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BOARD MINUTES

January 22, 2022

Pursuant to a written notice be delivered to each member of the Board of Directors of the California Association for Bilingual Education held a regular Board meeting on Saturday, January 22, 2022, via Zoom.com.

Board Members Present

Dr. Barbara Flores, President; Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, Vice President; Olivia Yahya, Immediate Past President; Raul Maldonado, Director of Financial Affairs; Rosa Armstrong, Director of Para-Educators Affairs; Marissa Lazo-Necco, Director of Community Affairs; Dr. Lettie Ramírez, Director of IHE Affairs; Marlene Batista, Director of State and Legislative Affairs; Dr. Hugo Moreno, Director of Parent Affairs; Gloria Ulloa Rodriguez, Region I Representative; Dr. Zenaida Aguirre-Muñoz, Region II Representative; Mary Ybarra, Region IV Representative; and Mary Elena Esquer, Region V Representative. Absent: Dr. Carolina Serna

Staff Members & Consultants

Jan Gustafson-Corea, Chief Executive Officer; Maria Villa-Marquez, Deputy Director; Araceli Chavez, Director of Parent and Family Engagement; Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan, Director of Programs and Events; Joshua Jauregui, Administrative Systems Manager; Norma Rocha, ITCD Manager; Yvette Chong-Coontz, Accounting and Financial Management Consultant; Laurie Nesrala, Communication Consultant; Maria Valencia, Parent Special and Interpretation & Translation; Toni Hernández, Parent Coach and Mentor; and Aida Madison, Executive Assistant.

Legal Counsel /Partners/Guests

Mary Hernandez, Legal Counsel; Martha Zaragoza-Diaz, Senior Advisor; Sharon Merritt, CABTE President; Veronica Miranda-Pinkney, CTA Liaison; Jennifer Baker, Lobbyist; Sally Fox, Education Policy Analyst; Rosalinda Quintanar and Laura Valles, consultant (Laura Valles & Associates, Inc.).

SESSION ONE: Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – Dr. Barbara Flores
1.2 Roll Call – Aida Madison
1.3 Observer: Dr. Lettie Ramírez Timekeeper: Mary Ybarra
1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION #1- TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 22, 2022

Move: Dr. Hugo Moreno Second: Raul Maldonado Approved: Yes

1.5 Approval of Minutes

MOTION #2 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2021.

Move: Dr. Hugo Moreno Second: Dr. Lettie Ramírez Approved: Yes

Abstain: Dr. Zenaida Aguirre-Muñoz

1.6 Swearing in of new Region II – Dr. Zenaida Aguirre-Muñoz

Mary Hernández swore in Dr. Zenaida Aguirre-Muñoz. Dr. Aguirre-Muñoz introduced herself to the Board members.

SESSION TWO: Reports

2.1 President’s Report – Dr. Barbara Flores stated that California Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, appointed her to the State Literacy/Biliteracy Task Force. Barbara Flores stated that she participated in the process to hire the new lobbyist, Jennifer Baker. Barbara Flores has organized an Asian Language Roundtable.

2.2 Vice President’s Report – Elodia Ortega-Lampkin stated that JDA will take place in May rather than the annual conference. Elodia stated there will be a network event at the conference.

2.3 CEO’s Report – Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that there two full-time positions available, Professional Learning Specialist and an Administrative Assistant. Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that her report is focused on seven goal areas: 1) Maintain the vision and purpose of CAFE; 2) Lead CAFE’s strategic planning; 3) Provide Financial Oversight; 4) Manage good internal business processes; 5) Develop Strong partnership relations; 6) render decisions that will provide employee education and commitment to the organization; 7) Develop board members understanding of CAFE’s Goals.

2.4 Directors’ Reports – Rosa Armstrong stated she is collaborating with Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan and Jan Gustafson-Corea preparing on the CAFE 2022 and regional conference. Dr. Hugo Moreno stated he will be participating in the City of Industry’s Parent Involvement Academy. Dr. Moreno stated he will be participating on Friday, March 11, Parent Institute. Marissa Lazo-Necco stated she is participating in the work with Jan Gustafson-Corea, Dr. Barbara Flores, Maria Villa, and Dr. Annie Duong on the Asian Language Roundtable. Dr. Lettie Ramirez stated she has participated in CABTE meeting and is collaborating with professors in community college to recruit future teachers. Olivia Yahya stated she is attending and training and attending chapter meetings. Olivia stated she is stepping in to support Region III.

2.5 Region 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Representatives’ Reports – Gloria Ulloa Rodriguez, Region I Representative, stated Chapter 7-SALSA is preparing with Region I Rep. for a Chapter #7 General membership virtual meeting. Gloria stated Chapter 8-META, Patterson in collaboration with Stanislaus COE and the California World Language Project will be putting on a one-day professional learning fundraiser on Saturday, April 30. Gloria stated that Chapter 13- San Joaquin has engaged in several events and activities in this school year. Chapter 23- SFABE continues to support and inform SFUSD Teachers, paras and parents by close communications via Facebook and email. Chapter 76-Yolo/Woodland has engaged in several events and activities: December 11-Las Posadas Celebration; January 14- Virtual Board Meeting. Olivia Yahya, Immediate Past President, stated she contacted all the chapters and participated in the Pepperdine chapter focused on promoting bilingual teachers and how non-bilingual teachers can be part of CAFE. Olivia stated that the Whittier chapter is “on fire” with their radio podcast. They continue to reach out to their community and sponsor scholarships. Mary Ybarra, Region IV Representative, stated that Coachella, and San Diego are working on fundraising for scholarship. Elena Esquer, Region V Representative, stated Chapter 48 had a successful 13th annual conference.

