

Cuddeback Union Elementary School District

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 10, 2021

300 Wilder Road, Carlotta, CA 95528

Meeting held in Carlotta Community Center

Regular Session @ 6:30 PM

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Dibble called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Board Members Present:

Harry Dibble

Leonard Ward

Erik Bess

Board Members Absent:

Jake Morss

Todd Calvo

Students Present:

Jaydyn Dalton

Vincent Zepeda

Community Members Present:

Denise Carpenter

Tysie Garlick

Brian Garlick

Brooke Dalton

Ryan Dalton

Crystal Dalton

Aryn Dalton

Anna Newman

Michelle Hansen

Ryan Fraga

Carolyn Holt

Staff Present:

Superintendent/Principal:

Blaine Sigler

District Secretary:

Chelsie Orr

Teachers:

Cori Borges

Lilium Maniaci

Pamella Garvin

Danielle Van Helden

Shelley Zepeda

Ashtin Crenshaw

Jesi Elmore

Melissa Essig

Jenna Long

Tasha Reveles

2.0 Approval of Agenda Order

Mr. Bess made a motion to approve the agenda order. Mr. Ward seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Mr. Dibble, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Bess

Noes: None

Absent: Mr. Morss and Mr. Calvo

Abstain: None

3.0 Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes
- 3.2 Approval of Warrants
- 3.3 Water Test Results

Mr. Bess made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Ward seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Mr. Dibble, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Bess

Noes: None

Absent: Mr. Morss and Mr. Calvo

Abstain: None

4.0 Community Comment

Community members are concerned about the possible future vaccine mandates and what Cuddeback's intentions are regarding following the mandate. A community member asked how to get covid mandate on the agenda, so the board could discuss the mandate, and possibly vote to publicly oppose the mandate.

A community member requested the school send out a survey to parents requesting their opinions, input, and plans if the mandate occurs. The community member would like to have the data set publicly available, reflecting what families plan to do if the mandate is enforced at Cuddeback.

Outdoor masking is another issue discussed at length by community members. Several community members requested to have Cuddeback's outdoor masking policy reviewed and be on the next board meeting's agenda as an action item.

Although several community members have expressed their concern over the vaccine and mask mandates, some also have expressed that Cuddeback to doing their best to provide a safe learning environment.

5.0 Community Comment Related to LCAP

No community comment related to LCAP

6.0 Information, Discussion, Possible Action Items

- 6.1 Information Item: CHP Terminal Safety Compliance Report for 2021

Annual inspection from CHP includes safety checks, bus inspection, and administration review. Cuddeback passed.

- 6.2 Possible Action Item: Consider Salary Adjustment for School Counselor Position

Counselor position has always been paid as a certificated teacher position. However, with the extensive training and degree requirements to be a school counselor, Mr. Sigler would like the board to consider creating a school counselor position and separate salary schedule.

Due to the sensitive nature of the possible action item, the board will go into closed session to discuss further details.

7.0 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Sigler addressed some concerns the community raised during community comment. First and foremost, Cuddeback is doing everything they can to support a positive, safe learning environment for students. Mr. Sigler explained to the community the legalities of a mandate. The term mandate is a regulation sent out by the governor. Mandates cannot be ignored. However, a board may ask for more local control, such as at the county-level or LEA-level. In regards to the vaccine mandate walkout, Mr. Sigler feels that it would be more effective if protesters contact the Humboldt County Office of Education, County Board of Supervisors, and their state representatives with their mandate concerns. About 45-55 kids participated in the walkout.

In regards to masking, Cuddeback continues to follow the CDPH guidelines for indoor masking. This allows Cuddeback to keep classrooms open and offer modified masking when a positive case in the classroom occurs.

Coming into the holidays and the flu season, Mr. Sigler feels that Cuddeback should continue masking, both indoors and outdoors to ensure a covid-free campus. However, students are permitted to remove their masks outdoors when 6-foot social distancing is possible.

Cuddeback hired a new community center director, Ryann Petersen. Cuddeback is very excited to welcome her.

Volleyball was very successful. Girls basketball season is now in full swing.

8.0 Board Reports

Mr. Bess and Mr. Ward thanked the community for coming to voice their opinions and encouraged everyone to contact their government representatives to express their concerns over the potential vaccine mandate.

9.0 Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items

Several of the community in attendance, including Melissa Essig, Tasha Reveles, Jenna Long, Denise Carpenter, and Cori Borges voiced support for a new position and salary schedule adjustment for Ms. Miranda.

Open session adjourned at 7:55 PM

10.0 Closed Session

10.1 Salary Adjustment for School Counselor Position

11.0 Report Action Taken During Closed Session

11.1 Report Any Action Taken in Closed Session

The Board approved creating a counselor position and salary schedule separate from the certified salary schedule currently paying our counselor \$400/day.

12.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Upcoming Regular Meeting Dates:

December 8

January 12

February 9

Respectfully Submitted,
Chelsie Orr
District Secretary

Approved by Board Clerk