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MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – March 13, 2024

Closed Session – 3 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

President Ugarte called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M

A. Roll Call

Members Present:

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President

Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Vice President

Ms. Delia Dominguez Cervantes, Member

Members Absent:

Ms. Kate Bishop, Member

Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Clerk

Others Present:

Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent

Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent

Ms. Sharon Casey, Asst. Supt. Student Services

Ms. Jessica Morales, Area Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction

Mr. Jason Romero, Asst. Supt. Human Resources

Ms. Lisa Riggs, Area Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction

Ms. Rochelle Carroll, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Services
and Support

Ms. Araceli Guzman, Supt. and Board of Education Administrative Manager

Ms. Lidya Depietri-Marquez, Communications Specialist

Ms. Paloma Romo, Secretary II

2. APPROVE AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

*Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES,
Vote: Ayes:, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: BISHOP, TAMAYO; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE*

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. Oral Communications for Closed Session Items

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No speakers.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session Information

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

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

D. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2023100036

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Ugarte reconvened to open session at 6:04 P.M. She reported that Clerk Francisco Tamayo arrived at 3:25 P.M.

Members Present:

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President
Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Vice President
Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Clerk
Ms. Delia Dominguez Cervantes, Member

Members Absent:

Ms. Kate Bishop, Member

Others Present:

Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent

Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent

Ms. Sharon Casey, Asst. Supt. Student Services

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Ms. Lidya Depietri-Marquez, Communications Specialist

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B. Report Out from Closed Session

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. 2023100036

Motion: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, Second: FERNANDEZ,

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

President Ugarte reconvened to open session at 6:08 P.M. with all Board Members present, except Board Member Bishop.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ugarte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ugarte called for a moment of silence in honor of Peggy Barragan, teacher who passed away.

6. APPROVE AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO,

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND HONORS

A. Recognition of the 2023-24 Speech Contest Winners in Grades Four Through Eight

Ms. Rochelle Carroll was proud to announce the winners of the 2023-24 Speech Contest. Chula Vista Noon Rotary Club awarded monetary compensation to First-Place winners in the amount of \$200, Second-Place \$100, and Third-Place \$75. Each runner-up received \$50. The contest sponsors this year were the Chula Vista Noon Rotary Club and the Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary Club. Community members and CVESD staff served as judges. First-Place winners listed below gave their speeches. Ms. Carroll added that they will be presenting their speeches at the Chula Vista Noon Rotary Meeting, the City of Chula Vista Council Meeting, and the Chula Vista City Managers' Meeting.

The theme was 'How Can We Unleash Our Superpowers for a Positive Change?'

Melody Berry, 4th Grade, Veterans
Dafne Romero Zuniga, 5th Grade, Mueller Charter
Carter Spotser, 6th Grade, Wolf Canyon
Syara Platero, 8th Grade, Discovery Charter

Board Members thanked and commended the winners and presented each one with a Certificate of Recognition and a \$200 check.

C. Recognition of Peggy Barragan for her Dedication to the Chula Vista Elementary School District for Over 20 Years

Ms. Rochelle Carroll spoke in honor of Ms. Peggy Barragan, a devoted educator, loving mother, daughter, and cherished member of the Chula Vista community since 1985. Ms. Barragan began her teaching career as a substitute teacher at the Chula Vista Elementary School District. She then went on to open Heritage Elementary School in 2002 as a founding teacher where she dedicated her career to its community, teaching multiple grade levels and inspiring countless Hawks.

Beyond her commitment to education, Ms. Barragan devoted her time to coaching soccer, baseball, and basketball. Her love for students and collaborative spirit with colleagues at Heritage Elementary defined her career.

Ms. Barragan passed away peacefully on February 28, 2024, surrounded by her family, and loved ones. She leaves a legacy of compassion and dedication, inspiring countless students to reach their full potential.

There was one speaker:

- CVE President Rosi Martinez spoke to honor the dedication, devotion, and passion for her support for students, her colleagues, family, friends, and our community.

Board Members had an opportunity to comment and express their condolences and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Barragan's family.

President Ugarte requested a break at 6:54 P.M. and meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

President Angela Reed expressed frustration with the sizable percentage of layoffs of IT support staff. The IT department will face more than a 50% shortfall next year with 13 of 24 technician layoffs. Some of these employees have been in their positions for up to 15 years. The reduction and lack of support will hinder child learning and teacher support.

