CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2009 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Jimenez called the regular meeting of the Central Union High School District Board of Trustees to order at the 6:00P.M. at the Central Union High School Library.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board of Trustees and Superintendent adjourned into closed session to discuss the following: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MATTERS, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5 and 54957; STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTERS, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5; CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5(f); POTENTIAL LITIGATION, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9.

OPEN SESSION:

The Board of Trustees reconvened into open session at 7:00 P.M. Trustee Jimenez announced the following action taken in closed session:

Trustee Vogel moved to approve the Retirement Agreement and General Release between the Central Union High School District Board of Trustees and Ms. Carla Keating effective June 30, 2009; motion seconded by Trustee Acosta.

Motion: Carried Vote: Ayes-4

Absent-1 (Walker)

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Jacinto Jimenez, Jeanne Vogel, Richard Acosta, Ricardo Labrada. C. Thomas Budde, Sheri Hart, Maria Ambriz, Danette Morrell, Jeff Magin, Sherry Spencer, Carol Moreno, Jan Hutcheson, Cindy Hughes, Orlando Johnson, Merritt Merten, Melinda Rogers, Francisco Roman, Dave Weldon, Ben Benton, Ed Roncal, Dave Pritchard, Sandy Montalvo, Beth Benavent, Mike Corey, Grant Cutting, Ron Newhouse, Kelly Newhouse, Mickey Carter, Dennis Price, David Rosas, Diane Richmond and others.

Absent: Trustee Steve Walker

FLAG SALUTE:

Trustee Labrada led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Trustee Acosta moved to approve the agenda as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Labrada.

Motion: Carried Vote: Ayes-4

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Deandra Goff, CUHS Student Board Representative reported on the following student activities: Basketball Homecoming activities and assembly; Mock trial competition; Academic Decathlon competition and banquet; Update for the sports in season.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS: (continued)

Kenya Garza, DOHS Student Board Representative reported on the following student activities: ASB officers elected; Winter sports week; Valentine Day student fundraising; Upcoming CAHSEE on 2/3 & 2/4.

Brittney Couch, SHS Student Board Representative reported on the following student activities: Update for the sports in season; Mock trial competition; Band at Holtville Carrot parade and Niland parade; Basketball Homecoming spirit week activities.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATIONS:

Jeff Magin, CUHS Principal presented certificates of recognition to the following students for being selected as Students of the Month by the Vocational Education and Science Departments: JERRY LUMPKINS, 10th; ROBERT FRAKER, 9th; KAREN RODRIGUEZ, 11th; JUSTIN WILLIAMS, 10th.

Danette Morrell, SHS Principal presented certificates of recognition to the following students for being selected at the January Students of the Month: HILDA PARRA, 9th; BIANCA VAN DECKER, 10th; ADRIANN RAMIREZ, 11th; MARGARET MAGALLON, 12th.

Maria Ambriz, DOHS Principal presented certificates of recognition to the following students for being selected as Students of the Month for January 2009: KENYA GARZA and PETE SUAREZ.

Recognition of the CUHS AYES Automobile Program Dealer Sponsors was tabled to the April meeting.

TRUSTEE ARRIVES:

Trustee Walker arrived at this time (7:40pm).

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Trustee Jimenez declared a public comment session open for comments, presentations and requests on matters not listed on this agenda.

Dave Weldon, SHS teacher requested that the Board not take money away from teachers in salaries but to sit down with Union representatives and look at what is in the best interest of all. He questioned the funding set aside for the purchase of a new school.

Ben Benton, SHS teacher stated that the money set aside for the purchase of property for a new school is a bad idea at this time. He suggested that this money could be saved even if it means defaulting on the contract and using that money during these hard times.

Francisco Roman, SHS counselor quoted Vin Scully and talked about identifying core values to help students live through these interesting times.

President Walker stated that it is his desire to involve all stakeholders in some sort of forum where parents, employees and community members all have input. He requested consensus from

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fellow board members to schedule a special meeting in February to further discuss and identify potential cutbacks.

Ed Roncal, ECSTA President reminded the board that last year ECSTA encouraged the board to not put money into the purchase of new school. He stated that he feels it is a good idea to meet.

Dennis Price, SHS teacher questioned the benefit of the current district office remodeling project and wanted to know where the mold is and just how bad is it.

Dave Weldon, SHS teacher asked about the numbers related to the behind the wheel program. He questioned if the program does indeed pay for itself and feels that even when students pay it does not offset cost of running program.

