

Alvord Unified School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 04, 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

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

a. Establishment of Quorum

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Public Comment

Minutes:

No public comment was received.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned to Closed Session at 4:04 p.m.

a. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Recommendation to Reinstate

Expulsion Case: 2019-20-9

Motion Passed: Recommendation to Reinstate Expulsion Case: 2019-20-9
Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt 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

8. Settlement Agreement

1. Special Education Compromise and Release Agreement #20-21-01

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Ms. Lizeth Vega.

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

c. Welcome to the Newly Elected City of Riverside Mayor

Minutes:

The Board of Education welcomed newly elected City of Riverside Mayor, Mrs. Patricia Lock Dawson. The Board of Education also wished Mayor Lock Dawson a happy birthday. Mayor Lock Dawson expressed her gratitude to the Board of Education for all the hard work they have accomplished during the pandemic. Mayor Lock Dawson introduced herself and provided a brief overview of her personal background. Mayor Lock Dawson stated that her State of the City Address was held virtually and it could be viewed online. Mayor Lock Dawson also stated she will be conducting a "Big Tent Tour" which will visit all neighborhoods within the City of Riverside and she invited Alvord USD to participate. Mayor Lock Dawson stated that California's city mayors have attended a meeting with Governor Newsom and city mayors are lobbying to reopen schools. Mayor Lock Dawson stated that if anyone would like to contact her office to please call 951-826-5551 or email her at 2mayor@riversideca.gov.

d. Ward 6 Update

Minutes:

Councilmember Mr. Jim Perry provided an update on housing projects within Ward 6. Mr. Perry stated that a developer has purchased the Kmart property on Arlington Ave. and Van Buren Blvd. Mr. Perry also stated that the new development at the old Kmart property will include a supermarket, retail stores, and fast food restaurants. Mr. Perry stated that construction will begin in June of 2021. Mr. Perry shared that the principals of Foothill and Orrenmaa Elementary have accepted the donated butterfly art that will be attached to the school buildings. Mr. Perry also shared that Orrenmaa Elementary School will begin a lemonade stand program that will teach business skills to students. Mr. Perry stated Principal Taylor from Orrenmaa Elementary has been connected with General Manager of the Galleria at Tyler, Mr. Jim Fuson to possibly host the lemonade stand project.

e. Ward 7 Update

Minutes:

Councilmember Mr. Steve Hemenway provided an update regarding vaccinations. Mr. Hemenway stated that the Riverside Convention Center in Lot 33 will be a vaccination site for individuals 65 and older in the phase 1A and 1B category. Mr. Hemenway stated that for more vaccine information to visit the vaccine.riversideca.gov website. Mr. Hemenway shared that the City of Riverside, Riverside Mutual Aid Network, and IEHP have partnered together to launch the "Little Free Pantry" program to assist families with food insecurities. Mr. Hemenway stated if anyone would like to participate in the pantry program to visit the neighbor@riversideca.gov website. Mr. Hemenway stated that the City of Riverside is looking for businesses to host a pantry and to visit the "Little Free Pantry" website to apply. Mr. Hemenway shared an update regarding the reopening of Jurupa Ave. Mr. Hemenway stated that the City of Riverside is addressing complaints that have

been received regarding off-roading on the La Sierra hill space. Mr. Hemenway also stated that parking enforcements will resume on February 1, 2021. Mr. Hemenway shared that the Ward 7 Office received a donation of ten \$100 gift cards donated by a resident named Ms. Malissa McKeith that was donated to the Alvord Cares program.

f. District 1 Update

Minutes:

City of Corona Mayor Mrs. Jacque Casillas provided an update on the impact of COVID-19. Mayor Casillas stated that the City of Corona has lost 189 residents to the COVID pandemic. Mayor Casillas reminded everyone to be safe and to get vaccinated. Mrs. Casillas provided an update on Foothill Parkway repairs and closures. Mayor Casillas shared that the City of Corona will be launching the first "Emprededores" course, an eight-week Spanish entrepreneur workshop. Mayor Casillas shared that an English entrepreneur course will be held in the spring. Mayor Casillas stated that the City of Corona is in the midst of the creation of the city's strategic plan. Mayor Casillas encouraged residents to review the strategic plan and provide feedback before the plan is approved.

