



CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. through ZOOM.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Todd Cook called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance table with columns for months (Aug to June) and rows for Board members (Cook, Konczal, Sandoval, Thomas, Mesfin, Nelson, O'Farrell), Administrators, and Staff (Watson, Hansen, Parker).

Norm Anderson, Deputy Superintendent, Clovis Unified School District, was in attendance/proxy for CUSD Superintendent O'Farrell, until her arrival at 4:13 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Kurt Madden, Chief Technology Officer, Fresno Unified School District, was in attendance/proxy for FUSD Superintendent Nelson, until his arrival at 4:21 p.m.

MCU [Madden/Konczal] to approve the Agenda as posted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Konczal/Madden] to approve the Minutes for September 8, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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- 1. CART-Learner, Teacher, Demonstration-It's Role in the Big Picture Fresno Business Council
a. Deb Nankivell- CEO Fresno Business Council, gave an update on all the initiatives going on around Fresno as they relate to the success of CART.

MCU [Sandoval/Madden] to approve the Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register  
Approve purchase orders from orders from September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, warrants numbered; 090320DC; 091020DC; 091720DC; 092520MJ; 093020DC; 093020TX.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER**

2. Approval of Conference Requests.  
N/A

**APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

3. Approval of Student Field Trips.  
N/A

**APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

At the Board convened to closed session at N/A.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ACTION**  
N/A

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**INFORMATION**  
1. N/A

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**STAFF REPORTS**

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1. Dr. Watson, CEO of CART began his report by sharing out the good news that CART has been nationally recognized by the Canopy Project which is a nation-wide research organization that seeks nomination for programs practicing innovative instructional and organization strategies that empower students. The Transcend organization nominated CART for this project.

Rick Watson, Ed. D.  
C.E.O.  
Lisa Hansen, Ed. D.  
Dean of Curriculum and Instruction

2. September 17<sup>th</sup> was Back to School Night at CART and all 13 labs had some form of parent/families virtual event where teachers introduced themselves and talked about the format of their labs.

3. The CART Quarterly Meeting of the Joint (FUSD/CUSD) Finance, Maintenance, and Facilities Teams met back on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Watson shared the agenda for that meeting.

4. Dr. Watson elaborated on the SJVMA sponsored CTE/Manufacturing tour event that took place at CART on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The tour included stops at several manufacturing companies in town as well as CTEC HS, Duncan Polytechnical HS and CART. Dr. Watson shared the list of attendees and shared some highlights from the tour.

5. Dr. Watson shared out some the amazing strategies that CART teachers are utilizing during virtual instruction and Dr. Hansen shared out a video of the Law and Policy Lab's Moot Court Zoom. The students were amazing!

6. Dr. Watson shared out an update on the re-opening process that CART is planning for alongside FUSD and CUSD. The staff is involved through biweekly staff meetings. Dr. Watson shared that CART has several partners back east that have been going through the opening of school process and that consulting with them as been most beneficial towards CART planning process.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Todd Cook.

**ADJOURNMENT**

CART 10.13.20 TC/kp  
MSCU=Motion (*Board Member making the motion listed*), Second (*Board Member making the second listed*), Carried Unanimously  
MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (*Board members voting NO listed.*)  
MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (*Board members voting NO listed.*)