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MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting –January 17, 2024

Closed Session – 4 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

Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order

President Ugarte called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President

Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Vice President

Ms. Kate Bishop, Member

Ms. Delia Dominguez Cervantes, Member

Members Absent:

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. Giovanna Castro, Director of Communications

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

Ms. Paloma Romo, Secretary II

2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action)

Approve Agenda

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ,

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

Absent: TAMAYO; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Oral Communications on Closed Session Items

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No speakers.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

Government Code Sections 3549.1(d) and 54957.6: Collective Bargaining/Employee Negotiations; Agency Negotiators: Fagen Friedman & Fulfroest, 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)

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

- Employee ID No. 2010923981

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2023060207

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment/Employment:

Title:

- Coordinator of Equity and Access

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

*Reconvene to
Open Session*

President Ugarte reconvened to open session at 6:04 P.M. She reported that Clerk Francisco Tamayo arrived at 4:10 P.M.

Clerk Tamayo announced that in closed session, the Board:

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

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal
Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case
No. 2023060207

Approved.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: BISHOP

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

Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

- Employee ID No. 2010923981

No action.

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment/
Employment:

Appointed Ryan Santos as Coordinator of Equity and Access.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ

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

Absent: NONE; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President

Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Vice President

Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Clerk

Ms. Kate Bishop, Member

Ms. Delia Dominguez Cervantes, Member

Members Absent:

None.

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. Giovanna Castro, Director of Communications
Ms. Araceli Guzman, Supt. and Board of Education Administrative Manager
Ms. Paloma Romo, Secretary II

C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ugarte asked Vice President Fernandez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVE AGENDA (Action)

Approve Agenda

Board Member Bishop motioned to move Item 14.B. First and Second Reading/Possible Revision: Board Policy 1230 Community/Booster Organizations following Item 9. Oral Communications. Clerk Tamayo asked if there were any Request to be Heard slips submitted from the public. President Ugarte said none were received.

Motion: BISHOP; Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES

Vote: Ayes: BISHOP

Absent: NONE,

Noes: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Abstain: NONE

Motion failed to move Item 14.B. First and Second Reading/Possible Revision: Board Policy 1230 Community/Booster Organizations.

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ, Vote: UNANIMOUS

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND HONORS

*Special Recognition/
Awards, Honors*

A. Recognition of 2023 California Music Educators Association Southern Border Section Fortissimo Award Recipients

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Ms. Rochelle Carroll gave a brief synopsis of the California Music Educators Association. She was proud to announce the winners of the 2023 SBS Fortissimo Awards. Teacher at Otay Elementary Ms. Caitlin Mehta was awarded the Peripole General Music Educator Award. Principal at

Lauderbach Dr. Lydia Burgos was awarded the Outstanding Administrator Award.

The Board presented them with Certificates of Recognition and acknowledged all their efforts and commitment to our students.

B. Recognition of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections Art Contest Winners

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Ms. Rochelle Carroll shared this year's theme "I am Hopeful Because...." The six categories included visual arts, photography, music composition, literature, film production, and dance choreography. Their artwork was displayed in the room on the wall behind Board members. Ms. Carroll proudly announced the 15 winners ranging from first to third place.

The Board presented them with Certificates of Recognition and acknowledged and admired their talents and skills.

C. Recognition of Full House Fridays Attendance Campaign Winner for December 2023

Ms. Sharon Casey shared that the District hosted a Full House Fridays Attendance Campaign for the month of December to encourage students to attend school on Fridays – a day that typically has a lower Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Fred H. Rohr Elementary School is the winner of the December 2023 Full House Fridays Attendance Campaign.

The Board had an opportunity to comment and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Principal Ms. Mayra Reyes who accepted on behalf of Fred H. Rohr Elementary.

8. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Communications
to the Board*

A. Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

President Angela Reed said that contract negotiations are challenging, but for now they are done. She is extremely pleased by the efforts of the negotiating team. After more than two years of presenting and speaking on improving the work environment, professional development, compensation, salary, and benefits for class staff. CVCEOs voice has been heard, and meaningful action has been taken to improve in these four areas. Classified staff will have the ability to participate in the Friday staff development meetings, resulting in better support of student achievement. Hours have been added for paraprofessionals and teachers to work on curriculum development together. The new contract included

professional development for all classified staff for a minimum of a one-day of training in their classification.

