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BOARD MINUTES December 12, 2020

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, December 12, 2020, via Zoom.com.

Board Members Present

Olivia Yahya, President; Barbara Flores, President Elect; Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, Vice President; Raul Maldonado, Director of Financial Affairs; Rosa Armstrong, Director of Para-Educator Affairs; Karling Aguilera-Fort, Director of Community Affairs; Cristina Alfaro, Director of IHE Affairs; Marlene Batista, Director of State and Legislative Affairs; Hugo Moreno, Director of Parent Affairs; Annie BichLoan Duong, Region I Representative; Alesha Moreno-Ramirez, Region II Representative; Carolina Serna, Region III Representative; Mary Ybarra, Region IV Representative; and Mary Elena Esquer, Region V Representative.

Staff Members & Consultants

Jan Gustafson-Corea, Chief Executive Officer; Rubí Flores, Director of Professional Learning; Delma Chwilinski, Director of Programs and Events; Maria Villa-Marquez, Director of Parent and Family Engagement; Norma Rocha, Director of IT and Creative Design; Joshua Jauregui, Administrative Systems Manager; Alma Castro, Director of Multilingual California Project; Yvette Chong-Coontz, Accounting and Financial Management Consultant; Anya Bobadilla, Professional Learning Specialist; Laurie Nesrala, Education Consultant and Membership Liaison; Antoinette Hernandez, Parent and Mentor; Maria Valencia, Parent Special and Interpretation & Translation; and Aida Madison, Executive Assistant.

Legal Counsel Present/Guests

Mary Hernandez, Legal Counsel; Martha Zaragoza-Diaz, Lobbyist; Sharon Merritt, CABTE President and Veronica Miranda-Pinkney, CTA Liaison.

SESSION ONE: Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – Olivia Yahya
1.2 Roll Call – Aida Madison
1.3 Observer: Alesha Moreno-Ramirez Timekeeper: Rosa Armstrong
1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION #1- TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 12, 2020
Move: Elena Esquer Second: Mary Ybarra Approved: Yes

- 1.5 Approval of the Minutes
MOTION #2 – TO APPROVE THE BOARD MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2020
Move: Marlene Batista Second: Cristina Alfaro Approved: Yes

SESSION TWO: CLOSED SESSION

SESSION THREE: CEO's, Directors', Region Representatives', Affiliates' and Partners' Reports

