

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
March 10, 2008
MINUTES

BOARD

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mrs. Jeni Benelli
Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mr. Eric Shrader
Mrs. Cathy Wright

ABSENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Benelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

No one wished to address the Board.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:01 p.m. President Benelli adjourned the Regular Board Meeting. At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

President Benelli reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustees, staff members and citizens in the audience joined President Benelli in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Benelli announced the meeting was being tape recorded. No action was taken during Closed Session.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Ms. Bonnar, the Board approved the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mr. Eric Shrader
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

President Benelli announced that this portion of the Agenda provides Trustees, staff members and audience members an opportunity to address the Board on any item on the agenda or not included on the agenda. President Benelli also stated that public comments would be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per topic.

Owen Bruce, 515 Lancaster Way, Redwood City, concerned about the passing of Resolution #25

George Metropulos, 2014 Monroe, Belmont, concerned about the passing of Resolution #25.

Peter Thielen, 1633 Edgewood Rd., Redwood City, concerned about the cuts to the music program/teachers.

Jaime Dal Porto, 2615 Barclay Way, Belmont, concerned about the dismissal of employees and clarification of the Boards actions.

Jerry Natoli, 1861 Robin Whipple, suggested the sharing of resources with other school districts.

Bob DuBridge, 825 Holly Rd., Belmont, stated concerns about the budget cuts.

Abigail, 3rd grade at Cipriani 3405 Haskins, Belmont, stated concerns about the elimination of music and the closing of the library.

Kristin Mack, 812 Covington Rd, concerned about the budget cuts.

Julie Shubkagel, 2071 Timberlane Way, San Mateo, concerned about the passing of Resolution #25.

RESOLUTION #25 – INTENTION TO DISMISS CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Ms. Weaver explained the District had determined that it is necessary to reduce or discontinue particular kinds of service: Reading Specialist 3.0 FTE, Music Teacher 2.0 FTE, Science Specialist 2.0 FTE, ELD Teacher 1.0 FTE, Writing Coach. 8 FTE. Dr. Orta-Camilleri explained that these decisions are very difficult to make and that if the “Share the Pain” does not happen, that the Board will need to meet to prioritize the needs of the District.

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Nikki Fox, 1441 Sixth Ave, wanted to know how to get the word out about what can be accomplished by donating to School Force.

Brad Jung, 1629 Manzanita Ave, stated concerns of the passing of Resolution #25.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.