

Maple Creek Elementary School District Board of Trustees

August 11, 2023

9:30 AM

15933 Maple Creek Road - Korb, CA 95550

Regular Meeting Draft Minutes

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

President Zarchusky called the meeting of the Maple Creek Elementary School District Board of Trustees to order at 9:38 AM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Rama Zarchusky, Laura Borusus

ABSENT: Jill Giordano

STAFF PRESENT: Jacklyn Johnson, Zoe Muizelaar, Case Muizelaar, Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Doug Lee

2.0 **ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Greta Turney, Superintendent of the Kneeland School District, shared public comment with the Board.

4.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Zarchusky/Borusus moved/seconded to approve the consent agenda. Ayes 2, noes 0,, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

4.1 Approve Minutes of the June 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Approve the Williams Quarterly Report

5.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 Approve CSBA, ELA, and Gamut Membership for 2023-24

Zarchusky/Borusus moved/seconded to approve the CSBA, ELA, and Gamut membership for 2023-24. Ayes 2, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

5.2 Approve Mandated Block Grant Application

Borusus/Zarchusky moved/seconded to approve the mandated block grant application. Ayes 2, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

5.3 Approve the 2023-24 Consolidated Application for Categorical Funding

Borusus/Zarchusky moved/seconded to approve the consolidated application for categorical funding. Ayes 2, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.0 **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 Consider and Approve Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools to Act Pursuant to Education Code Section 1240, Subdivision (a), to Superintend the Maple Creek Elementary School District Pending a Future Regular District Board Meeting to Approve a Superintendent Contract or Services Agreement

Davies-Hughes explained that in the absence of a superintendent for a school district, the county superintendent has the responsibility to superintend the district until such time the district secures a superintendent.

Zarchusky/Borusus moved/seconded to approve the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools to superintend the Maple Creek Elementary School District. Ayes 2, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.2 Discussion Regarding School District Organization for 2024-25

Jacklyn Johnson, Maple Creek Elementary School teacher, shared that the expected enrollment for the start of the 23-24 school year is three students, all out of district. Davies-Hughes reminded the Board that Maple Creek has an approved waiver of lapsation for the 23-24 school year, but applying for waivers each year may be unsustainable. An option to consider is a merger with another school district, specifically Kneeland due to existing partnerships. Because each district is within different high school district boundaries, there would need to be a process to redraw boundary lines. Davies-Hughes further explained that the County Committee on School District Organization would be asked to take action on redrawing boundaries.

The Board asked to schedule a joint meeting with the Kneeland School District Governing Board to discuss merger options.

6.3 Discussion Regarding Possible Staffing Scenarios for 2023-24

Davies-Hughes outlined various staffing scenarios for 23-24. It was explained that Maple Creek has a vacancy for a 1.0 FTE teacher. Possible solutions were discussed. Immediate needs included a driver for the van and a temporary paraprofessional.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Zarchusky adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.