

Alvord Unified School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 21, 2021, 4:00 PM
Via Teleconference

MINUTES

Attendance Taken at 4:00 PM:

Present:

Ms. Lizeth Vega
Dr. Joanna Dorado
Mrs. Julie Moreno
Mr. Robert Schwandt
Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

1. BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

2. CALL TO ORDER - 4:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

a. Establishment of Quorum

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Public Comment

Minutes:

No public comment for this portion of the meeting.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

a. CLOSED SESSION

1. Student Discipline Cases Pursuant to Education Code 48912 & 48918 - Student Disciplinary Actions

1. Recommendation to Readmit

Expulsion Cases: 2018-19-88; 2019-20-54

Motion Passed: Recommendation to Readmit Expulsion Cases: 2018-19-88; 2019-20-54

Passed with a motion by Ms. Lizeth Vega and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Recommendation to Reinstate

Expulsion Case: 2019-20-OD11

***OD = Out of District**

Motion Passed: Recommendation to Reinstate Expulsion Case: 2019-20-OD11*OD = Out of District

Passed with a motion by Ms. Lizeth Vega and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Public Employee

Appointment/Assignment/Reassignment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957):

3. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

5. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(b)(1))

6. Superintendent Evaluation

7. Liability Claim

1. Liability Claim 20-21-200

Motion Passed: Approve Liability Claim 20-21-200

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

4. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION- 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega reconvened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

5. INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

a. Call to Order and Welcome

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Minutes:

Superintendent, Dr. Allan Mucerino requested a moment of silence. Dr. Mucerino stated that one of the members of the Alvord family had lost her third family member to COVID. Dr. Mucerino requested a minute of silence to pray for the families who have lost loved ones and those who have been lost to the pandemic.

c. Ward 6 Update

Minutes:

Councilmember Mr. Jim Perry provided an update on the Magnolia Avenue widening street project. Mr. Perry stated that the project should be completed in mid-February. Mr. Perry stated that Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson would be having her first State of the City Address on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Mr. Perry shared that the Myra Linn Mural by Myra Linn Elementary School would be receiving a Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Award. Mr. Perry stated that The Cheech Art Museum had been approved by the City of Riverside Council. Mr. Perry stated that a new state of the art library would be opening near The Fox Theatre in downtown Riverside. Mr. Perry shared that decorative art butterflies made by a local artist would be placed at Orrenmaa Elementary School. Mr. Perry shared that Kaiser Permanente Medical Center would be expanding their facilities to include a third tower and

parking structure. Mr. Perry stated that in the next few months a crosswalk in front of Arizona Middle School would have flashing beacons installed to ensure pedestrian safety. Mr. Perry stated that depositions were being taking from the owner of the gas station on La Sierra Avenue and Magnolia Ave. Mr. Perry provided an update of new businesses coming to the City of Riverside.

d. Public Comment

Minutes:

Public Comments received by e-mail.

Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, Jennifer O'Farrell wished everyone a Happy National Mentoring Month. Ms. O'Farrell provided statistics and data of the positive impact mentoring has on the youth. Ms. O'Farrell stated that during this pandemic, mentors from Big Brothers Big Sisters provide additional mental and emotional support.

Alvord USD Employee, Maintenance Worker II, Juan Esquivel expressed concern regarding not being able to receive parts in order to make repairs throughout the district. Mr. Esquivel stated that there are work orders that are pending and waiting for parts to arrive in order to complete repairs. Mr. Esquivel requested that the Board visit school sites to examine the repairs that are needed, and to speak to district maintenance workers to hear their input in regards to school repairs. Mr. Esquivel requested that the Board of Education please help address this issue.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Arizona Middle School

Minutes:

Arizona Middle School Principal, Mr. Jeffrey Diulio recognized the following individuals:

Student of the Month: Daisy Ingram

Certificated Employee of the Month: Minhwa Suh

Classified Employee of the Month: Olivia Perez

Volunteer of the Month: Sergio Arguello

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION/ SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Minutes:

Trustee Mrs. Carolyn Wilson congratulated Arizona Middle School's recognition recipients. Mrs. Wilson thanked Mr. Jeffrey Diulio for his leadership as principal at Arizona Middle School. Mrs. Wilson stated that she misses celebrating the honorees in-person and she looks forward to when that can be done once again. Mrs. Wilson shared that "MLK Day" held on January 20, 2020 at Arizona Middle School made an impact on her and that it was a highlight in her presidentship.

