

**MINUTES**  
**AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
Open Session 6:30 P.M

Meeting Location: Amador County Administration Building, 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642

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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** 6:30 pm

2.0 **BOARD MEMBERS**

- [X] Bob Laurent – Board President
- [X] Kandi Thompson – Board Clerk
- [X] Rose Oneto
- [X] Susan Ross
- [X] Janet White

3.0 Roll taken by the Secretary to the Governing Board.

4.0 **OPEN SESSION** 6:32 pm

5.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Andre King from Jackson Junior High

6.0 **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Dr. Slavensky made a correction to the consent agenda items 12.4a and 12.4b to be changed to 9.4a and 9.4b, and recommended that the fiscal audit reports are heard during the unified school district meeting for both the county office and school district. Board Member Thompson moved to approve the corrections to the agenda. Board Member Oneto seconded the motion. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

7.0 **VISITOR COMMENTS**

*Anyone may address the Board regarding any item that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. NOTE: If you wish to address the Board please complete a speaker card and give it to the Board clerk. This part of the Board's meeting is set aside for members of the public requesting to address the Board on general items which are not agenda items calendared for action, which are not first readings listed in the agenda, and are not items previously referred to committee and not yet returned to the Board for action. A speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. This agenda item will be limited to twenty (20) minutes. Anyone whose name remains on the speakers list at the end of the allotted time will be granted time at the end of the regular meeting. The Board will not discuss or take action on an item introduced during this portion of the agenda, as this would constitute an illegal act on the part of the Board.*

Julia Mandeson, teacher at Lone Elementary School, addressed the board regarding the California Teachers' Association (CTA) State Council. She attended her first State Council meeting and plans to bring a report to the Board of Trustees after each of Council meetings.

8.0 **PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITIONS**

- 8.1 **Spotlight on Schools –Jackson Junior High School (Mr. Vicari)**  
Featured is Jackson Junior High with Principal Janet DeLeo. The presentation provided an overview of Jackson Junior High's unique attributes and outstanding accomplishments. Principal DeLeo shared there are many exciting events happening at Jackson Junior High and introduced vice principal John Hawley. She then

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introduced the student council members including President Andre King, Vice President Kay Johnson, Treasurer Emilie Thompson, and Secretary Erynn Thompson. The students spoke about the positive learning environment and expressed appreciation for their teachers who make learning enjoyable. Some of the students demonstrated swing dancing which they are learning in their physical education (PE) classes. Mr. Mathany, teacher, provided a demonstration of a fully programmable drone students are learning to create. Andre King introduced PE teachers Ms. Knittel and Mr. Gilliam. The teachers spoke about the PHATCAT program where they reward students with tee-shirts, and the BRAINIAC program which recognizes student achievement.

## 9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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 at [www.amadorcoe.org](http://www.amadorcoe.org). Documents to support items 9.4a and 9.4b are available for review in the Superintendent's Office at 217 Rex Avenue, Jackson, CA 95642 and they are available online at [www.amadorcoe.org](http://www.amadorcoe.org).

### 9.1 Minutes

9.1a Board Meeting – January 25, 2017

### 9.2 Business (Mr. Zearley)

9.2a Monthly Budget Report

9.2b Payroll issued between January 1, 2017 and January 31, 2017, \$2,394,355.23

9.2c Warrants issued between January 19, 2017 and January 31, 2017, \$115,154.01

9.2d 2016-2017 Enrollment

### 9.3 Personnel (Mr. Vicari)

### 9.4 Curriculum (Ms. Greiten)

9.4a Single Plans for Student Achievement

Board Member Thompson asked about the students being part of the school site council. Ms. Greiten stated that the California Department of Education requires that students be part of the site council.

9.4b School Accountability Report Cards

Board Member Thompson asked when these are to be completed. Ms. Greiten responded by saying that every year they are to be completed by February.

