

Carbon Valley Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Meeting Called to Order at 6:34 p.m. by Mr. Wes LaVanchy, President.

Roll Call:

Attendees:

Board Members: Merrie Harper, Dustin Jones, Wes LaVanchy, Monique Miller, Anne-Marie Nichols, Jason Jones

Principal: Chad Auer

Business Manager: Tony Carey

Visitors: Brandi Wilson, Monica Burke, Rhonda Frenzel, Julie Trott, Linda Klos, Alison Love, Robyn Kunick-Bosch, Kim Milbrath, Lynda Befus, Tim Befus, Mae Befus, Johnnie Echer, Tracy Pickett, Stacy Judson, Charles O'Connor, Stephanie Kajcienski, Phil Trejo, Mike Myers, Whitey O'Malley, Christine Upton-McNeeley, Destanie Upton, Ashlynn Upton, Kim Womack, Keith Allen, Roseanna Allen, Michael Ryan, Christopher Grundl, Patrick Grundl, Jenny Grundl, Ken Ulmer, Kelly Lanning, Brad Leach, Dawn Williams, Jane Curran, Brenda Wagner, Tammy Lewis, Mike Hagan, Doug Grundl, Julie Myers, Mandy Meyer, Lori Beale, Debbie Patrick, Jamie Patrick, Bonnie Steinbrecher, Gwen Borrego, Shannon Lucero, Jimmie Lucero, Maria Goter, Warren Johnson, America Ulmer, Steve Burton, Sheila Romero-Bisgard, Sabrina McDaniel, Dawn Reed, Brian Silbernagel, Heidi Davis, Denise Cowan, Jill Parker, Jesse Hodgson, Jaime Hodgson, Shelly Hand, Rick Hand

Speakers during the Public Comment portion of the meeting included: Whitey O'Malley, Lynda Befus, Stephanie Kajcienski, Mike Myers, Tim Befus, Christine Upton-McNeeley, Destanie Upton, Phil Trejo, Kim Womack, Keith Allen, Charles O'Connor, Michael Ryan, Christopher Grundl, Ken Ulmer, Kelly Lanning, Brad Leach, Patrick Grundl, Dawn Williams, Jane Curran, Brenda Wagner, Stacy Judson, Chad Auer.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Parents and community members commented about a "rough play" incident involving several seventh grade girls. The parents of the girls, including first grade teacher Lynda Befus and Mr. Whitey O'Malley, stated their views of the incident, as well as their concerns about the way the incident was handled. Community members, other parents and one student also expressed opinions and gave testimony concerning previous incidents and the character of the involved parties, including Principal Chad Auer. Several people also asked questions and expressed concerns about the discipline policy at CVA. Two other students spoke at the meeting, expressing concerns about their recent negative experiences with supervision in the lunchroom. Next, Principal Chad Auer gave a brief statement, declining to comment on the incident as personnel and student matters are of a confidential nature. He added that he will continue to serve the mission of CVA as long as he is the principal.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

8:32 p.m. – end of Public Input.

The public input part of the agenda was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

8:55 p.m. – the meeting was called back to order by Wes LaVanchy, President of the Board.

Motions Approved:

1-Motion to table agenda item on Policy – "Waiting List" to regular meeting on October 18th
Moved by DJ, seconded by JJ
Approved by unanimous consent

2-Motion for the Board to go to Executive Session

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Moved by JJ, seconded by DJ
Approved by unanimous consent

The Board went into Executive Session.

The Executive Session concluded at 9:27 p.m.

The Board then discussed all of the night's issues in open forum. It was suggested that Mr. Auer have Phil Trejo look into different types of bullying programs that are in existence.

The Board suggested Mr. Auer give his side of the story to the Board before they discuss all of what happened, then the Board will talk amongst themselves without staff present. Finally, the president of the Board of Directors gave the following statement:

"It is the Board's intention to take everything that was said in tonight's meeting under advisement. The Board takes the input of the public very seriously, and these are serious matters that have been raised tonight. We will look into it, and discuss and decide how to move forward. It is not the Board's duty to hire or terminate teachers. This falls under the duties of the Principal. The Board does hire the Principal and does evaluate his duties continually. Another meeting for the Board of Directors will be scheduled to discuss these matters specifically, and a statement will be made when a conclusion is reached. We do not wish to prolong the issue, but neither do we want to be hasty in our conclusions. Thank you for your time."

The Next Special Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Harvard Room at CVA.

The Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Harvard Room at CVA.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:59 p.m.