



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, March 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Deb Nankivell, CEO, Fresno Business Council was in proxy for Ms. Mesfin.

ATTENDANCE

MCU [Konczal/Nelson] to approve the Agenda for March 8, 2022.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [O'Brien/Konczal] to approve the Minutes for February 8, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION N/A

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MCU [Nelson/O'Brien] to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register Approve purchase orders from orders from February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022, warrants numbered: 020322DC; 021722DC; 022322DC; 022822DC.

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

ACTION

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1. Approve CART Second Interim Financial Report. Larry Corum, CUSD Financial Analyst III, presented the CART Second Interim Financial Report to the Board.

MCU [Thomas/O'Brien] to approve the CART Second Interim Financial Report.

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1. Dr. Watson begin with a tribute to the CART Staff. As we approach the 2nd anniversary of schools shutting down due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Dr. Watson wanted to publically thank the CART Staff for their perseverance and resolve through these difficult past few years. They are an amazing group of educators and support staff who took on this very unique challenge to CART with courage and confidence. Their skills at problem-solving, adapting, reacting and their resolve and resiliency is next to none. Providing the very best CART experience for the students was always their number one goal! Dr. Watson stated that he appreciated the opportunity to work alongside this staff as CART navigated its way through the pandemic.

Lisa Hansen, Ed. D.
Dean of Curriculum
and Instruction

2. Dr. Watson asked the Board to consider a date for rescheduling the CART Joint Board Meeting. April 19, 2022 is the date the Board will consider.

3. Dr. Watson introduced CART Counselor Tina Chandler who shared out the registration lottery results for the CART class of 2022-23. 2225 applications were received. Approximately 400 current juniors will be returning for a second year. 1509 students were placed with 807 students from CUSD and 702 students from FUSD. The CART Staff is very pleased with the number of applicants especially since the number of applications was down significantly for the 2021-22 school year. Dr. Watson and Mrs. Chandler both expressed their excitement that the percentage of students from each school district is as close to 50/50 as it's been in the last 10 years.

4. Dr. Watson stated that the students and their families were notified on Friday March 4th of their acceptance or pending status. He also expressed some concern that CART still cannot finalize a late start bell schedule for the 2022-23 school year as FUSD is still in process of finalizing theirs. He expressed that parents/families are calling and asking for the schedule and indicating that it may affect their ability to remain at CART for the 2022-23 school year.

5. Dr. Watson shared with the Board that the dates and format for the 2nd ever CART New Students/Families Orientation Event. The event will be in-person but, to keep the number of participants down, CART will host the event over three nights (April 5th, 6th, 7th). Four CART labs will be hosting their event per night. The newly accepted students were notified of the date of their lab's event in their acceptance communique.

6. Dr. Watson informed the Board that the CART Senior Scholarships for the 2021-22 school year are now open. He thanked some of the families that support scholarships for CART Seniors including the Cook and Weber families. He also included the Scottish Rite group and a new scholarship for this year offered by the Marshall Family on behalf of their daughter who is a CART Alumni. This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving CART Senior interested in going into the Patient Care pathway.

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- 7. Dr. Watson informed the Board that CART will be conducting state testing in Language Arts for all CART Juniors at CART during the week of March 28th.
- 8. Dr. Watson reminded the CART Board that the April 2022 CART Board Meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month (April 19, 2022) as opposed to the second Tuesday, which falls during spring break.
- 9. Chairperson Cook gave the Board a synopsis of the most recent CART Foundation Board Reconfiguration Subcommittee meeting, which was held yesterday. Chairperson Cook shared that the group has made a lot of headway and will present a detailed report at our next scheduled CART Foundation Board Meeting, May 24, 2022.

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 4:42 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Todd Cook.
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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.*)

ADJOURNMENT