

CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING: January 10, 2018

Work Session Notes on Board Goals and Action Steps

The School Board of Cordova School District

A work session regarding Board Goals and Action steps was held Wednesday, January 10, 2018 beginning at 6:04 pm in the Media Center of the Cordova Jr/Sr High School.

Ms. Jewell, Ms. Altermott, Mr. Hoepfner, Mr. Bradford, Ms. Glasen, Ms. Andrew, Mr. Russin and Secretary Nora Dudley were in attendance.

Ms. Jewell began by explaining that the purpose of this meeting was to create action steps on four Board Goals identified in a previous Work Session. The Board discussed the following goals during the meeting:

1. Policy alignment (practice with policy)

The Board discussed this goal and determined to continue holding Policy Committee meetings as an action step in order to review policies and recommended revisions in order to ensure a focus on alignment of practice with written policy. Additional discussion occurred regarding many policies being written and adopted in the distant past and the importance of continuing policy review in order to maintain relevance and practicality of implementation during changing times.

2. Budget alignment with district goals

The Board discussed this goal and the importance of being intentional when identifying specific district goals and associated fiscal resources. Action steps will include identifying yearly district goals and formally allocating resources during the budget development cycle.

3. Meeting agenda items connected to goals

The Board talked about the current agenda structure of board meetings and discussed ways to be mindful of district goals in relation to the board's work. It was decided to identify information and action items on the agenda that are specific to goals in order to serve as a reminder and to maintain focus on these goals.

4. Increasing board engagement with community

The idea of "fireside chats" held by the board was introduced as a way to additionally engage the community; these would serve as informal conversations to listen to ideas and topics from the community to help improve our school system. Additional ideas about increasing community engagement included board members inviting members of the community, students, and/or staff to board meetings to share success stories they have experienced. The idea of hosting potlucks or dessert socials was also discussed. The board agreed on February 28, 2018 to host a staff appreciation dinner; a community gathering will be decided on a later date.

Ms. Jewell closed the meeting at 6:57 pm.