There is a \$6 million allocation for curriculum adoption for the 2024-25 school year. Surprisingly, no curriculum is proposed. Why choose laying off classified employees due to lack of funds when this money could be used for technology to support our students? She implored the Board to rescind devastating IT support layoffs and fully fund informational services.

B. Chula Vista Educators

President Rosi Martinez recognized students and their speeches, teacher of the year celebration, and CVE Sunshine for 2024-25 school year

Listening to the Speech Contest winners is her favorite part of attending these meetings. She recognized all the work put into preparing these speeches. Students spent countless hours practicing and much bravery in presenting. She also recognized teachers for preparing them and parents for the support.

Before the meeting, there was a teacher celebration to honor and recognize teachers in 31 schools across the district for Teacher of the Year. It was challenging for the selection committee to narrow down which would move forward to the County. There were so many amazing teachers to pick from. Ana Muro, kindergarten dual-immersion teacher from Camarena, Claudia Fimpel, 3rd grade teacher from Los Altos, and Katie Lafferty, 5th teacher from Wolf Canyon. She wished them good luck.

Lastly, CVE submitted Sunshine for negotiations for the 2024-25 school year, focusing on safety, PAR, and health benefits.

She wished everyone a restful spring break.

C. Administrators Association of Chula Vista

President Theresa Corona shared that she had an opportunity to ask her kindergartners an important question. What do principals do? Their responses were charming and insightful. They feel principals do everything, watch teachers teach, smile at all the people, and do a lot, a lot, a lot for the school.

She then referenced research data showing the effect size of principal leadership is .36, which is equivalent to teacher effect. She highlighted the pivotal role that principals and associate principals play in our District. They are architects of their respective schools, with clear vision and strategic planning, and create a positive culture in school. Plus, their focus on safety and security of the school is paramount.

AACV strives to have a strong professional partnership with the district. A concern was raised about being respected by minimizing emails they receive during their break so they can disconnect, rest, and recharge.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Oral Communications Guidelines

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There were two speakers.

- Teacher Ron Marcus handed out Math 24 cards to Board Members and Executive Cabinet to encourage attendance at the Math 24 competition, on April 20th, at Wolf Canyon, where five schools and eight teams will be competing.
- Employee George Ruiz expressed frustration regarding IT cuts for CST positions decreasing support to students and staff.

10. ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

A. District Safety/Health Update

Mr. Jason Romero provided an update on safety.

District Safety Committee: Concerns included staffing playground supervision, and the committee agreed to revisit the ratio of staff to students and raising minimum number of playground supervision to minimize student injuries.

Raptor School Data: 100% usage at all sites; 48% visitor use increase at sites; 170 alerts; three sex offenders prevented from entering sites.

Board Members had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Romero explained the process of raptor to check in visitors.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes followed up on her request to connect with San Diego County Supervisor Nora Vargas to discuss safety at Harborside. Dr. Reyes will continue his efforts to schedule a meeting with Ms. Vargas' office. He added that a meeting has been scheduled with Metropolitan Transport System (MTS) to address security concerns regarding the unsheltered population near our students.

B. Report on District Innovation Efforts

Ms. Jessica Morales introduced Director of Innovation Michael Bruder and Coordinator of Innovation Ashley Campos. They reported on the District's Innovation Efforts. They presented the Mission Statement, Innovation Station, Coastal Education Program, Health Station, Hydro Station, Energy Station, Sound Station, and Summer Programming. The presentation also included information on

partnerships, the 2020 and 2023 DoDEA Grants, Innovated Learning Committee, Twig Science and Engineering Support, Design Thinking, Innovative Learning Environments, Vex EQ Robotics, Sustainability, and What's Next in Innovation.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

C. Report on District Expanded Learning Programs

Ms. Jessica Morales stated another reason CVESD is the best place to be is our incredible LEAD program. It is a \$24 million plus program that just started in quarter one. This presentation will not only address the expansion of the program across the District, but our vision for the years to come. She introduced Director of Expanded Learning Opportunities Programs (ELOP) Omar Calleros.

Mr. Calleros started off by thanking the teams that have helped the program up and running. He introduced the LEAD team Coordinators Christy Bystrak and Priscilla Garza, and Secretary Rebecca Enriquez.

The presentation including information on funding, Safe Time for Recreation and Tutoring of Children (STRETCH), Dynamic After School Hours (DASH), Junior Academy, After School Education & Safety (ASES), Learn-Enrich-Aspire-Develop (LEAD), ELOP Program Timeline, and Highlights.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of 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.