### 9.5 Donations/Gifts/Contributions

9.5a Independence High School received a trip to the Children's Creativity Museum in San Francisco. Net value of this gift is about \$200.00.

9.5b Independence High School has received a gift of \$500.00 from Jackson Rancheria.

9.5c Shenandoah Valley School has received a gift of \$1500.00 from Jackson Rancheria.

### 9.6 Surplus

9.6a A Toshiba Laptop purchased in 2002 – out dated, obsolete

Board Member Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Oneto seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

## 10.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

*Public comments regarding Discussion/Action Items will be addressed during the Discussion/Action agenda items. Anyone may address the Board regarding any item that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. NOTE: If you wish to address the Board please complete a speaker card and give it to the Board clerk. A speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.*

### 10.1 Audit and Bond Reports for 2015-16 – Action (Mr. Zearley)

Amador County Public Schools contracts with Stephen Roatch Accounting Agency to perform an audit of District funds. This was completed following the closure of books. The report is under a separate cover. Mr. Zearly introduced Mr. Roatch who presented the audit findings and recommendations. Board President Laurent asked about the teacher mis-assignments and wanted to know if this came from one school. Mr.

Roatch said it came from more than one school. Board Member Thompson moved to approve the audit and bond report as presented. Board Member Oneto seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

- 10.2 **ACUSD/ACOE Website Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance - Action (Mr. Zearley)**  
Following the results of the communication survey and audit in the spring of 2016, ACUSD and ACOE partnered with Syntric to update the district/county website. As a result of the updated district website, many of the schools in the district voiced interest in updating their school websites. The school websites project was in discussion when Syntric and the district received new information about requirements for school websites related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Mr. Zearley reported that, pending Board approval, Syntric will update all school and district/county websites to ensure compliance with the ADA. Board President Laurent stated he was surprised that Syntric did not make the websites ADA compliant at the time the sites were being created. Superintendent Slavensky commented that the ADA requirements are recently getting attention by school districts and other agencies. Board Member Ross asked how this contract will be funded; Mr. Zearley said it would be funded through budgeted LCFF funds. Board Member Ross moved to approve. Board Member Thompson seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**
- 10.3 **Board of Trustees Retreat/Workshop: Strategic Planning – Action (Dr. Slavensky)**  
Recently, the Board of Trustees completed a three-part, 12-hour governance team training workshop with Leadership Associates consultants. From this process, a need to clearly define the school district’s version, mission, beliefs, and goals emerged. At the January 25, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved a consultant’s contract to begin the strategic planning process in March 2017. This will engage a broad-based stakeholder group to draft a vision, mission, beliefs, and goals for the school district. This will lead to a multi-year strategic plan which will guide the focus and work of the school district. Following the first two phases of the strategic planning process, it will be important for the Board to hear a report about the Draft Strategic Plan and have time for discussion. Dr. Slavensky shared a recommended timeline for the strategic planning process and provided samples from another school district. Board Member Thompson moved to approve the timeline. Board Member White seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**
- 10.4 **Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Subcommittee - Action (Dr. Slavensky)**  
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## 11.0 **REPORTS**

8:15 pm

- 11.1 **California Common Core State Standards (Ms. Greiten)**  
The State Board of Education (SBE) approved the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for full implementation in the 2014-15 school year. These standards are the “what” of our teaching and learning work with students. The California State Frameworks are the “how” of our teaching and learning work and provide guidance related to instructional materials, research-based strategies, learning environments, and meeting the diverse needs of all students. The purpose of this report is to deepen the Board members’ understanding about the Standards and Frameworks in order to enhance their ability to support student achievement in our schools. The report included information about the English language arts and mathematics shifts from the previous standards and examples about how parents can support their students. Board members made various comments and asked about how parents will be supported. Ms. Greiten shared that parent education workshops and other supports are being planned.
- 11.2 **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Mid-Year Report (Ms. Greiten)**  
The passage of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) in 2013 gave California school districts flexibility in allocating resources in order to significantly boost support for the education of disadvantaged

