AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

11/03/2021 06:30 PM
Amador County Building
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA
AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION 5:30 PM
OPEN SESSION 6:30 PM

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OUR UNITY OF PURPOSE: We work as a cohesive Governance Team through discussions, actions and decisions that are thoughtful, respectful, and sensitive. We support one another in and away from the Board Room through active listening, vulnerability and honesty. We make policy decisions that ensure equitable support to increase student achievement and foster social, emotional, and physical well-being for all students.

OUR MISSION: Enriched by the diversity and deep traditions of our unique community, Amador County Public Schools will prepare, support, and inspire each student to achieve career and college success in a rapidly evolving world through highly engaging teaching, rigorous learning and innovative pathways supported by strong partnerships in a safe, caring and collaborative environment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. BOARD MEMBERS
   [ ] Kandi Thompson, Board President
   [ ] Deborah Pulskamp, Board Clerk
   [ ] James Marzano
   [ ] Julia Burns
   [ ] James Whitaker
3. ROLL TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION

5. CLOSED SESSION


4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov Code 54957)

6. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION/REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8. SWEARING IN OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS/SHORT RECEPTION

9. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

10. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

11. EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS (Approximately 20 minutes)

   1. Amador County Teachers Association (ACTA) (Mr. Hunkins)
   
   2. California School Employees Association (CSEA) (Ms. Cramer)

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (Approximately 20 minutes maximum)

   A person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the president and shall then proceed to comment as briefly as the subject permits. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on non-agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the Board president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The president may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add. NOTE: If you wish to address the Board please complete a speaker card and give it to the Board Clerk or Communications Specialist.

13. CONSENT AGENDA (Approximately 10 minutes)
The Board of Trustees received these items under separate cover as an addendum. Public copy available during regular Board meeting and on the district website.

1. **Minutes**
   a. Board Meeting 10/06/21

2. **Personnel (Mr. Vicari)**
   a. Current Personnel Recommendations

3. **Business (Mr. Critchfield)**
   a. Warrants issued between 10/1/2021 and 10/27/2021

4. **Educational Services (Mr. Snider)**

5. **Surplus**
   Jackson Elementary- TV/VCR, Broken.
   Jackson Elementary- Overhead Projector, Broken, 3 units.
   Jackson Elementary- Desktop, Broken.
   Jackson Elementary- Dell Latitude 3490, Outdated.
   Jackson Elementary- Acer Chromebook, Broken, 5 units.
   Ione Junior High- Acer Chromebook, Broken and/or No Longer Supported, 48 units.

6. **Donations**
   Pine Grove STEM School received a $1300 grant for their library from the Jackson Rancheria.

**14. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Updates to CDPH Guidance/ Mandates Related to COVID-19 and ACUSD Health and Safety Plane During COVID-19 for a Safe Return for the 2021-2022 School Year (As Needed) (Dr. Gibson/Mr. Snider)**
   This will be a standing agenda item throughout the year as we will need to update the Board of Trustees on CDPH mandates and guidance that could require modifications to our health and safety plan. All updates are noted in the safety plan in red font. Once approved by the Board, it will be updated on the ACUSD Website under COVID-19 Dashboard.

2. **Public Hearing: Resolution ACUSD 21/22-010 - GANN Limit**
   Amador County Unified School District must establish GANN Limit for the 2020-21 fiscal year and a projected GANN Limit for the 2021-22 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII-B and applicable statutory law.

3. **Resolution ACUSD 21/22-010 - GANN Limit**
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provisions of Article XIII-B and applicable statutory law.

4. **Board Policy Updates**

   Multiple board policy updates are done each year. The description summarizes the changes made to the policy.

   a. **Board Policy 4131 Staff Development (Mr. Snider)**

      Policy updated to incorporate concepts of student well-being and social-emotional development and learning as it relates to professional development, to clarify that the development of the staff development program includes creating, reviewing and amending the program, to reflect the State Board of Education’s California Digital Learning Integration and Standards Guidance regarding staff development in the use of technologies, to reference new law (AB 130, 2021) regarding requirements for districts offering technology-based instruction pursuant to an independent study program, and to expand the list of characteristics that are included in diverse student populations as related to staff development in meeting the needs of such students. Policy also updated to enhance staff development regarding school climate to include acceptance, civility, and positive behavioral interventions and supports, and staff development regarding student’s mental and physical health to include social-emotional learning and trauma-informed practices.

