



CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
COOK	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present						
KONCZAL	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present						
MESFIN	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present						
AWTREY	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present						
WITTRUP	Present	Present	Absent	Present*	Present						
HER	Present	Proxy	Proxy	Present	Proxy						
FOLMER	Proxy	Present	Present	Present	Present						
ADMINISTRATORS											
STAFF											
WATSON	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present						
BYNUM	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present						
PARKER	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present						

Jeremy Ward, FUSD Assistant Superintendent, College and Career Readiness, was in proxy for Interim Superintendent, Her.

ATTENDANCE

MCU [Awtrey/Folmer] to approve the Agenda for December 10, 2024.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Awtrey/Ward] to approve the Minutes for November 12, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Update on current recruitment process for 2025-26.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Watson shared with the Board at our November 2024 Board Meeting, that our 2025-26 recruitment process will begin on December 1st. We have now had our teams out at several sites. To date, Clovis West, Clovis North, Hoover and Sunnyside High Schools have been visited by CART recruitment teams. We also have held two CART Tours for interested Sophomores and Juniors. Clovis West toured last Friday and Hoover High School will be visiting CART tomorrow. When out at sites recruiting, our teams take current CART students with them. Who best to sell our program! Dr. Watson invited three of those CART students to join us tonight, Amaya Jackson and Melvin Jackson representing Hoover High School, and Kellen Davis representing Clovis West High School. Amaya is a second year CART student in the Multimedia Lab. Melvin is a Junior in our Law Lab and Kellen is a second year Engineering Lab student. Dr. Watson had the students share their recruiting experiences and asked several questions, such as, 1. What was your role? 2. What classrooms did you visit? 3. Did you find that most of the classroom teachers to be supportive? 4. What types of questions did the students ask you? 5. Why did you choose to participate in the recruitment process? The students each spoke on their experiences which included, the enthusiasm of their teams in answering the questions from the

students in attendance at the recruitment events, as well as affirming how much they love CART and how they were able to share their positive experiences at CART.

Kellen Davis also participated in the Fancher Creek Stem Night and assisted at Clovis West's Junior Parent Night. Kellen shared with the Board the differences between these two events. At Fancher Creek Stem Night the audience was mainly parents who were interested in learning more about the CART program for the future of their Elementary students. At the Clovis West Junior Parent Night, the audience was families and students who have already applied to CART or are considering applying to CART.

Dr. Watson thanked the students for the recruiting efforts and attending this meeting to share with the Board. Dr. Watson then turned it over to the Board to ask questions of the students.

MCU [Konczal/Wittrup] to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

Approve purchase orders from November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024, and numbered: 110724WB; 111424WB; 112224WB; 112624WB.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER

1. Approval of Conference Requests N/A

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS

2. Approval of Student Field Trips

APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

1. Jelly Belly Factory & Solano Town Center

Fairfield, Ca.

March 7th, 2025, *day trip only*

Attendees: Business Finance Lab

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CHARTER BUS/PERKINS

2. Fresno Cherry Auction

Fresno, Ca.

April 1st, 2025, *day trip only*

Attendees: Business Finance Lab

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ACTION

ACTION

1. Approve CART 1st Interim Budget Report

MCU [Awtrey/Folmer] to approve CART 1st Interim Budget Report

2. Approve CART 2024 Audit Report

MCU [Wittrup/Folmer] to approve CART 2024 Audit Report

Larry Corum, CUSD Financial Analyst presented the Board with both documents and highlighted the budgets and financial audit reports. The Board had an open discussion regarding the upcoming CART Tech Refresh 5-year plan.

1 INFORMATION
2 N/A

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3 STAFF REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

4 C.E.O. Dr. Watson shared several recent CART activities and highlights.

5 1. C.E.O. Dr. Watson

6 A. Dr. Watson thanked Interim Superintendent Her for sending out an
7 email to all FUSD Counseling staff regarding CART's active
8 recruitment period and information on CART's application period
9 which is now open.

10 Jeremy Ward added that Interim Superintendent Her's message
11 also went to the High School Principals.

12 B. CART held its' annual CART Movie Night on November 20th and
13 we had 148 students and many staff in attendance. This is an
14 annual CART retention event.

15 C. CART participated in the Clovis Christmas Electrical Parade this
16 past Saturday and this coming Saturday we will participate in the
17 Fresno Christmas Parade.

18 D. CART honored our Bus Drivers during this season with this years'
19 Holiday gift of a multicolored, long sleeve, CART t-shirt.

20 E. On behalf of all CART students and staff, we want to wish a
21 Happy Holiday to the CART Board and CART Board friends.

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PULIC PRESENTATIONS – Members of the public will have an
opportunity to address the Board. Presentations will be limited
to three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.

CART 12.10.24 TC/kp

MSCU=Motion (*Board Member making the motion listed*), Second (*Board
Member making the second listed*), Carried Unanimously

MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (*Board members voting NO listed.*)

MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (*Board members voting NO listed.*)

ADJOURNMENT