

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
MAY 7, 2009  
MINUTES

BOARD  
MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mrs. Karen Clancy  
Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Cathy Wright

ABSENT:

STAFF: Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri, Superintendent  
Mrs. 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 5:32 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 5:33 p.m. President Clancy adjourned the Regular Board Meeting. At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

President Clancy reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Clancy pulled Item H, Expulsion Plan, from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Mrs. Benelli, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board approved the Agenda and Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

Item 7.h. Expulsion Plan

Ms. Weaver stated that by approval of the updated Expulsion Plan the District will be meeting requirements of the California Education Code.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mrs. Benelli, the Board approved the Updated Belmont-Redwood Shores School District plan to serve expelled students in accordance with the requirements of California Education Code.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

Item #

7.a. The Board of Trustees approved warrant batches 147-159 as presented.

7.b. The Board of Trustees accepted the following donations as presented:

Central School

- Bindu Prasad part of the Wells Fargo Matching Gift Foundation has made a cash donation of \$196.00 to be used by Central PTA.

Fox School

- Katie Vanocini has donated 1,500 pencils estimated value of \$200.00 to be used for school supplies.
- Katalina Ramirez has made a cash donation of \$160.75 to be used to purchase a computer cart.

Nesbit School

- Wells Fargo Corporation has made a cash donation of \$1000.00 to be used for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Program.

District Office

- Jill Breckinridge has donated paper, pencils, pens and highlighters estimated value \$25.00 to be used at the District Office.

7.c. The Board of Trustees approved the following personnel actions as presented:

1) Certificated Personnel

- (a) Hiring Jessica Nesterowicz as 1.0 FTE Probationary Speech and Language Therapist for the District at an annual rate of \$11,279 (\$53,795 prorated to FTE and number of days) effective April 20, 2009 thru June 12, 2009.
- (b) Hiring Jessica Nesterowicz as 1.0 FTE Probationary Speech and Language Therapist for the District at an annual rate of \$53,795 effective August 19, 2009.
- (c) Hiring Julie Alexander as 1.0 FTE Probationary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Cipriani School at an annual rate of \$79,241 effective August 21, 2009.
- (d) Hiring Christine Lupo as a 1.0 FTE Probationary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Cipriani School at an annual rate of \$51,234 effective August 21, 2009.
- (e) Hiring Kevin Mullins as a 1.0 FTE Probationary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Sandpiper School at an annual rate of \$66,829 effective August 21, 2009.
- (f) Hiring Julie Grogan-Crane as a 1.0 FTE Probationary Kindergarten Teacher at Central School at an annual rate of \$49,301.

(g) Hiring Linda Billings as a 1.0 FTE Temporary School Psychologist for the District at an annual rate of \$5,925.88 (\$71,427 prorated to number of days) effective April 27, 2009.

(h) Hiring Linda Billings as a 1.0 FTE Temporary School Psychologist for the District at an annual rate of \$71,427 effective August 19, 2009.

Classified Personnel:

(a) Hiring Julie Houston-Avila as a .5 FTE Para-Educator/SDC Moderate to Severe for Fox School at an hourly rate of \$18.84 effective April 1, 2009.

(b) Hiring Emily Becker as a .25 FTE Para-Educator/Inclusion for Nesbit School at an hourly rate of \$18.38 effective May 1, 2009.

7.d. The Board approved and accepted the attached quarterly report on investments of District funds.

7.e. That the Board of Trustees approve the following:

ID #	Age	Disab	Type-Services	Provider	Start Date	End Date	New Contract
522399	3	Aut	NPA	FACES	4/7/2009	6/17/2009	\$20,512.38
Contractor	Type-Services		Provider	Start Date	End Date	New Contract	
Kristin Kuykendall	SLP		SOS	8/26/2009	6/12/2010	\$108,600	
<b>Total New Contracts</b>						<b>\$129,112.38</b>	

7.f. The Board of Trustees approved Resolution #24 - Appreciation for PTA's and School Volunteers.

7.g. The Board of Trustees approved the Outdoor Education contract for 2009-2010, as presented.

7.i. The Board of Trustees approved the request for a job share of positions at Sandpiper School between Lori Castagno, Para Educator in the Inclusion Program, and Helena Tai-Goldau, Para Educator in the Regular Education Program, from August 26, 2009 to June 11, 2010.

7.j. The Board of Trustees approved Resolution #26 - Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County.

SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

President Clancy 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 Clancy also stated that public comments would be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per topic.

1. Dawn Graves, 2026 Lyon Ave, Belmont, stated concerns about the Tech position at Ralston.
2. Maryanne Sullivan, 313 Delmar Way, San Mateo, stated concerns about the Tech position at Ralston.

3. Steve Pomeroy, 1055 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto, stated concerns about Tech position that is currently held by Maria Mendez at Ralston.
4. Abe Rosas, 2624 Carisbrook, Oakland, stated concerns regarding the Tech position at Ralston and also provided handouts for the Board of Trustees.
5. Maria Mendez, 2403 Coronet Way, Belmont, presented Ardythe Andrews of School Force, with a \$1,000.00 donation on behalf of all members of the California School Employees Association.
6. Keiko Smith, 1701 Francis Ct, Belmont, stated concerns about the Tech position at Ralston.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Benelli, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 2, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting held on April 15, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

#### RALSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH CONTEST RESULTS

Ms. Weaver introduced Mr. Albert Duncalf, Math Teacher at Ralston Middle School. Mr. Duncalf shared a presentation of the math contest event. Ralston had four teams for the team competition.

