

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
JANUARY 13, 2009

MINUTES

AMENDED

BOARD

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mrs. Jeni Benelli Arrived at 6:06 p.m.
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andy Stulbarg
Mrs. Cathy Wright

ABSENT:

STAFF: Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri, Superintendent
Mrs. Nellie Hungerford, Assistant Superintendent, Business Svcs. & Operations
Ms. Penny Weaver, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Svcs. & Personnel
Mrs. Diane Ribotta, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

President Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No one wished to address the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Clancy stated that tonight's meeting is being taped.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Matthews, second by Mrs. Wright, the Board approved the Agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Matthews
Mrs. Wright
Mrs. Benelli
Mr. Stulbarg
Mrs. Clancy

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR DISTRICT FINANCES

Dr. Orta-Camilleri handed out an updated Cost Reduction Survey for the Board to review and discuss. The Board discussed items for budget cut consideration.

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the District needs to have 250K in ongoing cuts for three years in order to maintain a qualified budget. She also shared that there is a possibility the State's economic crisis may result in a request for Basic Aid Districts to return revenue to the State equivalent to revenue limit district's revenue limit loss. This is called "share the pain".

Mr. Stulbarg suggested that staff meet with the represented groups to discuss negotiated items that are listed below.

Here are the items that the Board of Trustees listed.

Goal: \$250,000 ongoing reductions or \$750,000 in 3 years.

Board Budget Reduction Priorities
January 13, 2009
(updated 1-20-09)
Special Session

Goal: \$250,000 ongoing reductions

2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Negotiated Items
Do not employ staff in 2008/209 to support new school - \$85,000	Do not open new school till 2010-11 \$240,000	Elim .5 FTE admin asst \$31,000	Increase (class load) (30:1) at Ralston \$75,000
Deferring 1% Salary increase \$354,000	Summer Deep Cleaning - \$15,000	Summer Cleaning \$15,000	Class Size Reduction (case load 30 :1) Kindergarten \$115,000
Closing libraries \$42,000	Close Libraries - \$209,000	Close Libraries \$209,000	Class Size Reduction (case load 30:1) 3 rd \$165,000
Noon Duty Elim \$10,000	Reduce # of cell phones 50% \$3750	Reduce # of cell phones 50% \$3750	Class Size Reduction (case load 30:1) 2 nd \$90,000
Reduce Management FTE \$29,000	Elim Crossing Guards \$30,000	Elim Crossing Guards \$30,000	Class Size Reduction (case load 30:1) 1 st \$170,000
	Elim Elem Music \$90,000	Elim Elem Music \$90,000	Reduce Receptionist to 11 Mo \$4833
	Elim Noon Duty \$50,000	Elim Noon Duty \$50,000	Custodial Cleaning Every Other Day \$94,000
			Reduce Library 10 work days \$14,700
			Reduce Library 20% \$41,872
			Reduce Library 40% \$83,744
			Elim Elem Prep \$210,000 (science & music)
			Elim Prep at Ralston \$450,000 (requires class load at 30:1 plus no prep to realize savings)
			Deferring 1% Salary increase \$354,000

1. Ellen Paisley, 2675 Ralston Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding budget cuts.
2. Maria Mendez, 2403 Coronet Blvd, Belmont, stated concerns regarding budget cuts and also gave a brief description of her Tech position at Ralston Middle School.
3. Brad Jung, 1629 Manzanita Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding budget cuts and explained how School Force & the District work together for placement of School Force funds.
4. Alan Sarver, 1512 El Verano Way, Belmont, stated concerns regarding budget cuts.
5. Dawn Graves, 2026 Lyon, Belmont, stated concerns about increasing Ralston to 30:1 and the reduction of custodial time at the school sites.
6. Nancy Krop, 408 Keel Lane, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding budget cuts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.