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, Board Member Dominguez Cervantes pulled Items 11.B., 11.C. Subsections B, C, F, K, and L, 11.F., 11.I., and 11.X.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FERNANDEZ,

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

B. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meetings and Special Meetings

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes corrected the minutes of the Special Meeting January 20, 2024, stating she has two daughters who teach in the District.

Motion: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, Second: TAMAYO,

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

C. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through L (2023-24.070)

Subsection B. REEMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF (Ed Code 45114, 45298, 45308)

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes expressed disappointment of low pay rates for Instructional Assistant Behavioral Specialist of \$20.92/hour.

Subsection C. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes wants to ensure the Director of Attendance, and Wellness and student support provides direct support to school sites.

Subsection F. RELEASE OF TEMPORARY CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes wanted a clear understanding of temporary teachers and felt the community should also be informed. She inquired on the impact to temporary teachers and our students.

Mr. Romero explained that in the State of California we have four classifications of certificated employees. Substitute is day-to-day assignment, not in a position for not more than 20 days; Temporary teachers are placed in a temporary assignment where probationary or permanent teacher will be returning to that assignment. The District has to hold that position for the returning teacher. Traditionally, these absences are for pregnancy or bonding time. The District guarantees the right to return by having a temporary teacher in place. Another reason for a temporary assignment is temporary funding, such as special ESSR funds to hire an impact teacher at every site. One example is 55 impact teachers. Now that we no longer have ESSR funding, those impact teachers return to their regular assignments and temporary teachers are released. As a point of clarification, when temporary teachers signed a one-year contract they knew June 6th would be their last day.

For the displacement process, we evaluate the number of teachers on a temporary absence and those temporary teachers are called back to fill the need.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Subsection K. CONTRACTS:

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes requested a description of services obtained.

Mr. Romero stated Marsh & McClennan Insurance Agenda, LLC, is an insurance broker for the District. They ensure we are getting the best rates.

Subsection L. CONSULTANTS:

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes requested a description of services from PT In Motion, Inc., and the billing process, and San Diego Center for Vision Care Optometry.

Ms. Casey stated the contract was in approved in July 2023. The agency provides physical therapy and assessments for students with disabilities. Funds were exhausted so additional funds are required to increase services and support for our children. The agency bills the District once a service is performed.

Additionally, San Diego Center for Vision Care Optometry is a service provided at their facility. The service was provided to comply with students' IEP requirement.

Ms. Casey stated the nonpublic agency was requested by the parent to provide tutoring service for her child via a settlement agreement. It was approved by the Board. Ms. Morales shared in a Board Update academic tutoring information of all the different academic courses that LEAD offers. She will provide an updated list by school site.

Vice President Fernandez inquired on Ninja Coalition, Inc. Ms. Morales shared in a Board update stated we received extra funding through the ASES Grant, so we were able to go big on our intersession camps. Risk Management approved the Ninja course. It will be stationed at Jeffers Elementary. All students will have opportunity participate, and transportation will be provided. Board Members, Superintendent, and staff are also welcomed to participate.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FERNANDEZ,

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

- D. Adopt Resolution Designating April 2024 as National Arab American Heritage Month in the Chula Vista Elementary School District **(2023-24.071)**
- E. Adopt Resolution Designating the Month of April 2024 as Public Schools Month in the Chula Vista Elementary School District **(2023-24.072)**
- F. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization and Chula Vista Elementary School District Regarding Pathways to Credentialing and Permits to Early Childhood Education.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes requested clarification on the MOU and what the program entails. Mr. Romero stated the grant is in conjunction with National University and provides a pathway for classified employees to earn their teaching credential. The Aspire Program focuses on Special Education and Dual Immersion. This MOU is for early childhood. Employees earn their teaching credential and become teachers in the District. They earn their credential while still working in their current position. Classes are either onsite or online. They are also allowed time away during their workweek to complete their schoolwork.