g. Public Comment

Minutes:

No public comment was received.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Loma Vista Middle School

Minutes:

Loma Vista Middle School Principal, Dr. Jackie Casillas recognized the following individuals:

Student of the Month: Camila Rocha

Certificated Employee of the Month: Bethany Rivera

Classified Employee of the Month: Rosa De La Cruz

Volunteers of the Month: Erika Rodriguez and Maria Dolores Cuellar

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION/ SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Minutes:

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt stated that the school district background Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson possesses will allow her to be a great advocate for school districts. Mr. Schwandt also stated that Mayor Lock Dawson has a great reputation in achieving results and he looks forward to working with her. Mr. Schwandt highlighted the work and advocacy Councilmember Mr. Jim Perry achieved with a contentious housing project in Ward 6. Mr. Schwandt extended his gratitude to Councilmember Mr. Steve Hemenway for his assistance in obtaining the Northgate Market gift card donations for the Alvord Cares program.

Trustee Mrs. Carolyn Wilson extended her gratitude and appreciation to Councilmember Mr. Steve Hemenway, President Lizeth Vega, Northgate Market, and Ms. McKeith for the ten Northgate Market gift cards that were donated to the Alvord Cares program. Mrs. Wilson shared that an Alvord alumni and former Board Member's son, Jared Kraft has written a book called, "Seek the Unique". The book was written about his daughter. Mrs. Wilson congratulated all the honorees of Loma Vista Middle School. Mrs. Wilson also shared that the Alvord Cares program received a food donation from the The Girl Scouts of San Geronimo. Mrs. Wilson extended her gratitude to Mrs. Jiranada Strebel and the Girl Scouts for their donation.

Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado congratulated all the Loma Vista Middle School honorees. Dr. Dorado expressed her gratitude to all the honorees for their hard work. Dr. Dorado highlighted that it was National School Counseling Week. Dr. Dorado expressed her appreciation and gratitude to all the district counselors for the great work they have done in providing academic and emotional support to students during the pandemic. Dr. Dorado shared that there has been an increase in college applications from students of color. Dr. Dorado also shared that Cardenas Markets will be providing college scholarships to students this year.

Trustee Mrs. Julie Moreno congratulated all the honorees that were recognized from Loma Vista Middle School. Mrs. Moreno extended her appreciation and gratitude to all the district counselors for their hard work and dedication they have provided to assist students during the pandemic. Mrs. Moreno also expressed her gratitude to Elementary Education, Director III, Dr. Emily Devor and her team for coordinating the district's virtual Science Fair and Spelling Bee. Mrs. Moreno congratulated all the students that participated in both the Science Fair and Spelling Bee. Mrs. Moreno also expressed her gratitude to La Sierra High School Principal, Dr. Tania Cabeza and her team for organizing a drive-thru Honor Roll Ceremony.

Trustee Ms. Lizeth Vega congratulated all the 2021 Employee of the Year recipients. Ms. Vega also congratulated and highlighted the Counselor of the Year Recipients: Twinhill Elementary School Counselor, Erika Marquez; Arizona Middle School Counselor, Maureen Snyder; and Hillcrest High School Counselor and 2021 District Counselor of the Year, Teresa Bierbaum. Ms. Vega also congratulated Confidential Employee of the Year, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, Mayra Figueroa.

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino highlighted and congratulated all the district counselors for their hard work during the pandemic. Dr. Mucerino also congratulated all the Employee of the Year recipients. Dr. Mucerino expressed his appreciation and congratulated all of the Loma Vista Middle School recognition honorees. Dr. Mucerino highlighted the Alvord Cares program and their hard work in providing assistance to our families in need. Dr. Mucerino expressed his gratitude to the Board of Education for caring and working hard for the district.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Your Superintendent recommends approval of Consent Agenda items 8.a.1. through 8.c.5.

