

Alvord Unified School District

Special Board Meeting - Board of Education Workshop
August 12, 2021, 4:00 PM
District Office Board Room, 9 KPC Parkway, Corona, CA 92879

MINUTES

Attendance Taken at 4:00 PM:

Present:

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

1. INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

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

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Establishment of Quorum

Minutes:

A quorum was established.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

Minutes:

Board President Vega extended an invitation to the audience to present matters of concern to the Board. No one came forward.

2. ACTION ITEM

1. Business Services

1. Adopt Resolution No. 6 - Authorized Signers for Union Bank Account - Alvord Unified Retiree Medical Claim Administration

Motion Passed: Approve the removal of current signers and authorize new signers on the Alvord Unified Retiree Medical Claim Administration bank account at Union Bank. Authorize Dusteen Ann Nevatt, Chief Business Officer, to reduce current bank

account balance to no more than \$45,000. Add as authorized signers: Dusteen Ann Nevatt, Chief Business Officer, Robert Edwin Presby, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Amanda Kate Coats Benitez, Benefits Manager, Fred Anthony Warnecke, Director III, Fiscal Services. Remove as authorized signers: Ysidro C. Salazar, former Superintendent, Ami L. Shackelford, former Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Jeffrey D. Hinshaw, former Director, Fiscal Services, Kirk T. Skorpanich, former Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. 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

3. ATHLETICS PRESENTATION

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Dr. Sherri Kemp provided information regarding the current COVID safety protocols in relation to athletics. Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado asked if contact tracing was taking place at the district level or school site level. Dr. Kemp stated contact tracing will begin at the site level and the district is involved in the process as well. Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt asked how often is athletic COVID testing taking place. Dr. Kemp stated athletic COVID testing was taking place once a week and would also include testing before games and matches.

District Athletic Directors: Ron Main, Ryan Highstreet, and Scott Vollmer provided a presentation to the Board of Education that presented what their vision is for their schools, specifically regarding facilities and Alvord USD athletic programs.

Trustee Mrs. Carolyn Wilson asked if the pool leaking at La Sierra High School is safe for students to use. Executive Director, Administrative Services, Mr. Kevin Emenaker stated the leak is occurring in the gutter and it was safe for students to use.

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt asked Mr. Highstreet if he had to choose from one or two athletic related facility improvements for La Sierra High School, what would they be. Mr. Highstreet responded that it would be a stadium and new turf.

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt asked Mr. Vollmer if he had to choose from one or two athletic related facility improvements for Hillcrest High School, what would they be. Mr. Vollmer responded that he would choose a stadium and an increase in athletic coaches.

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino asked Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Dr. Bob Presby to explain how stipends for coaches are decided. Dr. Presby stated that the stipends are identified in the contract and currently there are 53 stipends. The administration and athletic director decide who receives the stipend.

Mr. Main explained the requirements for sport facilities to be compliant to host CIF games.

Dr. Mucerino stated that athletic facilities give schools pride and allows booster clubs to raise funds.

Trustee Wilson asked why Hillcrest High School's facilities are not CIF compliant since it is a newer school. Mr. Main stated cuts were made when Hillcrest High School was being constructed.

Trustee Vega stated that she recently had visited Norte Vista High School's stadium and she agrees it needs improvement.

Trustee Mrs. Julie Moreno thanked the athletic directors for advocating for student athletes.

4. EQUITY AND ACCESS PRESENTATION

Minutes:

Director II, Equity and Access, Ms. Georgina Ramirez provided an overview presentation of the programs the Equity and Access Department is responsible for and supports. Some of the programs include: AVID, College and Career, Dual Enrollment, College and Career Fair, Counselors, and Title I.

Trustee Vega asked how many students have participated in the Dual Enrollment Program. Ms. Ramirez responded that last year, 18 students participated and this year 85 students participated in the program.

Trustee Wilson asked if the Puente Program would be coming to Villegas Middle School. Ms. Ramirez stated that once the funding is available, the program would be available at Villegas.

Trustee Dorado asked how many home visits were conducted with students that are participating in the "Greatness Within" program. Ms. Ramirez stated that approximately 40 or 50 student residences were visited to encourage students to receive assistance to raise their grades in classes, they were in risk of failing.

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Sherri Kemp provided an update on Assembly Bill 104. Dr. Kemp provided details on the newly signed assembly bill, which contains three major provisions: retention, grading, and graduation policies. Dr. Kemp stated Assembly Bill 104 assists high school students who attended school in the 2020-21 school year, to be able to change their grades from a letter grade to a "Pass/No Pass" grade. Dr. Kemp stated that there is a deadline of August 15, 2021 in order to request the change.

Dr. Kemp provided an update on how many students are participating in the district's home base study program.

5. FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION

Minutes:

Coordinator, Family Engagement, Dr. Alejandro Cisneros provided a presentation with an

overview of the work the Family Office Engagement provides to district students and families.

Dr. Cisneros stated some of the programs and services the Family Engagement Office provides are workshops, registration assistance, data confirmation, Alvord Cares assistance, and Book Club.

Dr. Cisneros shared the upcoming plans for the Family Engagement Office. The Family Engagement Office will have district mothers facilitate this school year's Project 2 Inspire courses. Dr. Cisneros shared that an upcoming partnership with Adult Education and the Mexican Consulate will be offered to adults. The program is called "Plaza Comunitaria" and it assists adults in receiving their GED, high school diploma, and provides literacy programs all in the Spanish language.

Dr. Cisneros also stated that the Family Engagement Office oversees School Site Council compliance, facilitates Parent Advisory Committees, supports Family Engagement facilitators at school sites, and connects families in need with resources.

Trustee Wilson, Trustee Dorado, Trustee Vega, and Trustee Moreno expressed their gratitude to Dr. Cisneros. They thanked him for all his hard work and commitment in assisting our district families.

Dr. Mucerino stated that Dr. Cisneros has all the qualities he wants as one of his team members. Dr. Mucerino also expressed his gratitude to Dr. Cisneros.

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega stated the Board of Education would not be proceeding to Closed Session.

1. CLOSED SESSION

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

**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. Liability Claim

7. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino
Superintendent