This pathway allows them to receive their regular pay while completing their teaching credential versus in the past where they would volunteer with no pay while completing their student teaching.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

- G. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Chula Vista Educators Regarding the Community Schools

- H. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Chula Vista Educators Regarding Transfer Rights.
- I. Approve LEAD Program Offerings for Quarter Three

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FERNANDEZ

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

- J. Adopt Resolution Endorsing March 2024 as Arts Education Month **(2023-24.073)**
- K. Adopt Resolution Designating April 2024 as National School Library Month in the Chula Vista Elementary School District **(2023-24.074)**
- L. Ratify Nonpublic, Nonsectarian Individual Services Agreement with The Institute for Effective Education for Student No. 308237 for the Period of March 11, Through June 30, 2024
- M. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the Region 4 Education Service Center Request for Proposal No. 20-12, for Audio Visual Equipment, Accessories, and Services for the Period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 **(2023-24.075)**
- N. Approve Agreement with Balfour Beatty Construction for Preconstruction and Construction Management Services for the Chula Vista Hills Elementary School Fire Lane Project, for the Period of March 14, 2024, Through Completion of the Project
- O. Approve Agreement with Balfour Beatty Construction for Preconstruction and Construction Management Services for Greg Rogers Elementary School Athletic Field Renovation Project, for the Period of March 14, 2024, Through Completion of the Project
- P. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the Oxnard Union High School District Bid No. 668 Gas and Diesel Fuel from Cardlock Fuel Systems, LLC, dba SC Fuels, for the Period of May 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2025 **(2023-24.076)**
- Q. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the Hemet Unified School District Bid No. PUR2023-01, Furniture Bid, for the Period of March 14, 2024, Through March 15, 2025 **(2023-24.077)**
- R. Approve Letter Agreement with HomeFed Designating a School Site Within Otay Ranch Village 8 East and Otherwise Relating to Mitigation of Impacts Arising from Development of Otay Ranch Village 8 East
- S. (1) Approve Retention Release for the Universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Portable Project at Enrique S. Camarena, Joseph Casillas, Hilltop Drive, Lillian J. Rice, Burton C. Tiffany, Veterans, and Wolf Canyon Elementary Schools to Conan Construction, Inc.;

(2) Approve Change Order to Conan Construction, Inc., for an Increase in the Amount of \$21,580.00; and

(3) Approve Notice of Completion to Conan Construction, Inc.

T. Approve Renewal of Agreement with Powerschool in the Amount of \$40,627.90, for Website Hosting Services Provided Through the SchoolMessenger® Platform, for the Period of March 31, 2024, Through March 30, 2025

U. Approve Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP as Auditor for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for the District Financial and Compliance Audit, and the Measure VV and Measure M General Obligation Bond Programs Financial and Performance Audit Required Under Proposition 39

V. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of Sourcewell Contract No. 063022-SES for Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services with Strategic Equipment, LLC dba Trimark Strategic for the Period of March 14, 2024, Through August 3, 2026 **(2023-24.078)**

W. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through February 29, 2024 **(2023-24.079)**

X. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests **(2023-24.080)**

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes motioned to remove line-item Las Mañanitas Breakfast \$220. She stated it is a fundraising event and should be paid out of pocket.

Approved with the exception of Las Mañanitas Breakfast Celebration (not a district approved expenditure).

Motion: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, Second: TAMAYO

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

President Ugarte called on Mr. Romero to announce newly hired/promoted employees. Mr. Romero stated there were none to announce this month.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing Guidelines

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. 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.

- B. (1) Conduct Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Initial Collective Negotiations Proposal from the Chula Vista Educators (CVE) to the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) for the 2024-25 School Year; and
- (2) Adopt Collective Negotiations Proposal from the Chula Vista Educators (CVE) to Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) for the 2024-25 School Year **(2023-24.081)**

Mr. Romero explained that as required by EERA, a public hearing of items being negotiated must be held to receive input from the public. For the 2024-25 school year, CVE is submitting the Sunshine Proposal for Article 13 Peer Assistance and Peer Review (PAR), Article 14 Safety, and Article 51 Health (health cap compensation).

There were no speakers.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FERNANDEZ

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

13. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

- A. Adopt Select Delegate and Cast Vote for 2024 California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly Candidates for Region 17

Dr. Reyes explained the Board gets to vote for a Delegate for the California School Boards Association (CSBA.) There are nine vacancies and nine candidates.

Vice President Fernandez asked Board Member Dominguez Cervantes if she would serve as a Delegate and have her name added to the ballot. She thanked him for the offer, but respectfully declined.

The Board voted for all nine candidates.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes abstained explaining she does not know anyone on the ballot.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO

Vote: Ayes: FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES

- B. (1) Approve Revisions to Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget;
- (2) Approve Second Interim Financial Report at January 31, 2024; and
- (3) Certify District's Financial Status for Fiscal Year 2023-24 **(2023-24.082)**

Mr. Esquivel presented the Second Interim Report of the 2023-24 school year, which is an update of the First Interim Report of the general fund. The District is

proposing a positive certification to the County Office of Education and to the State of California, meeting its financial responsibilities for the current year and next two years.

