

Board Highlights

Gary Wilkinson-Pres, Kurtis Holland-Vice President, Orlando DeHerrera-Sec, Carly Santi Lozoya-Treas, Elizabeth Quintana-Asst Sec/Treas

Meeting of September 9, 2021

Employment. The Board employed Emma DeHerrera as a HS Science Teacher (2nd Semester), Daniel Gallegos as a Bus Driver, Cobi Garcia as a HS Asst Football Coach, Edwin (Teddy) Leinbach as HS Boys' Golf Coach, and approved Mariah Barbosa and Guadalupe Martinez as Classified Substitutes.

Resignation. The Board accepted the resignation of Louie Sandoval as a part-time custodian.

Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Scott Wiedeman reported on the following: 1) there has been miscommunication circulating about state testing, there will be state testing this year; 2) He, Mark Hotz, and Leona Holland met with representatives of Schneider Electric for a kick-off project viewing the buildings for energy saving opportunities; 3) Prop 119 is a new proposition regarding raising the marijuana tax for afterschool tutoring to be run by an independent company. Both CASE and CASB are opposed to the proposition due to the lack of accountability and the amount that would go to the independent company for administrative salaries; and 4) The middle school land lease has been split into two contracts.

COVID Protocols. Scott Wiedeman reported on the quarantines that have taken place this year – at this point none of the positive COVID cases were from school exposure. He reported on the daily steps he takes to keep informed of the COVID numbers, conversations with our school nurses, public health and other school districts in Rio Grande County. He gave kudos to our school nurses, Briana Villagomez and Marka Clark, for their work in dealing with COVID. He also informed the Board of the increased cleaning steps the maintenance department is taking. Sixth through 12th graders may receive free COVID tests in the district, with parent permission. Dr. DeHerrera voiced his concerns around the Delta Variant and precautionary measures. He feels strongly on educating individuals about the vaccine. Dr. DeHerrera will be writing an article for posting on the district website.

Purchase of Building. The Board approved a contract to purchase the old Community Bank Building. The current admin office will be converted into a district daycare, and the admin office will move into the bank building.

Discussion Items. The Board had second reading on a number of policy revisions.

Action Items. The Board approved minutes from the previous meeting after correction, July financial reports, and a number of non-eligible student transportation requests.

Next Meeting. The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.