- 3.1 **President's Report-** Olivia Yahya stated she attended Coachella conference, Re-boarder conference, Parent regional conference, and Teacher of the Year award presentation at the Ventura chapter.
- 3.2 **CEO Report** – Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that the CBE has been contributed to memo from National EL Roundtable to Biden Education Transition Team. Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that she has on-going contact with the CDE on Programing, policy, and COVID-19 responses.
- 3.3 **Vice President and Region Representative Reports (Region 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)** - Region 1- Annie Duong stated that two active chapters are San Francisco and Woodland. Annie Duong that she was able to connect with two other chapters through JDA. Region 2- Alesha Moreno-Ramirez stated that they are not very active due to COVID. Alesha stated that through JDA will be connecting in January. Region 3- Elodia Ortega-Lampkin stated that Carolina Serna, region 3 representative attended the Pepperdine chapter officer installation. Elodia Ortiz-Lampkin also mentioned that Whittier chapter has a radio broadcasting that is successful. Region 4- Mary Ybarra stated that her chapters are growing, and all five chapters were representing at JDA. San Diego is having a conference and raising money for scholarships on December 19. Mary stated that Palm Springs is active again. Region 5- Elena Esquer stated that Chapter 58-Antelope Valley had a virtual conference with over 350 people and was very successful. Mary Ybarra stated the Teacher of the Year, Maria Dorn, was recognized at the chapter 58 meeting.
- 3.4 **Directors' Report-** Cristina Alfaro stated she had the first orientation with students that want the Global Biliteracy Seal. There were 20 students that participated and shared their stories on why they want this seal. Hugo Moreno stated he presented at the Tulare COE conference.
- 3.5 **CABTE Report-** Sharon Merritt, CABTE President, stated the Bilingual Authorization is work is being down all over the state despite the pandemic. Sharon Merritt stated she continues to go to the CTC commission meetings. Sharon Merritt stated that CABTE continues to work with the coalition partners and IHE leaders on RICA. Sharon Merritt stated that another one of CABTE priority is the CBE 2021 conference and will sponsor a graduate symposium at the conference.
- 3.6 **CTA Report-** Veronica Miranda-Pinkney stated the CTA committee gave feedback on the CA Comprehensive Literacy Plan at the state department. Veronica Miranda-Pinkney reminded educators about the **Dolores Huerta Day on** April 10th and encourage all members to conduct exercise remaindering the life of Dolores Huerta. Veronica Miranda-Pinkney stated that unfortunately, Prop 15 did not pass but thanked CBE for working in solidarity with CTA and endorsing this.
- 3.7 **Legislative Updates-** Martha Zaragoza-Diaz stated that Joe Biden, President Elect, received 306 electoral votes. On January 6, 2021, the Electoral vote are counted when members of the House and Senate all meet in the House chamber, the votes are tallied, and Vice-President Pence announces the results. Martha Zaragoza-Diaz stated the Democratic party remain the “super majority” in the Senate and the Assembly. In the California Senate there are 29 Democrats and 11 Republicans. In the Assembly there are 60 Democrats, 19 GOP and 1 Independent. The 2021-22 Legislative session was convened today, December 7, 2020 and the newly elected legislators were sworn in. Changes may be made to leadership positions in the Legislature as well as chairpersons and members of legislative committees. Assembly Member Eloise Gomez Reyes was appointed Assembly Majority Leader by Assembly Speaker Rendon. Congratulations Assembly Member Gomez Reyes! Considering the continued surge of COVID-19 and employees diagnosed positive with the virus, the state capitol remains closed to the public and only one essential staff person for each legislator is required per legislative office. Martha Zaragoza-Diaz stated that more than likely, as was done this year, legislative, fiscal and budget committee hearings will be held virtually and opportunities to testify will be made available via a specific location in the Capitol park and in a

specific legislative hearing room, all done virtually. Next year, CAFE in addition to Californians Together and the Advancement Project, has agreed to co-sponsor legislation sponsored by Early Edge. The bill proposes to do the following:

Establish a definition of a DLL; Establish A process, along with appropriate guidelines, for providers to follow to identify DLLs to (1) ensure that a child is being accurately identified as a DLL; and (2) to assess the linguistic and related developmental needs of a DLL. Importantly, this information is used to inform the institutional and program policies and practices that are necessary to support the simultaneous development a child's home language and English; Require providers to report key information about their DLLs to the State Superintendent as part of their existing reporting procedures. Martha Zaragoza-Diaz stated the fiscal situation for California has improved, at least for the next year. Per the Office of the Legislative Analyst (LAO) expect an estimated \$26 billion windfall! However, the LAO continues to caution the Legislature by stating California is still expected to face an "operating deficit" beginning in 2021-22 growing to \$17 billion by 2024-25.

SESSION FOUR: Action Items

4.1 Financial Package and Budget Variance Report for the period ending October 31, 2020.

MOTION #3 –TO APPROVE THE BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Yvette Chong-Coontz stated that cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year is \$1,131,127. CAFE received SBA-PPPL \$459,370, and SBA-EIDL \$2,245,004 loans. The total liabilities: \$6,067,355; Total net assets: \$1,740,380 and Total liabilities and net assets: \$7,807,735. Yvette Chong-Coontz stated that if the SBA-PPPL \$459,370 is "forgiven" then it will become revenue. Yvette Chong-Coontz stated that we should know by June 2021. The total revenue through Oct. 31, 2020 increased by \$708,566. Much of the revenue was from the government grants, such as the EWIG Grant. The net cash used in operating activities: \$2,518,318. Total cash and cash equivalent incl. investments through October 31, 2020 is \$3,785,033.

