Board reviewed Palomar and Fred H. Rohr Elementary Schools' written report detailing progress made in addressing the District Strategic Goals of Literacy, Equity, Technology, Safe and Supportive Environment, and Collaboration for the 2008-09 school year.

Principals Erin Dare (Palomar) and Rosalba Ponce (Rohr) were present to answer questions.

**4. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)**

*Consent  
Calendar*

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: CUNNINGHAM, Second: BEJARANO, Vote: UNANIMOUS*

A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting February 9, 2010

B. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through I

**2009-10.62**

C. Approve the Calendar for the 2010-11 School Year

Parent/Montgomery Teacher Robin Leon spoke.

- D. Revise Nonpublic Individual Services Agreement with Sierra Academy for Student #105164 for the 2009-10 School Year
- E. Approve Agreement with University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy for Outreach and Education on Poison Control for the Period of March 10 Through August 31, 2010
- F. Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Sweetwater Union High School District for Services Related to the Healthy Eating Active Communities Grant for the Period of March 10 Through December 30, 2010
- G. Adopt Resolution Declaring the Month of April 2010 as *Public Schools Month* and the Week of April 19-23, 2010, as *Public Schools Week* **2009-10.63**
- H. Approve the District's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Title I, Part A, Waiver Application to the California Department of Education and the State Board of Education
- I. Adopt Resolution of Certification Pertaining to Class Size Reduction Re: Option 1 – Education Code Section 52120, Et Seq., – 2009-10 Class Size Reduction Program K-3 Operations Revised Application for the Chula Vista Elementary School District **2009-10.64**
- J. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Two 90' x 32' Relocatable Buildings in the Amount of \$442,600 for Wolf Canyon Elementary School from Modular Structures International, Inc., Pursuant to Cooperative Purchasing Award Bid No. 2005-MODULARS from Nuvion Union School District **2009-10.65**
- K. Approve Award of Bid No. 09/10-10 for School and Office Furniture to Arenson Office Furniture, Concepts School and Office Furnishings, School Space Solutions, and School Specialty, Inc., for the Period of March 10, 2010, Through March 10, 2011
- L. Approve Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP as District Auditor for Fiscal Year 2009-10 with the Option to Retain Services for Fiscal Years 2010-11 and 2011-12
- M. Authorize Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and Support to Execute Interdistrict Attendance Agreements with School Districts for the 2010-11 School Year
- N. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through February 26, 2010 **2009-10.66**

O. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests

2009-10.67

P. Approve Requests for Use of District Facilities

2009-10.68

## 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*Public Hearings*

### A. (1) Conduct Public Hearing;

Mr. Coronado opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to address this item.

Parent Tayebbeh Sharif, Juarez-Lincon Teacher Jena Ritchey, Casillas student Segan Helle, Juarez-Lincoln Parent/Teacher Claudia Kirisimasi, Parent Jugal Thalcor, and CVE President Peg Myers spoke.

Mr. Coronado closed the public hearing.

(2) Adopt Resolution on Particular Kinds of Certificated Services to be Reduced and Discontinued; and **2009-10.69**

(3) Establish Competencies and Seniority Tie-Breaking Criteria for Purposes of Education Code Section 44955, Direction to Notify Affected Employees, and Related Actions

Reduction: K-6 Classroom Teachers, Associate Principals, Coordinators, Directors, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Program Specialists, Project Specialist, Psychologists, Resource Specialists, and Special Education Teachers (Behavioral Specialists, Special Day Class-Mild/Moderate, Special Day Class-Moderate/Severe)

Discontinuance: Part-Time Program Support Teachers, Resource Teachers, Site Resource Teachers, Site Teacher on Special Assignment, and Teachers on Special Assignment (Chula Vista Nature Center and Olympic Training Center)

*Motion: BEJARANO, Second: LUFFBOROUGH, Vote: UNANIMOUS*

## **6. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS**

*Administrative  
Action Items*

A. (1) Approve Revisions to Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget;

(2) Approve Second Interim Financial Report at January 31, 2010;  
and

(3) Certify District's Financial Status for Fiscal Year 2009-10

*Motion: CUNNINGHAM, Second: SMITH, Vote: UNANIMOUS*

Parent/Montgomery Teacher Robin Leon spoke.

## **7. FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS**

*First and Second  
Readings*

None.

## **8. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS**

*Information  
Items/Reports*

A. Report Calendar to Board of Education

B. Report on Before- and After-School Programs

Executive Director for Student, Family, and Community Services  
Nancy Kerwin, Executive Director for the South Bay Family YMCA  
Tina Williams, and Chief Executive Officer for After-School  
Unlimited Audrey White provided an overview of the transition of  
after-school services.

## **9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

*Oral  
Communications*

Oral Communications provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on non-agenda items. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to five minutes. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each agenda item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. No Board action can be taken.

