



BOARD MINUTES
March 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, by Alfonso Morales. In attendance were President – Alfonso Morales, Member – Brad Crihfield, Member- Dr. Sue ElHessen and CalAPS CEO Lisa Azevedo. The meeting was called to order in Building C of the Bellflower Unified School District - 16703 South Clark Ave, Bellflower California 90706.

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE.

FLAG SALUTE – NONE.

Roll Call – Alfonso Morales, Brad Crihfield and Dr. Sue ElHessen were present along with CalAPS CEO, Lisa Azevedo.

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Dr. Sue ElHessen shared with the board that the WASC Review was in process at Bellflower High school and that the committee were very impressed of the work done in the Auto and Culinary rooms by the CalAPS program. She also wanted to point out that it was Women’s History Month and wanted to honor Judy Heumann. Ms. Heumann was the was the first disabled woman who fought to protect the rights of disabled people.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – CalAPS CEO, Lisa Azevedo shared a PowerPoint presentation with results of the CTE Student Survey that was conducted in Bellflower Unified for students in grades 6-11. The survey asked students questions like- “Would they be interested in taking an afterschool course? Which CTE areas were they interested in?” The data collected from the survey would be used to continue to support or expand particular pathways. Dr. Sue ElHessen mentioned that the results of some of the survey questions could have been impacted by the students’ lack of understanding. For example, the pathway for aviation has aviation, drone and more careers under its description. She suggested that an example of that career or a specific definition should goes under the name of the pathway for better explanation. She also suggested a space for students to respond with a short answer explaining their answer when selecting the option of “other” on the survey. This would provide administration more specific information as to why the student selected “other.” Dr. Sue ElHessen suggested that we look into non-profit organizations, supporting the program in particular areas. Agriculture and Energy sectors were mentioned as examples. She mentioned an example nonprofit established by the parents of the artist Billie Eilish, called “Support + Feed” to see if it would be possible to collaborate with them to work on particular career pathways. The HBO show called “The Last of Us” was also recommended to watch to get a better feel of what we could expect if we do not begin to implement an urban agricultural pathway with students now. After completing the survey discussion, Mrs. Azevedo introduced Ms. Tatiana De La Mora and Ms. Anai Velazquez. Mrs. Azevedo explained that both CalAPS staff members have been training with Garner Holt Education Through Imagination during the past month. The teachers brought in supplies to have the board members create a “bugatronic” which was a quick animatronic exercise learned during one of their trainings. Board members were provided specific supplies that they must use and additional extra supplies that they had the option to use based on their imagination.

PUBLIC HEARING'S – NONE.

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – NONE.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Dr. ElHessen requested a correction in the minutes. The request that the following comment was added to the February 7th minutes. “Dr. ElHessen shared that she was impressed with the real life example students demonstrated as part of their business plan.” A motion and second was made to approve the minutes with the corrected statement added from Dr. ElHessen. Approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2023 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (ElHessen, Crihfield, Morales)

No: 0

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (Crihfield, ElHessen, Morales)

No: 0

The motion carried.

NON-ACTION – NONE.

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

INFORMATION ITEMS: NONE.

CLOSED SESSION – The board went into closed session at 6:14pm.

CALLED BACK TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION- The board was called back to public session at 6:29 pm.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:30pm.

The March 7, 2023 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:30 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 5:30pm.