Sandy Montalvo, CUHS questioned the reasoning behind putting people back in the classroom and how bumping rights would affect someone else.

President Walker stated that the list of potential cutbacks was prepared at the request of the board as a worst case scenario. The Board as a whole has not discussed this list prior to this meeting. He proposed holding a special meeting on February 24, 2009 at 6:00PM to further look at opportunities for cutbacks and other related issues.

Trustee Jimenez pointed out that board is trying to be transparent and gather information to be better informed. He stated that he wants all stakeholders to have an opportunity to provide input.

Dr. Budde stated that he wants to reinforce that there is a difference between expenditures that are of an on-going source and one-time monies. The work being done at the Southwest Theater is another example.

Dave Weldon, SHS teacher asked about specific revenue stream monies. President Walker referred him to call the district office with his question.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Trustee Jimenez moved to approve the consent agenda as amended; motion seconded by Trustee Vogel. Trustee Jimenez requested item #11 be moved to the end of the action items.

Motion: Carried Vote: Ayes-5

Minutes – January 13, 2009 regular meeting. Warrant Orders - #010709, 1-5; #011309, 1-6; #012009, 1-6; #012709, 1-4; #020309, 1-7. Personnel Report - Payroll Warrants - #7B January 30, 2009 \$2,114,155.15. Certificated Employment 2008-2009 School Year – CANDICE WILLIAMS, CUHS English Teacher Eff. 01/06/09. Certificated Employment – Substitute/Adult Education Teachers – JOSE M. REGLA, Substitute Eff. 11/10/08; GARY LIGGETT, Substitute Eff. 11/14/08; MICHAEL AGUIRRE, Substitute Eff. 11/20/08; DIANA NUNEZ, Substitute Eff. 12/01/08; MAYRA RAMIREZ, Substitute Eff. 12/01/08; STEPHANIE KIPCHACK, Substitute Eff. 12/15/08. Certificated Employment – Supplemental Assignments – ARLENE HIGGINS, CUHS Geometry 2nd Semester 1 Period Eff. 01/05/09; CANDICE WILLIAMS, CUHS TSA English Eff. 01/05/09; DAVID CARRILLO, SHS Home based Project Migrant Eff. 01/26/09;

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (continued)

SANDRA LOPEZ-TEMORES, SHS Home based Project Migrant Eff. 01/26/09; RENE AGUNDEZ, CUHS Home based Project Migrant Eff. 01/27/09. CUHS 6th Period Assignment – 2nd Semester - MARICELA AVILA, Child Care; PATRICK BUSH, Math; RICHARD DECORSE, Special Ed; VERONICA GRANADOS, Special Ed; ARELENE HIGGINS, Math; NEIL MACGAFFEY, Math; FLOR ORTIZ, Math; ARELYS THOMPSON, English 12. SHS 6th Period Assignment / 2nd Semester – BEN BENTON, Special Ed; DONNA KRUM, Special Ed; WENDY OSA, World Language, LINDA STORTS, ROP Computer Graphics, LIDIA WALKER, Special Ed; GENARO PINEIRO, Special Ed. Classified Employment - DAVID MUNOZ, SHS Athletic Equipment Manager/Custodian Eff. 01/26/09. Classified Hourly Employment - MAGDALENO BELTRAN, Relief Custodian Eff. 11/17/08; BERT HOLT, CUHS Basketball Scoreboard Operator Eff. 12/01/08; SALVADOR MARTINEZ PADILLA, Relief Bus Driver Eff. 12/09/08; YOLANDA NUNEZ, Relief Security Guard Eff. 12/17/08; JESUS ZAZUETA FELIX, DOHS Migrant Work Study Student Eff. 01/14/09; GUILLERMO ESPARZA, Relief Food Service Eff. 01/09/09; JACQUELINE ABUNDIZ, DOHS Migrant Work Study Student Eff. 01/14/09; CRISTIAN PRECIADO, DOHS Migrant Work Study Student Eff. 01/14/09; RAUL BELTRAN, CUHS Migrant Work Study Student Eff. 01/27/09; ALEJANDRA GUILLEN-PEREZ, CUHS Migrant Work Study Student Eff. 01/27/09; ALEJANDRA PAMATZ, CUHS Migrant Work Study Student Eff. 01/27/09; JESUS MIRANDA, **CUHS** Migrant Work Study Student Eff. 01/27/09. Resignation/Separation - MARCOS CERVANTES, SHS AVID Tutor Eff. 11/20/08. Certificated Resignation/Separation – KAREN SAIKHON, SHS Head Varsity Volleyball Coach. Approved to declare the listed items as surplus property and authorized administration to dispose of as appropriate. Approved the donation from the Imperial Valley Soccer Association to the Southwest High School Boys Varsity Program.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #021009-25 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF 2009-2010 TAX AND ERVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES THEREFOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL CASH RESERVE PROGRAM AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY TO ISSUE AND SELL SAID SERIES OF NOTES:

