

CARMEL USD BOARD BRIEFS

SPOTLIGHTING INFORMATION FROM AND ACTIONS OF THE CARMEL UNIFIED BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting of February 16, 2022

Consent Items - Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar Items (5,0)

Action/Discussion/Information Items

- The Board received a presentation on and approved the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021: The partner with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP responsible for certifying the audit presented an overview and highlights of the report.
- The Board received a <u>report on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</u>: The Superintendent provided the Board and public an update on the status of the EIR. After a review of the history of the project and concerns brought forward, the Superintendent gave the following overview of the plan moving forward:
 - At this point, seeing no viable alternatives to the stadium light project, and still hearing community concern and promises of a lawsuit, we have enhanced the scope of the project and will therefore repeat the process
 - We will be bringing forth a second draft EIR in June with a second 45-day commenting period over the summer break with a public meeting in July
 - We will then bring forth the final EIR, findings, and a possible final vote in the fall most likely October or November
 - We will be using the appropriate legal process under CEQA and will use the recirculation of the DEIR and public commenting period as the process for engagement with our community
- The Board ratified a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Carmel Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Local 190 regarding holidays and COVID-19 leave/salary and wages: On September 30, 2021, the COVID leave established by the state and federal governments expired. The District and CSEA representatives have agreed to reinstate COVID leave locally. This extension provides access for up to 10 days of COVID related leave during the entirety of the 2021-2022 school fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022. The MOU also provides clarification on the method for establishing the rate of pay when a classified employee is reassigned to work in a different position for emergency reasons. On June 18, 2021, President Biden signed legislation establishing June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day. Given the timing, CSEA representatives and the District did not address the issue at the time but later agreed to discuss the implementation in the fall of 2021. Both parties met and agreed upon updated contract language and how to grant the missed day on June 19, 2021, to the impacted employees.
- The Board approved (3 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention) Option 1 as the 2022-23 school year calendar: The School Calendar Advisory Committee met and provided input on a calendar change, which was instituted this school year. The Committee recommended a week-long break at Thanksgiving and the anecdotal feedback indicated that this was a positive update to the calendar. The calendar for 2022-2023 was prepared with the same Thanksgiving Week update and presented to the Committee for review and input. There were two adjustments made by the Committee the placement of minimum days for staff development and discussion around the placement of winter break. Both groups reviewed a calendar with a modified winter break alongside a calendar with a traditional winter break. After reviewing the options with the CUSD Administrative Council, the final recommendation was to approve a calendar and bring the Committee back together to discuss the possible placement of a minimum day on December 23, 2022. A survey on the options was sent out to staff members, so they could provide input on the two options.

The next Meeting of the Carmel Unified Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at MEarth Green Building at 4:00 p.m.