Move: Annie Duong

Second: Mary Helen Ybarra

Approved: Yes

4.2 Audit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

MOTION #4-TO APPROVE THE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Rosa Armstrong stated that the finance committee met with the auditor, Kevin E. Fordyce and found no problems. Yvette Chong-Coontz stated this was the first time using the auditor, Kevin E. Fordyce.

Move: Raul Maldonado

Second: Elena Esquer

Approved: Yes

4.3 Proposed partnership with California Faculty Association

MOTION #5 – TO APPROVE THE PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION (CFA)

Jan Gustafson-Corea proposed a partnership with the California Faculty Association (CFA). The California Faculty and CAFE share similar visions to promote education equity and 21st century success in support of students and families of diverse language and cultural backgrounds and the educators who serve them.

Move: Annie Duong

Second: Carolina Serna

Approved: Yes

SESSION FIVE: Informational Items

5.1 CAFE 2021

Delma Chwilinski stated that some of the keynote speakers are Jim Cummins, Kathy Escamilla and José Medina. Featured speakers are Silvia Dorta Duque de Reyes, Enid Lee, Sandra Mercuri, Kate

Kinsela to name a few. Delma Chwilinski stated the exhibitor/sponsor will half-page and full-page advertisement only. There have 1000 registrants so far. The early bird deadline is February 5, 2021. Delma Chwilinski stated that the workshop sessions will be 40 minutes long with 10 minutes breaks and transition time. The conference hours will be Tuesday – Friday, 2-7 pm. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on virtual via the Zoom platform. Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that some high-profile invitations being considered are Tony Thurmond, CA SSPI, Gavin Newsome, Governor of California and New US Secretary of Education and others.

5.2 CABE Multilingual Language Services Update

Jan Gustafson-Corea and Mari Valencia provided an update on the Multilingual Language Services/Interpretation and Translation Program development. Mari Valencia stated that the program has a name, logo and website has been created. Mari Valencia stated that they have meeting with the translators from San Diego Language Center. Beatris Ramirez stated the program will launch the translation in early 2021.

5.3 Mexican Consulate Training

Maria Villa presented an update on the professional learning series offered to the ten Mexican Consulates in California. The program has developed four professional learning trainings. Maria Villa stated that a document called “Passport” has been created. This passport to Education in California and the United States created by the California Association for Bilingual Education for the ten Mexican Consulates in California and communities that they serve. Maria Villa stated the ceremony to recognize to the 13 participants on December 16, 2020.

5.4 Dual Language Teacher Academy Update

Rubí Flores stated the first Dual Language Teacher Academy co-hort was launched. The training has been held on Saturdays. Rubí Flores stated 148 teachers have registered for all 8 modules. The cost is \$1000 for the 8 modules. \$150 for individual sessions. Teachers have opportunities to receive graduate credits through Whittier College.

5.5 Community Engagement Initiative (CEI)

Toni Hernandez stated the Community Engagement Initiative comprises a network of family members, students, school and district leaders, teachers, and community partners learning and leading together. Toni Hernandez stated there are 12 Cohort II participants.

5.6 Multilingual California Project (MCAP)

Alma Castro provided an update on the Multilingual California Project (MCAP) grant.

5.7 CABE Holiday Greeting

Delma Chwilinski stated we had a very successful conference on December 5, 2020.

There were 480 registrants. Jan Gustafson-Corea stated that an electronic holiday greetings will be sent out this year instead of a holiday card.

The CABE Board recognized the CABE 2020 Student Essay Writing Winners: Emma Angelina Carrillo, Calliope B. Quinn, Poppy Luna, and Gracy Mora.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Next regular meeting will be on Saturday, March 13, 2021, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.