

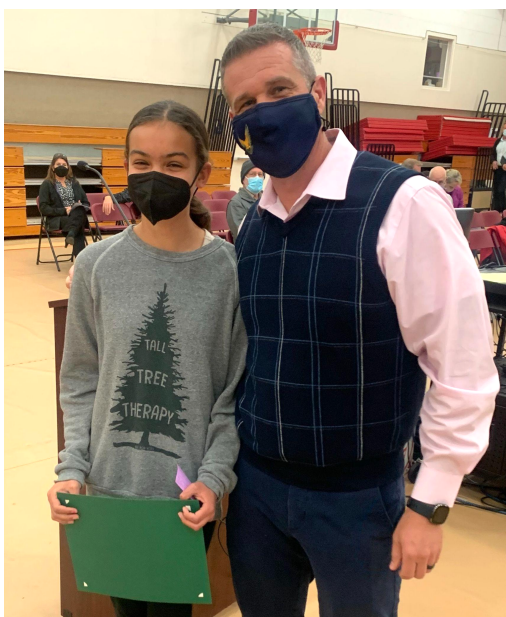
CARMEL USD BOARD BRIEFS

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

Meeting of November 17, 2021

Recognitions

- Thank you to Carmel Middle School student Lila Glazier for leading us in the pledge of allegiance.



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

- **The Board approved a letter of intent to purchase modular buildings:** Approving this letter of intent provides the ability for the modular manufacturer to work directly with our architect on the specified designs of the planned addition of two portable buildings at River Elementary School.

Action/Discussion/Information Items

- **The Board received an informational report from CMS and CHS Environmental Club students on environmental responsibility:** CMS and CHS Environmental Club students shared a presentation on how schools and CUSD as a whole can support environmental responsibility in academics and operations. Perspectives on CMS from the students included increases in food waste, trash and plastic usage. Students provided possible solutions including composting and reusable containers. Students discussed the opportunity for CHS to reduce its ecological footprint, the possibility of increasing campus biodiversity, and ways to reduce food waste and trash on campus. Students encouraged staff and board members to include sustainability and the environment in the future work of mission, vision, and values development and in the strategic plan.
- **The Board received an informational report from Superintendent Knight on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for CHS Stadium Lights:** Superintendent Knight provided an update on the EIR CHS stadium lights process. A brief history of the process was given and the following highlights some of the updates provided (for the complete update, please visit the recording of the meeting on our [YouTube channel](#)):
 - There were concerns stated about light pollution and the need to have our stadium lights dark skies certified. CUSD has applied for dark sky certification and has received certification of our plans and will also be applying further if and when the lights are installed.

- Additionally, due to concerns about our pool lights, which were not a part of this EIR but are a concern to some of our neighbors, we are currently researching and planning to update those lights.
 - We are also exchanging lights in the back of the high school as some felt that they were not visually appealing.
 - Parking was another concern stated, not only parking during current events, but also during the day. We have worked with a designer and are currently planning for an additional 30-50 parking spots and additional parking/traffic solutions.
 - We are currently assessing the feasibility of a story balloon to demonstrate the height of the light poles, as a story pole is not feasible at this time.
 - It was also announced that the Superintendent will be holding another listening session for members of the community who are concerned about the stadium lights at the CHS auditorium on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.
 - **The Board received an informational report on the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant:**
Superintendent Knight presented a brief summary of the plan. Recently, the California Department of Education publicized an education grant intended for the professional development of teachers, support staff, and administrators. The grant will provide approximately \$840,000 to the District. The application of this grant asked for an application and a plan for how to spend the money within 10 broad categories. As the District is currently refining our core ideology, setting our vision, and beginning our strategic planning process, we cannot know what professional development we will need until we chart a course forward. Therefore, the plan presented explains that upon completion of our strategic direction, the District will refine the grant dollars to meet the staff development needs required to carry out the strategic plan.
 - **The Board approved December 15, 2021 as the Annual Organizational Meeting Date and Reviewed in a First Reading of the Schedule of Board of Education Meetings from July 2022 through June 2023:** Every November the Board officially approves the Annual Organizational Meeting Date for the December Annual Organizational Meeting. The Board also reviewed for a first reading a calendar of the meeting dates for July 2022 through June 2023.
 - **The Board reviewed and approved updated Board Bylaw BB 9100 Organization:** The bylaw was updated to reflect a collective agreement of the Board and the Superintendent in order to provide stability and efficiency in the governance and operation of the District. In a recent board retreat, all agreed board leadership did not need to change every year and this revised bylaw allows the Board to fulfill this commitment.
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***The next Meeting of the Carmel Unified Board of Education will be held on
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at the Carmel Middle School Gym.***