The negotiation also includes a large salary increase, with a step seven which rewards longevity and experience, and increased limits for healthcare benefits. She is profoundly grateful with the steps CVCEO and the District have taken to ensure all parties benefit.

B. Chula Vista Educators

President Rosi Martinez recognized CVEs bargaining team for dedicating hundreds of hours writing language and meeting with the District to negotiate 18 Articles, and emphasized the accomplishments around transfer and evaluations. The Team held listening tours at the sites, and participating members provided a lot of input on their perspective positions which guided the bargaining team.

She thanked the Team and Dr. Reyes for all the work on this agreement, and the Board for listening to CVE members in their asks.

CVE takes pride in collaborative relationships with the District. However, lately there has been a disconnect and CVE has been left out of many conversations it was previously included in. Dr. Reyes and Ms. Casey have been receptive to her expression of this concern. She is hopefully that moving forward, CVE be included in these conversations and treated as a partner.

She proudly announced that four new Community Schools have been identified. They include Los Altos, Rohr, Rice, and Loma Verde. She looks forward to working closely with these sites to ensure the best learning experience possible for its students and families.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications

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There were seven speakers.

- Parent Delfina Gonzalez requested that the District establish a Community Advisory Committee.
- Call-In: Parent Maria Gai expressed concerns of inappropriate comments made by Board Member Dominguez Cervantes at a previous Board meeting regarding porn, sex, and prostitution.
- Lisa Yegin requested that the District establish a Community Advisory Committee.
- Parent Rosemary Lowry requested that the District establish a Community Advisory Committee.
- Roxanne Palestino requested that the District establish a Community Advisory Committee.
- Mary Davis thanked Dr. Reyes for responding to her email, advocated to establish a Community Advisory Committee, concerned on flying Pride Flag on Harvey Milk Day, and promoted use of Narcan.
- Dr. Alexis Avina, candidate for seat on CVESD School Board, parent, and student advocate spoke in appreciation of the tentative agreements and believes there is room for improvement to benefit educators and staff.

10. ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

*Oral Presentations/
Written Reports*

A. District Safety/Health Update

Mr. Jason Romero provided an update on safety.

He shared that additional efforts have been made to ensure the safety of Harborside Elementary as follows:

- Harborside Park Clean-Up.
- Contracted two shifts of security guards, Monday-Friday with the first shift 7:00-8:45am, and the second shift 2:45-6:15pm Monday-Thursday, and 1:45-6:15pm on Friday.
- Collaborated with CVPD School Resource Officers and Homeless Outreach Team.
- Coordinated a two-day trash pick-up on the 1200 block of Industrial Blvd.

As for school security and emergency preparedness, the Comprehensive School Safety Plans are ready for Board approval. Sites engaged in monthly safety/emergency preparedness videos, and the security camera policy has been finalized for District use. He was happy to announce that the next School Safety Parent Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th, 6:00-7:00pm, at Fahari L. Jeffers Elementary.

Mr. Romero shared that new safety and security projects include:

- Narcan: created a CVESD policy on use; distributed to all 50 school sites; training developed for administering Naloxone.
- AEGIX: 10 schools have been selected for the first phase of implementation (west, central, and east Chula Vista schools); Harborside Elementary's AEGIX Pilot is currently being implemented.

Board Members had an opportunity to comment.

Clerk Tamayo inquired on the security guards. Dr. Reyes shared that he has been in communication with the City regarding clean-up and providing the HOT team for help. Ms. Morales spoke regarding the safety measures the District has taken to keep children safe at school and in the surrounding areas. Mr. Esquivel stated that the cost of the security guard is paid by the District.

Clerk Tamayo requested we add an additional security guard for added safety measures to protect our students. Additionally, President Ugarte would like our District to reach out to the Office of Nora Vargas to visit the encampments to see firsthand the issues we face. Dr. Reyes stated an additional security guard will be added, and he will reach out to the office of Nora Vargas for support.