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

a. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. Adopt Minutes - 1/21/21

b. Business Services

1. Ratify Purchase Order List Number 11 - 2020-2021

2. Accept Gifts & Donations - January 1, 2021 - January 31, 2021

c. Educational Services

1. Ratify Agreement - Illuminate Education

2. Amend Professional Services Agreement - Augmentative Communication Therapies (ACT)

3. Approve Comprehensive School Safety Plans

4. Approve Professional Services Agreement - Desert Occupational Therapy for Kids, Inc.

5. Approve Memorandum of Understanding MOU1379 for MRWC Data Sharing - Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Illuminate Education, and California State University San Bernardino

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Report Out of Any Actions Taken in Closed Session

b. Business Services

1. Accept the District's Audited Financial Report as of June 30, 2020

Motion Passed: Accept the annual audited Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, pursuant to Education Code Section 41020.3.
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

Minutes:

Eide Bailly, Audit Partner, Mr. Andrew Park provided the Board of Education the District's Audited Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

2. Accept the Financial & Performance Audit Report for the Measure H Bond for June 30, 2020

Motion Passed: Accept the financial and performance audit report for the Measure H Bond for the financial period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

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:

Eide Bailly, Audit Partner, Mr. Andrew Park provided the Board of Education a Financial and Performance Audit Report for the Measure H Bond for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

c. Educational Services

1. Adopt Resolution No. 36 - African American History Month

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the adoption of Resolution No. 36, designating February 2021 as African-American History Month.

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

2. 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. 11-2020-2021

Motion Passed: Board approval of Personnel Order No. 11 is requested.
Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt 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. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Tentative Agreement between Alvord Unified School District and the Alvord Educators Association Regarding Article VIII - Salary and Benefits for School Years 2019 - 2020 and 2020 -2021.

Motion Passed: California school districts are required to disclose the fiscal impact of any negotiated agreement, and conduct a public hearing so that members of the public may be given the opportunity to provide input prior to ratification by the Board.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt 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:

No public comment was made for the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed 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

3. Accept Proposed Tentative Agreement between Alvord Unified School District and the Alvord Educators Association Regarding Article VIII - Salary and Benefits for School Years 2019 - 2020 and 2020 -2021

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for acceptance of the Alvord Unified School District and Alvord Educators' Association (AEA) Tentative Agreement Proposal for the Certificated Bargaining Agreement pursuant to the requirements of California Government Code Section 3547.

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:

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt presented questions regarding the fiscal impact of the Proposed Tentative Agreement between Alvord USD and the AEA regarding Article VIII.

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino and Chief Business Officer, Mrs. Dust Nevatt answered some of Trustee Schwandt's questions.

4. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Tentative Agreement between Alvord Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Alvord Chapter 339 for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Years Regarding Appendix B - Wages.

Motion Passed: California school districts are required to disclose the fiscal impact of any negotiated agreement, and conduct a public hearing so that members of the public may be given the opportunity to provide input prior to ratification by the Board.

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:

No public comment was made for the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed 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

5. Accept Proposed Tentative Agreement between Alvord Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Alvord Chapter

339 for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Years Regarding Appendix B - Wages.

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for acceptance of the Alvord Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Alvord Chapter 339 (CSEA) Tentative Agreement Proposal for the Classified Bargaining Agreement pursuant to the requirements of California Government Code Section 3547.

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

6. Approve Salary Schedule Increase for Managerial Personnel

Motion Passed: Administration recommends a salary schedule increase for all certificated, classified, and confidential managerial personnel to provide a salary increase equivalent to the salary increase provided to the Alvord Educators' Association (AEA), the Certificated employees group and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter 339 (CSEA), the Classified group.

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

10. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Business Services

1. 2020-21 & 2021-22 State & District Budget Update

Minutes:

Chief Business Officer, Mrs. Dusty Nevatt presented the Board of Education an update of the 2020-21 & 2021-22 State and District Budget Update.

b. Board of Education/Superintendent

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

Minutes:

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino provided a presentation to the Board of Education with information and data regarding the most recent update regarding Governor Newsom's "Safe School for All" proposal and Riverside County's COVID infection case data. Dr. Mucerino stated that no further action had been taken by the legislature regarding Governor Newsom's proposal. Dr. Mucerino also stated that the

county has returned to the Tier Color-Coded System. Dr. Mucerino also stated that our county case rate is moving in a positive direction and the district should receive more information regarding reopening schools at our next board meeting on March 4, 2021.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Minutes:

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino
Superintendent