   b. **Board Policy 6120 Response to Instruction and Intervention (Mr. Snider)**

      Policy updated to emphasize the importance of learning and behavioral outcomes and progress monitoring as it relates to response to instruction and intervention (RtI2), reference multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) and the integration of RtI2 into such frameworks, expand the list of individuals that may be included in designing the district’s RtI2 system, add the examination of student social-emotional well-being as one of the bases for design, provide more detail regarding strategies and interventions including ten core components of the RtI2 model identified by the California Department of Education, and that RtI2 may be utilized as one component when considering the referral of a student for evaluation for special education or other services.

   c. **Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements (Mr. Snider)**

      Regulation updated to include material regarding the provision of information about graduation requirements and credit recovery opportunities to students, parents/guardians, and the public, and to reflect requirements regarding the provision of notice to eligible students about the availability of exemptions from local graduation requirements when applicable.

   d. **Board Policy 6164.5 Student Success Teams (Mr. Snider)**

      Policy updated to reference that the student success team (SST) process is not required by law and that the policy reflects best practices, clarify those who are encouraged to collaborate in SSTs, include social and emotional difficulties when evaluating the strengths and needs of students and establishing interventions, emphasize the importance of each student maximizing their potential, specify who may refer students to SSTs, add types of materials appropriate for collection, analysis
and review by the SST, provide for the development of a plan to support the student and adjustments to such plan, reflect that the SST process shall not delay or deny a referral for evaluation for eligibility for special education, reference MTSS and the integration of SSTs with such supports, and add staff development which may be provided to strengthen the effectiveness of SSTs.

e. **Board Policy 4141/4241 Collective Bargaining Agreement (Mr. Vicari)**
   Revised policy reflects court decision holding that a provision in a collective bargaining agreement that directly conflicts with the Education Code cannot be enforced. Policy also adds language clarifying that, whenever a law conflicts with a provision in the collective bargaining agreement, the law will prevail.

f. **Board Policy 4158/4258/4358 Employee Security (Mr. Vicari)**
   Policy updated to reflect law authorizing a district to petition, on behalf of an employee, for a gun violence restraining order prohibiting a person from owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm. Policy also reflects law requiring a district to provide reasonable accommodations, upon request, to an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Policy adds a requirement of law to inform administrators and counselors, along with teachers, regarding certain crimes and offenses committed by students.

g. **Board Policy 3511.1 Integrated Waste Management (Mr. Critchfield)**
   Policy updated to reflect current legal requirements for recycling waste which are based on specified thresholds of waste generation and are detailed in the accompanying administrative regulation, add district goal to develop strategies for recycling organic waste, and more directly link waste management to education goals.

h. **Board Policy 3516.5 Emergency Schedules (Mr. Critchfield)**
   Policy updated to reflect new law (AB 130, 2021) requiring districts applying to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to obtain apportionment credit for days and minutes lost due to emergency closure after September 1, 2021 to certify in an affidavit that the district has a plan for offering independent study within 10 days of school closure to impacted students. Policy also updated to reflect requirement that the plan for independent study address the establishment, within a reasonable time, of independent study master agreements and require the reopening in person once allowable under direction from the city or county health officer.

i. **Board Policy 7211 Developer Fees (Mr. Critchfield)**
   Policy updated to include material formerly in the AR pertaining to responsibilities of the board with respect to levying developer fees, such as conducting a fee justification study, holding a public hearing, and adopting a board resolution. Policy also clarifies the applicability of Government Code 65997, which became operative due to the failure of state bond measure Proposition 13 in March 2020 and gives districts the flexibility to deny or refuse a legislative act involving the planning, use, or development of real property, other than requiring a fee in excess of the fee imposed by law. Policy addresses factors that must be included in the fee justification study based on recent court decision.
5. **AVID Tutor Job Description (Mr. Snider)**

AVID tutors are an important component of the AVID Program, and are required as part of the certification process. Ideally, college students are utilized to work as tutors in the AVID elective class, but based on availability, this can also be community members or even high school students for the junior high classrooms. Under the supervision of the classroom teacher, these tutors facilitate small group learning as well as provide some individual student support. The district is always looking for passionate individuals that are interested in being a role model and helping others achieve their college dreams. Tutor training will be provided by the school district for those people hired into these positions.

15. **REPORTS**

1. Report from Superintendent (Dr. Gibson)
2. Reports and Remarks from Board Members

16. **NEXT MEETING**

ACUSD Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021, tentatively scheduled to be held at the Amador County Administration Building, 810 Court St., Jackson, CA. Open Session will start at 6:30 PM.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

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