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students. Base, supplemental and concentration funds are the three components of the LCFF. ACUSD receives base funds to support all students and supplemental funds to support English learners, foster youth, and students from low income families. ACUSD does not receive concentration funds. The purpose of this report is to update the Board about progress being made toward meeting the current LCAP goals and to provide information about the 2017-18 planning process. Ms. Greiten shared information about midyear progress related to the four 2016-17 LCAP goals and detailed the four-month 2017-18 planning process which includes stakeholder informational meetings, understanding our district/county data and the eight state priorities, and participating in a survey and series of feedback loops. Meeting times and a link to the LCAP survey is posted on the main page of the ACUSD public website. All stakeholders are encouraged to complete the survey by February 28, 2017. Board Member Ross asked if an early release day for teacher collaboration is being considered. Mr. Vicari stated they are exploring options. Board Member Thompson shared it is helpful to see how the process works. Board Member White appreciated the phone updates. Board Member Oneto said this helps because everyone is on the same page. Board President Laurent commented there are two additional state priorities for the County Office of Education.

Board President Laurent called a five minute recess.

8:45 pm

- 11.3 Local Control Funding Formula Budget Basics & 2017-18 Governor's Budget Proposal (Mr. Zearley)**  
 The Governor has released his proposal for 2017-18 education funding. The purpose of this report is to prepare the Board for the 2017-18 budget development process. Mr. Zearley provided a summary of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), a review of budget basics, and an overview of the 2017-18 Governor's funding proposal. Board Member Ross asked what are we doing to further identify students from low income families so we may qualify for the concentration funds. The certified percentage at the time of this report is 47% and 55% or higher is required to qualify for concentration funds. Ms. Greiten and Dr. Slavensky are beginning to strategize about this. Board President Laurent asked if students are identified through the free and reduced lunch applications; Mr. Zearley affirmed this. Board Member Thompson asked about the base funds; Mr. Zearley said it is based on grade spans. Board Member Thompson asked about unduplicated students.
- 11.4 Report from Superintendent (Dr. Slavensky)**  
 Dr. Slavensky expressed appreciation to the cabinet members who work hard to bring information to the Board. She thanked the school principals and administrators for being at the Board meeting to hear the reports and support their items on the Board agenda. She reported about attending the Association for School Administrators' Region 7 "Every Student Succeeding" breakfast event where students from each school were recognized for overcoming barriers and obstacles to achievement. Dr. Slavensky also shared about her recent coaching sessions with principals, school visits, and LCAP stakeholder meetings.
- 11.5 Amador County Recreation Agency Report (ACRA) (Board Member Oneto)**  
 Meeting was cancelled and will resume next week.
- 11.6 Reports and Requests from Board Members**  
 Board Member Oneto visited Pine Grove STEM School and found the visit to be very interesting including visiting a dance class, the computer robotics class, other STEM instruction, and the library where the Rotary Club was donating dictionaries to third grade students. Board Member Thompson enjoyed attending the CSBA Brown Act training. Board President Laurent also enjoyed the CCBE (California County Boards of Education) training and he asked if the Board presentations could be posted to the public website or emailed. He shared information from Lozano Smith with the Board members.

**12.0 FUTURE MEETING ITEMS**

- 12.1 Recognition – Spotlight on Schools – Argonaut High School
- 12.2 Recommendation for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Certificates Service/Tie Break Criteria
- 12.3 Student Board Members
- 12.4 Governance Handbook – First Reading
- 12.5 Superintendent's Evaluation (Closed Session in March 2017)
- 12.6 Adult Education and Career Technical Education (CTE) Report

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13.0 **NEXT MEETING**

**ACUSD Regular Meeting:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Argonaut High School, 501 Argonaut Lane, Jackson, CA Regular Session begins at 6:30 p.m.

14.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

9:10 pm

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