Trustee Jimenez moved to adopt Board Resolution #021009-25, Authorizing the borrowing of funds for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and the Issuance and Sale of one or more Series of 2009-2010 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) and participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program; motion seconded by Trustee Labrada.

Motion: Carried Roll Call Vote: Ayes-5

ADOPTION OF BOARD RESOLUTION #021009-26 DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:

Trustee Vogel moved to adopt Board Resolution #021009-26 declaring the month of March 2009 as Women's History Month and encourages all faculty, staff and students to commemorate this time with appropriate instructional activities; motion seconded by Trustee Acosta.

Motion: Carried Roll Call Vote: Ayes-5

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ADOPTION OF BOARD RESOLUTION #021009-27 DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009 AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH:

Trustee Vogel moved to adopt Board Resolution #021009-27 declaring the month of March 2009 as Arts Education Month and encourages all faculty, staff and students to commemorate this time with appropriate instructional activities; motion seconded by Trustee Jimenez.

Motion: Carried Roll Call Vote: Ayes-5

APPROVAL OF REVISED SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2009:

Trustee Labrada moved to approve the revision to the Schedule of Board Meetings for 2009; motion seconded by Trustee Jimenez. Special meetings were added on February 24th and March 24th.

Motion: Carried Vote: Ayes-5

<u>PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ON THE INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM THE CUHSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO THE EL CENTRO SECONDARY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION:</u>

President Walker declared a public hearing open for the purpose of receiving comments on the contract proposal form the Central Union High School District to the El Centro Secondary Teachers' Association for contract negotiations for the 2008-2009 school year.

There being no comments, oral or written, President Walker declared the public hearing closed.

<u>ELECTION OF A CSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUBREGION</u> 18-B IMPERIAL COUNTY:

Trustee Jimenez moved to elect RALPH FERNANDEZ, Trustee for the Brawley Union HSD to serve as the representative to CSBA's Delegate Assembly for Sub region 18-B Imperial County; motion seconded by Trustee Acosta.

Motion: Carried Vote: Ayes-5

UPDATE ON THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS AND PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS:

The Superintendent provided an update on the latest advisories from Sacramento regarding the fiscal crisis. He also reviewed the prepared list of potential cutbacks for the District for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school year. He explained that through a variety of resources the projected reduced revenue to our district is about \$1.4M this year and \$1.0M next year. He asked that the Board provide direction as to the proposed cutbacks for potential action at the March meeting.

Ben Benton, SHS Teacher stated that he would like to see whatever cutbacks are being considered be prioritized so that students are the least impacted.

Cheryl Hargrove, CUHS Teacher stated the School Resource Program is crucial for the safety of students and staff.

Trustee Labrada assured all that the board would be looking at all options presented to them and that he anticipates some tough decision will have to be made.

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

Letter from the Imperial County Office of Education Fiscal Advisory Services regarding a positive certification of the First Interim Report.

Monthly budget report for the period ending 01/30/09.

Notice of Completion on the Southwest and Central Union High School Backflow Prevention Devices Installation project.

ECSTA AND CSEA COMMENTS:

Ed Roncal, ECSTA President addressed the board and pointed out that the money they approved to be set aside and deposited in a special trust fund relating to GASB was not done.

Diane Richmond, CSEA President stated that she wants to be kept informed of any future meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Superintendent reported on the upcoming Imperial County School Boards' Association Dinner meeting scheduled for February 25th at Heber Elementary School District and the "Meet and Greet" reception for Dr. Susan Heredia, a member of CSBA's Board of Directors and Hispanic Director-at-Large.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Vogel stated that she feels the state is playing games. She wanted to assure all that the Board is there to listen and committed to not laying off employees if at all possible, but that it is a tough time for all.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:05P.M.

<u>CERTIFIED MINUTES</u> :	
Superintendent & Secretary to the Board of Trustees	Date