

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 21, 2010
MINUTES

BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Michael Parker (Arrived at 8:20p.m.)
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mr. Robert Tashjian
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 Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30p.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 5:31 p.m. President Wright adjourned the Regular Board Meeting. At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

President Wright reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:09 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Wright announced the meeting was being tape recorded. During Closed Session the Board denied 1 Interdistrict transfer.

SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Tashjian requested to have Item I – TBWB Contract and Item J – Godbe and Associates Contract be pulled from the Consent Agenda.
Moved by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board approved the Agenda and Consent Agenda and amended.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mrs. Cathy Wright

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

Item 8 #

- a. The Board of Trustees approved Warrant batches 79 through 101 as presented.
- b. The Board of Trustees approved the following personnel actions as presented:
Certificated:
 - (a) Hiring Victoria Raney as a Temporary, 1.0 FTE Moderate/Severe SDC Teacher at Fox School at an annual salary TBD, effective January 4, 2010.
 - (b) Hiring Gina Rathfelder as a Temporary, 1.0 FTE School Nurse for the District at an annual salary of \$26,487 effective January 4, 2010.
- c. The Board of Trustees approved a 5 year contract for a District Wide (WAN) Upgrade with Comcast for Internet Services, payable out of the General Fund budget, not to exceed \$64,800 per year.
- d. The Board of Trustees approved submission of Part II of the Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs to the California Department of Education. As presented.
- e. The Board of Trustees approved the Williams Uniform Complaints quarterly report for the period ending December 2009 (covers 10/01/09 through 12/31/09).
- f. The Board of Trustees accepted the following donations as presented.
District Office
 - Rotary Club of Belmont has donated 352 dictionaries for the use of all 3rd graders in the district, estimated value \$3,500.00.
 - Michael Albert Parmisano has donated a music stand, estimated value \$20.00 to be used for music class.
 - Ed & Genie Nowicki has donated a pine kitchen table and six chairs, estimated value \$1,400.00 to be used in a school site.Central Elementary
 - John Adrouny, Monica Blos & Julia Henderson part of the Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program has made a cash donation of \$461.54 to be used for instructional supplies.
 - Lenore Griffin of Carlmont Merchant's Association has made a cash donation of \$100.00 to be used for music materials for Carlmont Shopping Center Singing Performance.Fox School
 - Lester Boeh has made a cash donation of \$2,500.00 to be used for Outdoor Education Instructional supplies.Ralston Middle School
 - Macy's West part of the Macy's Gift Campaign has made a cash donation of \$100.00 to be used for technology equipment.
 - PG&E part of the PG&E Matching Gift Program has made a cash donation of \$249.98 & \$450.01 to be used for technology equipment.
 - Bruce & Azadeh Dennler has made a cash donation of \$192.00 to be used to purchase books for Ms. Frey's classroom.Sandpiper Elementary
 - The Westly Foundation has made a cash donation of \$375.00 to be used for 5th grade printing project in Ms. Taylor's class.

- g. The Board approved and accepted the attached quarterly report on investments of District funds.
- h. The Board of Trustees issued the annual School Accountability Report Cards for Central, Cipriani, Fox, Nesbit and Sandpiper Elementary Schools, and Ralston Middle School as presented.
- k. The Board of Trustees approved the Special Education Contracts as presented.

ID #	Age	Disab	Type-Services	Provider	Start Date	End Date	New Contract
159638	14	Aut	SDC*	P.A.C.E.	1/6/2010	6/30/2010	\$54,245.00

*Replaces contract with a previous provider. Increase of \$25,000 over previous contract.

Total New Contracts \$54,245.00

- l. The Board of Trustees approved a contract with AECO Systems Inc. for the monitoring of the fire alarm system for the Redwood Shores Elementary School, costs not to exceed \$420.00 per year, payable from Routine, Repair and Maintenance Account.