Mrs. Wilson reminded everyone that the Alvord Cares program is available to provide assistance to families in need. Mrs. Wilson stated that if anyone needs assistance with food, to please contact his or her school counselors.

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt congratulated Arizona Middle School Principal, Mr. Jeffrey Diulio and his team for all their hard work and the outreach they have provided to the community and in turn, the support they have been able to receive from the community. Mr. Schwandt expressed his gratitude to Councilmember Mr. Jim Perry and Councilmember Mr. Steve Hemenway for their support to the district. Mr. Schwandt stated that teachers have been doing a great job with online learning and teaching. Mr. Schwandt also stated that if students are in need of emotional support, school counselors are available to provide support.

Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado welcomed back all students, families, and teachers from Winter Break and to the new semester. Dr. Dorado stated that many individuals and families have been affected by COVID, and encouraged everyone to stay safe. Dr. Dorado stated that the Board of Education is committed to the safety of all the families, students, and staff in regards to COVID and the reopening of schools. Dr. Dorado congratulated all the teachers, management, and administration for all their hard work in providing drive-thru recognitions and workshops. Dr. Dorado also congratulated all the school counselors who will be recognized in the month of February for National School Counseling Week. Dr. Dorado expressed her appreciation to school counselors for providing emotional support to students, assisting students with meeting their graduation requirements, as well as completing their FAFSA applications.

Trustee Mrs. Julie Moreno congratulated and celebrated Arizona Middle School's recognition recipients. Mrs. Moreno stated she was impressed with the accomplishments of Student of the Month, Daisy Ingram. Mrs. Moreno expressed her gratitude to all the recognition recipients for all their hard work and dedication to Arizona Middle School. Mrs. Moreno expressed her excitement for the Parent Engagement Workshops taking place and expressed her gratitude to Parent Engagement Coordinator, Mr. Alejandro Cisneros. Mrs. Moreno thanked all the families that have participated in the virtual workshops and virtual school meetings. Mrs. Moreno encouraged everyone to stay safe and be well. Mrs. Moreno stated that everyone who is dealing with COVID related hardships are in the hearts and prayers of the Board of Education. Mrs. Moreno also stated that the Board of Education is there to serve the community and if anyone needs assistance to please contact them.

Trustee Ms. Lizeth Vega shared that she participated in the Parent Engagement Workshop that addressed how to manage stress and anxiety. Ms. Vega stated that the workshop was insightful and helpful. Ms. Vega thanked the Coordinator of Parent Engagement, Mr. Alejandro Cisneros as well as the Coordinator of Mental Health, Ms. Tanya Gillick for providing the workshop to our district families. Ms. Vega stated that upon the return to school we would have to address the learning gap as well as the social and emotional well-being of students. Ms. Vega encouraged everyone to nominate a student to Riverside's 25 "Most Remarkable Teens" for 2021.

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino expressed his gratitude to Arizona Middle School Principal, Mr. Jeffrey Diulio, his leadership team, and staff for all their hard work. Dr. Mucerino stated that he missed being able to visit school sites and to see everyone in-person. Dr. Mucerino reiterated

the sentiments of the Board of Education; that the district is there to serve our district families and if anyone needs assistance to please contact the district office or district administration. Dr. Mucerino stated that the pandemic has brought the community together to help and serve one another. Dr. Mucerino also stated that there is a national health crisis due to the pandemic. Dr. Mucerino stated that we need to continue to fight COVID together and anything anyone can do to help someone in need is greatly appreciated.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Your Superintendent recommends approval of Consent Agenda items 8.a.1. through 8.d.10.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

a. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. Adopt Minutes - 12/17/20