Elena stated that Chapter 58 had a successful chapter meeting and are planning conference in May.

2.6 CABTE Report – Sharon Merritt stated she said that this is her last six months of her CABTE presidency. Sharon stated that Mr. Eduardo Muñoz Muñoz will be the new CABTE President. Sharon stated the major accomplishment this past quarter is the approval of the Bilingual Authorization Standards, BTPEs, and the minimum 20-hour field experience requirement. Sharon thanked CABTE leaders, members and others who contributed public and written comments in support of the approval. Sharon stated that they are working with CABTE website and working on recruiting more members.

2.7 CTA Report – Veronica Miranda-Pinkney stated that CTA is working CTA to share contract language that would help districts starting new multilingual programs and it has been a challenge. Veronica reminded that the Dolores Huerta Day on April 10th. Veronica stated that CTA conference is virtual and will be free. CA READS Committee is looking at teacher recommended books that can be used in educational settings.

2.8 CFA Report – Rosalinda Quintanar stated that after a year of bargaining for a contract, CFA and the Chancellor’s office came to a settlement of a tentative contract. The important wins in the contract include: \$3,500 COVID Service Award to recognize the significant and dedicated work of faculty during the 2021-21 academic year; four percent general salary increase (GSI) for this year, 2021-2022 year, retroactive to July 1, 2021; agreement on reopener negotiations for salary increases in 2023-2024

2.9 CDE Report - Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that Alesha Moreno-Ramirez will provide a report at the March meeting.

2.10 Legislative Update

Jennifer Baker stated Jump Start Grant Program bill will be introduced by Assembly member Medina. It will create a five-year grant to the California State University system to increase student enrollment in bilingual authorization programs through recruitment and retention of full or part-time faculty through its Colleges of Education. Jennifer Baker stated the other bill CABE along with CalTog bill is Long-Term English Learners Data. This bill will require that local education agencies with 25 percent or more English learners (LTEL) in elementary school who are at risk of becoming long-term English learners (LTEL) or 25% of ELs in secondary school who are LTEL to delineate goals and strategies for serving the needs of these students in their local Control and Accountability Plan.

SESSION THREE: Action Items

3.1 Financial Package and Budget Variance Report for the period ending November 30, 2021
MOTION #3 –TO APPROVE THE BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2021, AS PRESENTED.

Yvette Chong-Coontz stated the Total current assets: \$2,437,377; Total assets: \$5,920,165; Total liabilities and net assets: \$5,920,165; Total revenue: \$2,585,062.

Moved: Raul Maldonado Second: Dr. Lettie Ramirez Approved: yes

SESSION FOUR: Informational Items

4.1 Organizational Assessment – Laura Valles, Laura Valles & Associates, Inc., presented information regarding the CABE Organizational Assessment. The proposed approach includes the following steps: 1) Process Design & Project Management, 2) Assessment & Review 3) Stakeholder Engagement 4) Strategy Design & Development 5) Organizational Assessment Action Plan. The timeline is from January – June.

4.2 CABE 2022

Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that upon Board approval the CABE 2022 will pivot to virtual conference. Jan Gustafson-Corea stated the announcement will be emailed on Tuesday, January 25 to: Pre-registered attendees, presenters and featured speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors, planning committee, co-chairs, and honorary chairs. Chapter leaders, members, and partners. Also on Tuesday, January 25 the website, gocabe.org and social media will be updating with the new information. Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan stated the registration fee will stay the same and the early bird registration deadline will be extended to March 3, 2022. The hotel package registration will be refunded and/or changed. Delma stated that parent registration is low. Overall registration is significantly lower than in past years at this time. CABE will cancel all hotel reservations that have been reserved through CABE. Delma stated that the Board will receive their schedules and scripts at the March 19 meeting. The Board is asked to block their schedule from March 30-April 2, 2022.

4.3 CABE 2022 Board Awards

Dr. Barbara Flores stated the Board Awards will be: Innovative Leadership, Dr. Cristina Alfaro; Legacy, Drs. Ken and Yetta Goodman; Legislative Advocacy and Legacy, Martha Zaragoza-Diaz; Visionary Leadership, Sobrato Family Foundation.

4.4 State Literacy/Biliteracy Task Force and National Committee Effective Literacy

Please refer to the President's Report.

4.5 Grant Updates: EWIG, DELIGHT, PROMESA, Silver Giving

Jan Gustafson-Corea presented an overview of the EWIG, DELIGHT, PROMESA and Silver Giving grants.

4.6 Announcements

Maria Villa announced the upcoming CABE events: La Jornada Pedagógica, DLTA, Interpretation/Translation, and Summer Dual Language Institute.

4.7 Observer's Report

SESSION FIVE: Adjournment

5.1 Meeting is adjourned