He provided a summary of the changes in revenues, expenditures, beginning and ending balances, inventory, commitments, and reserves of the Unrestricted and Restricted General Fund, Second Interim Commitments/Assignments, Second Interim Restricted Fund Balances, Second Interim Reserve for Economic Uncertainties (REU) changes, Unrestricted General Fund Revenue and Other Sources Changes, Unrestricted General Fund Expenditure Changes, Unrestricted General Fund Contribution Changes, Second Interim Multi-Year Financial Projections for 2023-24 through 2025-26, Multi-Year Projection Assumptions, Multi-Year REU Projection, and Historical Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

Board Members thanked Mr. Esquivel for the report. Mr. Esquivel answered numerous questions from the Board and added that we are recommending approval of the positive certification to send to the San Diego County Office of Education and the State of California.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO

Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

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 Dominguez Cervantes requested a report on tutoring, specifically how many students, by grade level, by school, are not meeting the reading academic requirements. She also inquired on how involved the Director of Attendance is with sites.

Ms. Carroll explained that information was provided via a Board Update and offered to meet with Board Member Dominguez Cervantes to review the data. She will include the information again in the next Board Update.

Clerk Tamayo requested in a Board Update information on why we are laying off so many IT technicians, and thoughts on how to minimize the impact.

Vice President Fernandez requested information in a Board Update what efforts we have in place to address academics at Harborside Elementary.

President Ugarte stated that last month public speaker, Ms. Doyle requested we establish a resolution to improve the environment. Since next month is Earth Day, President Ugarte requested an environmental resolution at the April Board Meeting.

16. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

A. Members of the Board of Education Communications to the Public

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes wants to ensure we have as many staff as possible trained for CPR. She attended the Vision for Learning event at Lauderbach and commended Mr. Joshua Kohler, and Read Across America at Loma Verde, Heritage, and Lauderbach. She also mentioned a threatening letter about being watched. She emphasized she is pro student, pro parent, and pro staff, and will continue to make them her priority. Lastly, she thanked everyone for their support and patience for serving on this dais.

Clerk Tamayo attended the Teacher of the Year event and commended Ms. Rochelle Carroll for coordinating it. He participated in a forum with labor leaders and other Districts to discuss legislation and efforts from CSBA and Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) to avoid budget cuts in education.

Vice President Fernandez congratulated the Teachers of Year and the three finalists moving on to the next level. He thanked the Innovation Team for including him in the professional learning conference South By Southwest (SXSW), in Austin, Texas. The dais champions their projects and efforts, so representation, understanding, and knowledge is paramount. He addressed his absence for the Special Board Meeting that was scheduled with only a one-week notice. He had a previously scheduled commitment with Opening Day for Chula Vista Little League where he serves as Vice President and manages sponsorships and vendors. It was his personal choice not to attend the Special Meeting; therefore, he did not have an agenda item for his absence. Lastly, he wished everyone a great break.

President Ugarte attended the PTA Founders' Dinner where Ms. Carroll received an award. She addressed educator safety and mitigating student behavior to support those educators on the front lines. Salt Creek and Los Altos are the two sites she participated at for Read Across America. She attended the Teacher of the Year event, congratulated them, and looks forward to attending the Classified Reception to acknowledge the staff. She wished everyone a well-deserved and restful break.

17. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

A. Superintendent's Communications to the Public

Dr. Reyes expressed how proud and honored he is to be part of this District and work with such an incredible team. He shared his sentiments on the Teacher of the Year celebration. It was touching to see teachers so passionate and motivated with all the remarkable things they do. He realizes it is a small recognition, but definitely very important and meaningful to celebrate each one of them. Lastly, he thanked the Board for their ongoing leadership and support.

18. ADJOURNMENT


A. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO

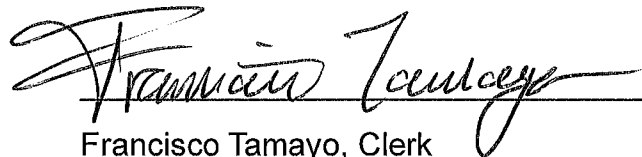
Vote: Ayes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: BISHOP; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

- B. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Chula Vista Elementary School District will be held on April 17, 2024, at 4:00 PM for Closed Session and 6:00 PM for the Open Session



Eduardo Reyes, Ed.D. Secretary



Francisco Tamayo, Clerk