Teams representing Ralston included:

<u>Team Radicals</u> , 1 <sup>st</sup> place	<u>Team Radicans</u> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Dylan Zheng	Brandon Whiteley
Mindy Yang	Sandip Srinivas
Luke Li	

<u>Team Rams</u> , Certificate of Merit	<u>Team Reciprical</u> , Certificate of Merit
Max McBride	Stephanie Levine
Sarah Xie	Kathy Tousant
	Kaveh Motamed

#### PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS

Ms. Weaver stated that Teyva Chee, fifth grade, and Jerome Mariano, fourth grade, students in Mr. Glenn Berry's 4/5 Combo class at Nesbit were honored by the National PTA Reflections Program and had their artwork displayed at Stanford Art Center.

#### ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Weaver introduced Ms. Cherie Ho who presented the report on the District's program for English Learners. Highlights on each of the school's program were reviewed.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES FOR 2009-10

Ms. Weaver presented the instructional minutes for 2009-10 for Board review. Ms. Weaver stated that she and the school site principals had worked together and reviewed the instructional minutes for each school site.

Ms. Weaver stated that she will review the instructional minutes for 2009-10 with our auditors.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board approved the Instructional Minutes for 2009-10.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

#### NEW SHORES SCHOOL UPDATE

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that during the course of meetings with the City of Redwood City the topic of a dual plumbing system has been discussed. Dr. Orta-Camilleri introduced Mr. Mitch Rhodes of Blach Construction. Mr. Rhodes shared a handout of the preliminary budget for the cost of the addition of dual plumbing. Mr. Rhodes recommended the District move forward with the addition of dual plumbing now, the cost to add dual plumbing down the road would be of greater expense to the District.

The Board recommended that the item be brought back to the May 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that she will bring the Transition Plan to a future meeting Board meeting.

#### NAMING OF NEW SCHOOL SITE

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that during the April 7, 2009 New Shores School Advisory Committee meeting, the topic of naming the school came up. The Committee suggested three people/businesses that they would like her to contact to see if they are interested due to their generosity/contribution to the District. The suggestions were Larry Ellison (Oracle), Electronic Arts, and Max Keech.

After discussion, the Board recommended that Dr. Orta-Camilleri contact each NSSAC recommendation to see if there is an interest in the naming of the new school or a building within the campus, i.e. the library, learning center or the multi use room.

#### CITY OF BELMONT AND DISTRICT 2+2 UPDATE

President Clancy noted that this item was listed as an action item and should have been listed as information.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Joint Use Agreement is a current topic being discussed by the City of Belmont and the District.

Mrs. Wright stated that she will reclude herself from the meeting next week when the topic Joint Use is discussed.

#### ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS, STAFFING & FACILITIES

Ms. Weaver stated that based on the current snap shot of growth, 7 additional elementary teachers will be needed for 2009-10.

Principals will be sending a letter to the parents of incoming kindergarteners regarding the AM/PM schedule.

ANNUAL VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY

Ms. Weaver stated that currently the District does not require an annual proof of residency for students. Due to our increase in enrollment, she suggested that perhaps the Board would like to consider updating the current procedures. At this time the Board did not make any changes in the process.

POSITION ANALYSIS AND REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

Ms. Weaver stated that due to the anticipated donation from School Force of approximately \$450,000 and the State Programs, Federal Programs and Parcel Tax funding, it is recommended that the Board reinstate the following positions that were previously reduced.

Moved by Mrs. Benelli, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved the request to reinstate the following positions which were previously reduced by Resolution #12.

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| 1. Dean of Students         | .5 FTE  |
| 2. Counselor                | 1.0 FTE |
| 3. Elementary Music Teacher | 1.0 FTE |

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

RELEASE OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS

Ms. Weaver stated as directed by the Board, staff had carried out the request from the February 5, 2009 and March 19, 2009 Closed Sessions and released 13.0 FTE.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2009-10

Dr. Orta-Camilleri and the Board discussed changes for the 2009-10 Board Meeting schedule.

1. Change the December 17th meeting date to December 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Add a Special Meeting place holder on January 7, 2010 & April 22, 2010.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved the Board Meeting Schedule for 2009-10 as amended.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

NEW SCHOOL DISCUSSION REGARDING SCHOOL-AGE DAY CARE SRVS.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that she met with the District's current day care providers to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the new school. Dr. Orta-Camilleri handed out an updated Attachment A. This item will be brought back to the Board for approval on May 21, 2009.

RESOLUTION #25 REDCUTION IN WORK FORCE-LACK OF WORK

Ms. Weaver stated that due to a change in programs and discontinuance of a particular service a reduction is needed.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mrs. Benelli, the Board ratified Resolution #25 to eliminate Para Educator hours in the Inclusion Program and Learning Center Program at multiple sites throughout the District due to lack of work.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

BOARD POLICY #6154, HOMEWORK MAKE UP WORK REVIEW ---FIRST READING

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Benelli, the Board approved the first reading of Board Policy #6154, Homework Make Up Work Review by number and title only.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mrs. Jeni Benelli  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg  
Mrs. Karen Clancy

The Board's Clerk, Mr. Stulbarg read the policy by number and title only:

Board Policy #6154 Homework Make Up Work Review

Ms. Weaver stated that members of the District's Curriculum Council have reviewed Board Policy #6154 in an effort to address staff and parents' concerns about homework expectations.

At the next regularly scheduled Board meeting this policy will return for the second reading.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Mrs. Benelli was pleased with the number of attendees and the dissemination of information to the community by School Force at the Community Forum meeting held at Central.

FUTURE ITEMS

Employee Gift Distribution May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30am. Karen Clancy and Penny Weaver will distribute at Ralston.

City of Belmont and the Belmont Redwood Shores Board of Trustees will meet on September 29, 2009.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

President Clancy convened the meeting to Closed Session at 9:58p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:35 p.m. President Clancy reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Clancy stated that the Board had met in Closed Session and action was taken to approve the stipulated expulsion of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student through June 12, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.