President Ugarte requested that labor partners sign off on the school safety plans since they are the ones on the front lines. Mr. Romero will add the three labor groups to the signature page of each schools' safety plan.

B. Report on Results of California School Dashboard

Executive Director Ms. Rochelle Carroll and Coordinator Cindy Estrada presented on the California School Dashboard which is an online tool that displays the performance of local educational agencies (LEAs), schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement. It provides parents and educators with meaningful information on school and District progress so they can participate in decisions to improve student learning. The Dashboard is used for eligibility for support in Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Differentiated Assistance to Districts, County Office of Education, and Charter Schools; and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI); Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI); and Schools.

Local Indicators contain Basics: Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities; Implementation of Academic Standards; Parent and Family Engagement; Local School Climate; and Access to a Broad Course of Study. Findings indicate we have MET these standards.

There were no speakers for this item.

Board Members had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Vice President Fernandez recognizes progress throughout the District, but what struck the most was Harborside's extremely low scores. He requested additional support services for them. President Ugarte pointed inequities throughout the District, and recommended Street Data.

President Ugarte requested a break at 8:12 P.M. and meeting reconvened at 8:27 P.M.

11. 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.

The Public pulled Items 11.E, 11.P., and 11.R. Board Member Dominguez Cervantes pulled Items 11.B., 11.C., 11.G., 11.J., 11.K., 11.P., and 11.R.; Board Member Bishop pulled Items 11.C, and 11.I.; and Vice President Fernandez pulled Item 11.I.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting December 13, 2023

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

2023-24.051

Subsection D. JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes inquired on the Small School Principal job description. Mr. Romero explained the pay slightly higher than Associate Principal but lower than principal for the ASPIRE program at Allen Elementary.

Subsection D. RESIGNATIONS.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes addressed concerns with the numerous amounts of resignations. Mr. Romero will prepare a synopsis of the outcome of the exit interviews and include in a Board update.

Subsection L. CONSULTANTS.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes inquired on Campus Clinic, and Ninyo & Moore. She opposed the approval of the Televisa/Energy Communications Corporation contract.

*Motion: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, Second: FERNANDEZ,
Vote: UNANIMOUS*

President Ugarte called on Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Mr. Jason Romero.

Mr. Romero proudly announced newly hired employees and promoted employees. He feels great pride to be able to promote employees who have grown with the District.

- C. Adopt Resolution Acknowledging February as National Black History Month **2023-24.052**

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes and Board Member Bishop requested to read out the entire resolution.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- D. Adopt Resolution Declaring February 2, 2024, as *National Wear Red Day®* in the Chula Vista Elementary School District **2023-24.053**

- E. Ratify New Salary Schedule for Classified Substitutes Effective January 1, 2024

There was one speaker.

- CVCEO President Angela Reed expressed concerns on the classified substitute inadequate pay resulting in unfilled assignments.

Clerk Tamayo moved to approve with the condition that a fiscal analysis be conducted which ties substitute pay to step one of each position. The item to be brought back to next month's Board meeting.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- F. Approve Comprehensive School Safety Plans for the 2023-24 School Year

- G. Review and Accept Quarterly Report to the San Diego County Office of Education on *Williams* Complaints for the Period of October Through December 2023

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes inquired on the accuracy of no filed *Williams* complaints. She gave an example of fire alarm malfunctions. Mr. Esquivel clarified that emergency repairs or unexpected malfunctions are routinely addressed/repared. They are not neglected, therefore, do not constitute a *Williams* complaint.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- H. Ratify Student Accountability Report Card Reports for the 2022-23 School Year

- I. Adopt Resolution in Recognition of School Counselors and Designating February 5 Through 9, 2024, as *National School Counseling Week* in the Chula Vista Elementary School District **2023-24.054**

Board Member Bishop and Vice President Fernandez emphasized the importance of the resolution. Vice President Fernandez read out the entire resolution.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- J. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Balfour Beatty Construction for Construction Management Services for Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning Equipment and Roof Replacements at Multiple School Sites