CTA Board Member Jim Groth spoke on the budget and layoff notices. Silver Wing Parent Gabriela Wallace spoke on the budget and its impact on the school. CVCEO Co-Presidents Ernie Gutierrez and Juan Marin spoke on behalf of the Classified Organization regarding its upcoming bargaining sessions.

## 10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

## Board Communications

### Mr. Bejarano:

- Thanked Ernie and Juan for their remarks regarding CVCEO's upcoming bargaining sessions.
- Mentioned that the layoff notices are a proposed action that must be done prior to March 15—nothing is final until we receive the Governor's May Revise. He stated, "We will continue to work through the process during these very difficult times and consider all options."
- Thanked everyone who submitted emails or contacted him regarding the potential layoffs and budget.
- Congratulated the winners and all the students who participated in the speech contest.

### Mr. Coronado:

- Congratulated speech contest winners Sierra Leeper, Cassandra Luna, and Brent Avery.
- Congratulated CVLCC, Harborside, and Silver Wing for being recognized as Title I Achievement schools.
- Congratulated District schools nominated for distinguished school recognition.
- Echoed the remarks made by Mr. Bejarano regarding the layoffs and budget. He said, "This is not a done process and we are still working through it."
- Commented on the order of the agenda. He proposed to the Board that he would rearrange oral communications and reports as needed with their concurrence.

### Mr. Cunningham:

- Congratulated the three winners of the speech contest and all the students who participated.
- Read at Olympic View during *Read Across America Day in the Chula Vista Elementary School District* and really enjoyed it.
- Thanked the school staff and parents who gave a summative presentation on their school. He said, "Great example of staff working hard for our students."
- Mentioned that the budget crisis regarding layoffs is a long process but, unfortunately, decisions must be made prior to March 15.

### Mr. Luffborough:

- Thanked everyone who attended the meeting.
- Thanked everyone who contacted him regarding the layoffs and budget crisis. He appreciated the show of support tonight.
- Acknowledged and congratulated the speech contest winners.
- Mentioned that he is very appreciative of the Board. He feels that the Board will do what is best for students.
- Thanked staff for the presentations and for what they are doing.

**Mrs. Smith:**

- Congratulated the speech contest winners.
- Thanked the new sponsors of the speech contest.
- Thanked the schools for their reports.
- Congratulated Silver Wing and the other schools being considered for distinguished school recognition.
- Thanked Nancy Kerwin and Tina Williams for the report on the transition of the before- and after-school programs.
- Echoed the comments made by Mr. Bejarano regarding the budget. She mentioned that the Board will make the best decisions for the quality of education students deserve. The Board is committed to do what is right with integrity and a lot of thoughtfulness.

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**

*Superintendent's  
Communication*

**Dr. Billings:**

- Commented that the entire bargaining process is complicated. Our Classified Organization participates in interest-based bargaining, which allows them to sit down at the table, problem solve, share interests, and do a considerable amount of dialogue on budget and fiscal issues to eliminate the spread of misinformation.
- Thanked the present and past leaders of CVCEO for always being open and candid.
- Mentioned that California not only has a budget deficit, but also has many inequities. He said, "Not all districts are created equally," so the impact hits districts differently. As the largest K-6 District in the state, we are heavily impacted by anything that happens with Class Size Reduction. We have the lowest class size in any school district in the county—our average is 18.9 in K-3 and 28.9 in Grades 4-6 and we have one of the lowest base revenues limits in the county, which means that we receive less money per pupil. This means we do more with less from the get go. The District will do what is best for children in our community."
- Mentioned that it is the goal for every school in the District to be an 800 API school this year and we might see our first 900 API school. The District has a very bright future, high academic performance, wonderful children, a lot of opportunities, and one of the best teaching staffs in the state.
- Thanked Susan and the Finance Division for maintaining the budget reserves. He stated, "We have to be cautious as we approach the future, but we have reserves that most school districts do not have. I am confident that we will find the right blend of cuts that will still distinguish this District by continuing the highest quality of education for each child."



## 12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

*Closed Session*

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

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Mr. Coronado recessed to closed session at 10:03 p.m.

## 13. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

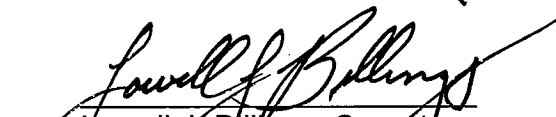
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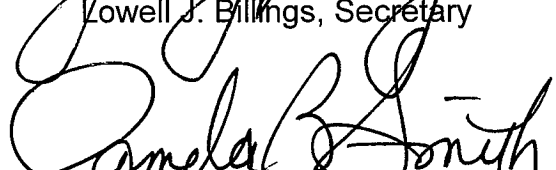
## 14. ADJOURNMENT

*Adjournment*

Mr. Coronado adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010, AT 7 P.M.

  
Lowell J. Billings, Secretary

  
Pamela B. Smith, Clerk