

Cuddeback School
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 8, 2021
Regular Session @ 6:30 PM
Meeting held in Healthy Start Building

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order

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

Board Members Present:

Harry Dibble
Leonard Ward
Todd Calvo
Jake Morss
Erik Bess

Laurie Bravo
Shannon Scales
Colleen Sagaser
Carla Basquez

Paraprofessionals:
Tara Arreguin
Sasha Essig

Staff Present:

Superintendent/Principal:

Blaine Sigler

District Secretary:

Chelsie Orr

EXCEL Director:

Ronda Jensen

Teachers:

Lindsay Reback
Rob Orr
Cori Borges
Karen Pulver
Berna Church

Parents:

Denise Carpenter
Ryan Dalton
Brooke Dalton
Melissa Essig
Cassi Free
Tasha Reveles

Students:

Zoe Arreguin
Raegan Dalton

2.0 Approval of Agenda Order

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

Motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3.0 Board Reorganization

3.1 Election of Officers

Mr. Morss made a motion to elect Mr. Dibble as Board President and Mr. Calvo as Board Clerk. Mr. Ward seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Dibble and Mr. Calvo

3.2 Roster of Public Officials

3.3 Scheduling Meeting Dates

The Board discussed continuing to have the Board Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, with the exception of June, which will be Tuesday, June 21st and Wednesday, June 22nd.

Mr. Dibble made a motion to approve agenda item 3.3. Mr. Calvo seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.2 Approval of Warrants

4.3 Water Test Results

Mr. Calvo made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Morss seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5.0 Community Comment

Colleen congratulated PTO on another great kindness week. She said it was a big hit with the students. The teachers thanked the Ward family for giving the entire school special kindness cookies.

Mrs. Reback, PTO president, gave all board members kindness t-shirts, the same ones the kids and staff received. PTO also hung posters and banners around the school promoting kindness.

6.0 Community Comment Related to LCAP

No community comment related to LCAP noted.

7.0 Public Hearings

7.1 Educator Effectiveness Block Grant

The educator effectiveness block grant is a one-time money grant from the state for title 2 funds for professional development. It is a 5-year plan for a total of \$43,000, which must be spent within 5 years. Teacher induction will be paid for by this grant.

Universal TK starts next year. It will be a full credential and early childhood education. Some of the money can be used to assist in the credentialing of a new teacher.

8.0 Information, Discussion, Possible Action Items

8.1 Possible Action Item: Consider Positive Certification of 1st Interim Financial Report

The Board discussed various aspects of the 1st interim financial report. Cuddeback is financially stable with a strong reserve.

Mr. Calvo made a motion to certify the 1st interim financial report with a positive certification status. Mr. Ward seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

8.2 Information Item: After School Program Update

Cuddeback's excel program is currently operating at full capacity and meeting daily targets for this year.

Excel is participating in the global traveling mural project. Each school gets to make a mural on a 10 ft. strip of paper. The Cuddeback kids drew highway 36 through the redwoods and farm lands, to the ocean. The poster is cut into 10 1-foot strips and sent across the nation. Other schools will be sending us strips and the mural will be reassembled and displayed at Cuddeback.

8.3 Information Item: Citation from State Water Resources Control Board

A citation was issued to Cuddeback because we failed to test the water supply in July 2021 while the school was closed. Work was being done on the water system and no

children or staff drank the water during that time. The other citation was from not having a flow meter to determine how much water is being used. We now have a meter.

The citation letter was printed and sent home with every child, as well as being posted on the website.

8.4 Information Item: COVID Vaccine Mandate for School-Aged Children Update

The last board meeting saw much interest in the future vaccine mandate. The mandate will go into effect once the vaccine is fully authorized by the FDA. Once the mandate is in place, it will eventually go on the school required vaccine schedule. Personal belief waivers will be accepted if families do not want to vaccinate their children against COVID.

This mandate will also include staff. They will be required to get the vaccine. It has not been determined yet if the personal belief waiver will be available to staff as well.

A survey regarding the vaccine mandate was recently conducted. And the survey says: 40 families replied, accounting for 69 students. 3 students (2 families) said they would leave the district when the mandate goes into effect. 7 respondents are undecided what they will do.

Melissa Essig would like to see the board vote on a resolution to oppose the mandate. She would like to see the school reach out to the state representatives (as well as individuals) to make a bigger impact.

Brooke Dalton asked the Board when the community will find out if we will be filing a resolution and/or what the next steps are for the community to pursue a resolution.

Mr. Sigler said it could be at next month's board meeting. However, Mr. Dibble stated that it would be at the board's behest. They would like more community involvement to make sure the Board is serving the majority of the community interests and not just the few loud ones.

Mr. Dibble hopes it will remain a mandate as opposed to a law. Once it becomes a law, students will be forced to be vaccinated regardless of their family's personal belief. He suggests that the community talk to the board members and put together a resolution for the Board.

8.5 Information Item: ESSER III Safe Return to School to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan Update

Must be updated every 6 months, but does not have to be reapproved.

9.0 Superintendent's Report

County-wide masking indoor is still required. Outdoor masking has been a topic of contention, with some families against masking in general. The masking policy that was lessened on November 8th by CDPH did not impact Cuddeback's masking policy. Masking allows the kids to stay in school in a modified quarantine rather than a full quarantine if students are unmasked.

TK/Kindergarten registration is December 19th
IDT agreements will be accepted 12/1-2/1

10.0 Board Reports

The board thanked everyone for coming to the board meeting and hopes that parents are able to make their own decision (with a personal belief waiver) based on their family's views.

Erik would like to see an end to the outdoor masking policy. He would like to see it on the next board meeting's agenda.

11.0 Adjourn

Mr. Dibble meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

December 9

January 12

February 9

Respectfully Submitted,



Chelsie Orr
District Secretary

Approved by Board Clerk