

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
JULY 30, 2008
MINUTES - Amended

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
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 Benelli called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 5:31p.m. President Benelli adjourned the Board to Closed Session.

CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:32p.m. President Benelli reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - - REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Benelli stated that the Board met in Closed Session and took action unanimously accepting the recommendation of staff to hire Mr. James Cunningham as Assistant Principal of Ralston Middle School.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Clancy, 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

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

Item #

7.a. The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of one new member, Carol L. Wong, to the Measure C Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee to give the membership a total of seven members as suggested in Resolution #6 of 2007-08.

7.b. The Board of Trustees approved the July 2008 Confidential Employee Handbook.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Clancy, seconded by Ms. Bonnar, the Board approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on July 16, 2008.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar

Mrs. Cathy Wright

Mrs. Karen Clancy

Mr. Eric Shrader

Mrs. Jeni Benelli

PUBLIC HEARING –PARCEL TAX

President Benelli opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Chuck Velschow, 2013 Mezes Ave, parcel tax advocate. Stated the parcel tax committee will meet next week, all school sites will be represented.

Ms. Bonnar stated that the rules regarding the parcel tax should be made clear to all involved; especially regarding the use of the District's copying machines, phones, email addresses.

Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri stated that Michelle Green, who was on the last parcel tax committee, shared a Do's and Don'ts list with the current parcel tax committee members. This list was reviewed by Tim Fox, County Council and then forwarded to this year's Committee. Guidelines were also provided by David Casnocha and shared with the Committee. Dr. Orta-Camilleri will forward a copy to the Board.

President Benelli closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION #1 – PARCEL TAX

The Board of Trustees discussed Resolution #1 – Proposing an Educational Parcel Tax and Establishing Specification of the Election Order. The parcel tax initiative will be placed on the November 2008 ballot. The term of the proposed parcel tax is \$78 for seven years.

Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri thanked Mr. Bryan Godbe and Dr. Alice Chan of Godbe and Associates, Sarah Stern and Jared Boigon of TBWB, the Parcel Tax Committee Members which included Jeni Benelli and Cathy Wright, and Mr. David Casnocha for their assistance and dedication with the parcel tax initiative.

Moved by Ms. Bonnar, seconded by Mrs. Clancy, the Board approved Resolution #1 Proposing an Educational Parcel Tax and Establishing Specification of the Election Order.

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

RESOLUTION #2 – CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION #3 DATED
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

Mrs. Hungerford explained that Resolution # 3 dated September 7, 2006 had incorrect time periods related to the Measure G parcel tax. The corrected time period for Measure G parcel tax should be July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2015.

Moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Clancy, the Board approved Resolution #2 correcting the dates appearing in Resolution #3 dated September 7, 2006, to allow for the correction of the dates related to the parcel tax in the amount of \$96 for all non-exempt parcels by the San Mateo County Controller.

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

2+2 MEETING CITY OF BELMONT

Dr. Orta-Camilleri and Mrs. Benelli discussed a meeting held today. The City of Belmont is concerned about the scheduling of the District's facilities and Belmont City's contract as it relates to reserved times not being honored by third party groups.

Ms. Bonnar asked if suggestions had been developed to make this process work better.

Mrs. Hungerford suggested online calendaring, monthly posting of events, with the District in control of the scheduling.

Mrs. Hungerford will work with the City of Belmont to increase communication regarding any future facilities reservation violations to insure reserved times are honored.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Belmont Chief of Police offered to assist with the facility coordination.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri inquired about the Buddy System. Ms. Bonnar explained this is when a Board Member meets with a City Council Member one on one. Mrs. Benelli stated concerns about the Board of Trustees communication being channeled, if each Board Member is paired up with a City Council Member. The Board members did not reach consensus on moving forward with this plan. They encouraged open communication through an informal process.

Mrs. Benelli thanked Dr. Orta-Camilleri and Mrs. Hungerford for updating the City of Belmont regarding the New Shores School.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND NOTRE DAME DE NAMURE WORKING GROUP

Ms. Bonnar discussed the working relationship with Notre Dame and the District. Ms. Bonnar stated that the meetings are typically about Notre Dame and the City of Belmont and wondered if the District had a role in these meetings. Ms Bonnar stated that she will not continue attending the working group meetings.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Welcome Back Breakfast will be held on August 26, 2008, at Ralston Hall – Notre Dame.

Mr. Shrader, Clerk of the Board, announced his resignation and will send his letter of resignation at a later date.

The Board Members thanked Mr. Shrader for his dedication.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked Mr. Shrader for his knowledge and guidance.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri will speak with Mr. Tim Fox regarding the next steps for replacing a Board Member.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

August 28, 2008 - procedures Board Member replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.