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes inquired on the approved RFP. Mr. Esquivel stated there was one contract for the multiple projects.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: TAMAYO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- K. Ratify Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the State of California, California Department of Technology, CALNET Data Networks and Communication Services Contract No. C4-DNCS-19-001-40, with AT&T Through June 30, 2025 **2023-24.055**

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes pointed out a discrepancy on AT&T fees. Mr. Esquivel acknowledged the error and clarified they are monthly fees.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- L. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the State of California, California Department of Technology, CALNET Legacy Telecommunications Voice and Data Services Contract No. C4-LEG-12-10-TS-01, with AT&T for Subcategories 15, 16, and 18 Through June 30, 2025 **2023-24.056**

- M. Ratify Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Utilization of the Irvine Unified School District Bid No. 19/20-01IT, Technology Equipment and Peripherals with CDW Government, LLC, for the Period of January 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024 **2023-24.057**

- N. Approve Partial Retention Release for Engie Services, US, Inc., for Installation of Energy Generation and Resilience Systems from 10% to 5%

- O. (1) Retention Release for American Modular Systems, Inc., for Fifteen (15) 24' x 40' Portable Classroom Buildings to Support the District's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program at Various School Sites;

(2) Approve Change Order for American Modular Systems, Inc., for an Increase in the Amount of \$13,932.22; and

(3) Approve Notice of Completion for American Modular Systems, Inc.

P. Authorize Discontinuance of Phone-In Option for Persons Requesting to Address the Board of Education at Properly Noticed Board Meetings

There were five speakers.

- Call-In; Parent Monica Toyota spoke to support the continuation of the Phone-In Option.
- Call-In; Parent Courtney Sewell spoke to support the continuation of the Phone-In Option.
- Former Parent Delfina Gonzalez spoke to support the continuation of the Phone-In Option.
- Community Member Mary Davis spoke to support the continuation of the Phone-In Option.
- Call-In; Anna spoke to support the continuation of the Phone-In Option.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes feels the Phone-In Option allows parents to be heard and supports the continuation of the option. She asked how it was placed on the agenda. Mr. Esquivel explained that it was implemented during COVID which has now ended.

Board Member Bishop concurs with speakers that this feature allows parents' voices to be heard. She acknowledges there are callers who use this platform to attack members on this dais, but feels it is important to keep the feature available.

Clerk Tamayo is appalled at Member Bishop implying that this is motivated because someone called and gave a bad smear. Even if that were the case, serving on this Board is what they signed up for. For the public to be able to address us by saying what is on their mind, even if we do not agree with their comments. We are not going to agree with what they say.

He added that in the past 12 months there have been several controversial issues, and yet there have only been eight callers. Today, only a low amount of people came in or called. He stated this option was implemented for COVID, but COVID went away. It's not true this system does not incur a cost. There are usually four IT employees working here, and paid overtime, so there is a cost to this system. People are not taking advantage of it. To say this is taking away a right is not necessarily true because they don't use the

service. It is merely another layer for IT to work on and have more employees here manning the service. He motioned to approve the discontinuation of the service and called the question.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FERNANDEZ

Vote: Ayes: FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

Absent: NONE, Noes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES;

Abstain: NONE

Q. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through December 31, 2023 **2023-24.058**

R. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests **2023-24.059**

There were three speakers.

- Community Member Mary Davis expressed that the District limit out-of-state travel due to budget cuts.
- Parent Delfina Gonzalez expressed that the District should be fiscally prudent by denying out-of-state travel.
- Call-In: Parent Monica Toyota expressed that the District should be fiscally prudent by denying out-of-state travel to management and reroute those funds to classrooms.

Board Member Bishop requested a background of the out-of-state travel for a conference. Board Member Dominguez Cervantes does not approve of Vice President Fernandez for out-of-state travel.