b. Administrative Services

1. Ratify Agreement - Onyx Paving Company, Inc. - License to Use Parking Lot at McAuliffe Elementary

2. Amend Agreement - Baker Nowicki Design Studio - District-Wide

3. Amend Agreement - Jana Mills - District-Wide

4. Approve Agreement - Ramboll US Consulting, Inc. - Alvord Continuation High School

c. Business Services

1. Ratify Purchase Order List Number 10 - 2020-2021

2. Approve Professional Service Agreement - Howard Taras, MD - District Wide

3. Approve Warrant Listing for the month of December 2020

4. Report of Receipts for December 2020

d. Educational Services

- 1. Ratify Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Contract No. IN60297 IBI (Intensive Behavior Intervention)**
- 2. Ratify Waiver to the California Department of Education to Continue Out-of-State Residential Placement of Adult Special Needs Student**
- 3. Amend Agreement C1007526 - Riverside County Superintendent of Schools - Early Literacy Grant**
- 4. Approve School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA)**
- 5. Approve Master Services Agreement - Playworks Education Energized**
- 6. Approve Professional Services Agreement - Hope Speech and Language Therapy**
- 7. Approve Professional Services Agreement - Michael Berger Creative, La Sierra High School**
- 8. Approve Agreement - Harcourt Outlines, Inc., La Sierra High School**
- 9. Approve Agreement - Music Theatre International, Norte Vista High School**
- 10. Approve Licensing Agreement - Playscripts, Inc., La Sierra High School**

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Report Out of Any Actions Taken in Closed Session

b. Business Services

1. Adopt Resolution No. 33 - Computer Discount Warehouse Government (CDWG) LLC - Piggyback/Cooperative Agreement

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 33 allowing Alvord Unified School District to piggyback on a cooperative agreement identified as Monterey County Office of Education No. 530067, for the procurement of technology equipment and supplies. This agreement is valid through December 31, 2022.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Dr. Joanna Dorado.

- Yes** Dr. Joanna Dorado
- Yes** Mrs. Julie Moreno
- Yes** Mr. Robert Schwandt
- Yes** Ms. Lizeth Vega
- Yes** Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

c. Educational Services

1. Presentation Local Control Accountability Plan

Motion Passed: Emily M. Devor, Ed.D., Director III, Elementary Education, will provide an update presentation and overview of the 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Dr. Joanna Dorado.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

Dr. Emily M. Devor, Director III, Elementary Education, provided an updated presentation and overview of the 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 34 - National School Counselor Week

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the adoption of Resolution No. 34, recognizing the week of February 1-5, 2021 as National School Counseling Week

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega congratulated Norte Vista High School Counselor, Ms. Priscilla Grijalva for being nominated as a "Life Changer of the Year".

3. Adopt Resolution No. 35 - Time and Effort Procedures During Extraordinary Circumstances

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested to approve Resolution No. 35 Time and Effort Procedures During Extraordinary Circumstances.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

4. Review Proposed Revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

Motion Passed: Review Proposed Revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

The Board of Education waived the second reading and adopted the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

d. Human Resources

1. Approve Personnel Order No. 10-2020-2021

Motion Passed: Board approval of Personnel Order No. 10 is requested.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Dr. Joanna Dorado.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

10. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Business Services

1. Overview of the 2021/22 Governor's State Budget Proposal

Minutes:

Dusty Nevatt, Chief Business Officer provided a presentation of an overview of the 2021/22 Governor's Budget Proposal.

b. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. Governor's "Safe Schools for All" Plan and Reopening Schools Timeline

Minutes:

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino provided a presentation to the Board of Education with information and data regarding Governor Newsom's "Safe School for All" proposal and Riverside County's COVID infection case data. Dr. Mucerino stated that Governor Newsom's proposal had not been approved by the state legislature and more information

would be provided at our next board meeting on February 4, 2021.

c. Human Resources

1. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Bob Presby provided the Board of Education with the second Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Dr. Presby stated that there were no complaints received.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Minutes:

No agenda items were brought forward by the Board of Education for future Board Meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino
Superintendent