Mr. Jessica Morales gave an in-depth description of the South by Southwest Edu Conference in Austin, Texas. It fosters innovation and learning in the education industry offering a wide range of compelling sessions, in-depth workshops, engaging learning and networking opportunities, mentorship, film screening, future focus competitions, a world-class exhibition and expo, among many, many more. It is a huge and diverse event which attracts a wide range of attendees worldwide. The workshops provide insight and opportunities tied to our Sound Stations, ELOP Program, and Early Education Programs to enhance learning for students.

Member Bishop and President Ugarte support Vice President Fernandez attending. They shared it is standard practice for Board Members to attend with lens of a board trustee and to gain incredible insight in programs and opportunities and can benefit and bring back to the work they do in the District.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes motioned to deny Vice President Fernandez from attending the conference. There was no second to the motion.

Clerk Tamayo then motioned to approve the Item, including Vice President Fernandez' attendance at the out-of-state conference.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP

Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE

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

Public Hearings

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- A. (1) Conduct Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Tentative Agreement with Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization; and

President Ugarte opened the public hearing. No comments were received. President Ugarte closed the public hearing.

- (2) Ratify the Tentative Agreement with the Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization for the Period of July 1, 2023, Through June 30, 2026, and the Reallocation Guidelines

Mr. Jason Romero shared that this agreement took significant cognitive energy and time and feels confident this agreement improves our District. CVESD recognizes the important work CVCEO put into this agreement. Multiple needs were addressed. This tentative agreement is a three-year contract.

Board Members had an opportunity to speak.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- B. (1) Conduct Public Hearing to Perform Specified Service for the Period of January 18, 2024, Through June 30, 2024; and

President Ugarte opened the public hearing. No comments were received. President Ugarte closed the public hearing.

(2) Adopt Resolution Regarding Short-Term Classified Employees

2023-24.060

Mr. Jason Romero explained a public hearing is required to hire two short-term classified employees who will provide support to the Payroll department to assist with processing upcoming salary schedule updates and retroactive payments for employees.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

13. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

*Administrative
Action Items*

- A. Accept Chula Vista Elementary School District 2022-23 Annual Audit Report

Mr. Oscar Esquivel introduced Director of Fiscal Services and Support Ms. Kristin Armatis. She shared that the unmodified audit report for the 2022-23 fiscal year had zero findings. CPA Kevin Sproul of Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP gave a brief commentary presentation. He highlighted major changes during the year that occurred in terms of accounting policies, explained different sections of the audit report, and shared issues that arose during the audit. He echoed Ms. Armatis stating there were zero financial statement changes.

*Motion: TAMAYO, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES,
Vote: UNANIMOUS*

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

*First and Second
Readings*

- A. First and Second Reading/Possible Adoption: Board Policy 5145.13, Response to Immigration Enforcement

Ms. Sharon Casey stated this is a new board policy. CVESD is committed to ensure all schools are safe havens for our students and families. Under the U.S. Constitution, all students have the right to receive an education regardless of immigration status. This policy aligns with current practices and brings us up to date with our state and federal guidelines.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes suggested to include verbiage related to child trafficking. She asked if this would fall under Child Protective Services. Ms. Casey concurred.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- B. First and Second Reading/Possible Revision: Board Policy 1230 Community/Booster Organizations

Director of Communications Ms. Giovanna Castro provided background information. The requirement to communicate through the District with this policy is limited to communication to our parents and our families. Currently, any communication is being vetted by our

District and school site principals, including communication from outside organizations such as community boosters, PTA, and PTO. We are collaborating with our community partners to align our messaging that is in alignment with our District's vision and mission.

Board Member Bishop stated that the wording to this revised policy has rankled leaders in community organizations. She provided possible alternative language that was developed in conjunction with members of PTA which better aligns with needs of the community. President Ugarte deferred to Clerk Tamayo who serves on the Policy Review Committee. Clerk Tamayo recommended this draft as a First Read, and to take it back to the Committee to further review. The revisions will need to be vetted by District staff, and the Legal team.

No action was taken. This was a first read.

15. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

*Information Items/
Reports*

A. Report on the Governor's 2024-25 State Budget Proposal

Ms. Kristin Armatis presented the initial report on the Governor's Proposed 2024-25 Budget Fiscal Year. The Governor originally proposed a \$68 billion deficit, but it has been reduced to a \$37.9 billion deficit. The proposals for closing the State budget deficit include a State reserve draw-down (Rainy Day Fund), funding delays, reductions, funding shifts, revenue generation, and borrowing. The State Budget reflects \$18.4 billion in budget reserves which maintains a \$5.7 billion Public School System Stabilization Account reserve at the end of 2024-25, down from \$10.8 billion.

She referenced the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), Special Education Ongoing Funding, 10% District Reserve Cap, Facilities, Retirement Systems, Next Steps and Timelines.

Board Members had an opportunity to ask questions.

B. Report Calendar to Board of Education

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes requested a report on children not meeting State standards for math and reading. Ms. Rochelle Carroll explained that the information was included in a Board Update immediately after the original request. Consensus to present a report at an upcoming Board meeting.

She also inquired on the movements and possible release of some of our counselors. Mr. Esquivel stated this is a time when site review budgets in conjunction with the State budget. Information will be presented in a future Board meeting.

Board Member Bishop requested a report on Parent Implementation Program (PIP), and find ways to support B-LAC.

President Ugarte stated that last year our students in grades 6-9 attended the Black Student Summit hosted by the San Diego County Office of Education Students and came back energized and empowered. This year it is scheduled for April. She asked that we find avenues to send our students this year.

Due to the time constraint, President Ugarte requested to extend the meeting to 10:45 P.M.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: TAMAYO

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

Absent: NONE; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

President Ugarte adjourned to the Chula Vista Elementary School District Public Facilities Financing Corporation meeting at 10:24 P.M.

**16. RECESS TO CHULA VISTA ELEMENARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING CORPORATION**

*Public Facilities
Financing
Corporation*

**CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING CORPORATION**

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

*Opening
Procedures*

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Ugarte called the Board of Directors meeting to order 10:24 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, Chairperson

Mr. Cesar Fernandez, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Oscar Esquivel, President

Mrs. Kristin Armatis, Chief Financial Officer

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

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. Giovanna Castro, Director of Communications
Ms. Araceli Guzman, Supt. and Board of Education Administrative Manager
Ms. Paloma Romo, Secretary II

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEM

*Administrative
Action Item*

2023-24.001

- A. Adopt Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chula Vista Elementary School District Public Facilities Financing Corporation Appointing Officers and Taking Related Action in Connection Therewith

Mr. Oscar Esquivel explained that as part of the financing process of the Certificates of Participation, the District has organized a Public Facilities Financing Corporation. Due to change in District Members of the Board of Education, a resolution is needed to appoint new officer, Vice President Cesar T. Fernandez, replacing Clerk Francisco Tamayo.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

3. ADJOURNMENT OF CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING CORPORATION MEETING

Adjournment

Chairperson Lucy Ugarte motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

President Ugarte adjourned the meeting at 10:26 P.M.

17. RECONVENE TO CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

*Board of Education
Meeting*

President Ugarte reconvened to public session at 10:26 P.M.

18. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

*Board
Communications*

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes toured the area around Harborside Elementary. She attends the Chula Vista City Council meetings and serves on Citizens' Advisory Committee at Donovan Prison which actively engages on education.

Board Member Bishop commended Dr. Reyes for meeting monthly with Mayor McCann to maintain dialogue and partnership. She attended the First Friday Breakfast with the CV Chamber of Commerce, commended Heather Cruz for providing fitness opportunities for staff, and thanked AACV for the opportunity to meet monthly. Today joined Clear View Fourth Grade Team's for a field trip to the Prado Theater to see the performance Thomas and the Library Lady. She shared that she passed her CBEST and will be substituting in classrooms in another District.

19. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

*Supt's
Communication*

20. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Ugarte adjourned the meeting at 10:37 P.M.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024, AT 4 P.M. CLOSED SESSION AND 6 P.M. OPEN SESSION.



Eduardo Reyes, Ed.D. Secretary



Francisco Tamayo, Clerk