TBWB CONTRACT

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the contract with TBWB is a result of the bond measure meeting held in December, 2009 for helping develop a voter opinion survey for the District.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved a contract from TBWB Strategies for consulting services, not to exceed \$36,000 to assist in conducting a voter opinion research project regarding a potential bond measure.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian - ABSTAINED
 Mr. Brian Matthews
 Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
 Mrs. Cathy Wright

GODBE AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACT

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that contract with Godbe and Associates is to conduct polling regarding a bond measure.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved a contract from Godbe Research, not to exceed \$22,835 to conduct focus groups about a possible Bond Measure.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian - ABSTAINED
 Mr. Brian Matthews
 Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
 Mrs. Cathy Wright

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 10, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting held on December 11, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian

Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mrs. Cathy Wright

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT

Mrs. Hungerford introduced Monica Singhai from Patel and Associates. Ms. Singhai explained that the District had a clean audit and performance audit. Patel and Associates recommended that the District update its capital assets inventory to ensure that all the capital expenditures are properly capitalized and depreciated over their estimated reasonable useful life.

Mrs. Hungerford assured the Board that the District is currently updating the capital assets inventory system.

The Board thanked Mrs. Hungerford and her staff for their efforts.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, the Board approved and accepted the audit report of financial transactions for Belmont-Redwood Shores School District, fiscal year 2008-2009, the audit report of financial transactions for the 2005 Measure C General Obligation Bond Fund for fiscal year 2008-2009, and the Measure C General Obligation Bond Performance Audits for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, as attached.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mrs. Cathy Wright

MEASURE G OVERSIGHT REPORT

Mr. Matthews requested to table Item 11 – Measure G Oversight Report until the arrival of guest speaker, Mr. Larry Pon.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg the Board approved Item 11- Measure G Oversight Report be tabled until the arrival of guest speaker, Mr. Larry Pon.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mrs. Cathy Wright

REPORT ON STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUDGET

Mrs. Hungerford provided an update on the recent Governor’s Budget Proposals for 2010-2011. Proposed is a -0.38% reduction to categorical programs and the revenue limit formula. In addition, a proposed targeted cut of \$1.5 billion to administration is being suggested. This reduction equates to approximately \$191 per ADA (average daily attendance) for elementary districts. The impact to Belmont Redwood Shores could be approximately \$564,000. A more recent financial legislative estimate is \$253/ADA or \$750,000. Although Basic Aid district reductions have not been clearly called out, it is assumed by School Services of California that Basic Aid districts will be required to reduce their funding equal to the reductions imposed on Prop 98 for revenue limit districts. Historically, this is called a “Fair Share” reduction.

MEASURE G OVERSIGHT REPORT

Mrs. Hungerford introduced Mr. Larry Pon, Citizen Oversight Committee Chairperson, who presented an overview of the Financial Report on Measure G:

Measure G – Expires in 2014, \$96 per parcel totaling \$1,184,000

Measure U – Expires in 2015, \$78 per parcel totaling \$960,000

Total # of parcels is 12,150 with 1,538 exemptions.

The Board thanked Mr. Pon for his presentation.

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Ms. Weaver stated that the DLI presentation was being presented as a joint effort with parent advocates from the Multi Lingual Kids Group including Jeanne Sole, Alyssa Herrera-Set and Mr. Kevin Chavez, Consultant for Multi-Lingual Kids and Director of Dual Language Programs at San Francisco Unified School District. Items reviewed were the process which included parent meetings, community events, surveys and presentations to the Board.

Mr. Chavez explained the recommended program model of 90/10, 90% in target language and 10% in English and gave an overview of implementation for the program and recommendation of Spanish is the target language with mandarin to be developed.

Ms. Weaver reviewed the estimated costs associated with the DLI program. Mrs. Wright asked if the District has a funding source for the DLI program. Mrs. Hungerford stated that at this time the District has no ongoing funding source for the DLI program.

Mrs. Wright acknowledged Vice Mayor, Coralin Feierbach for the City of Belmont and thanked her for attending and supporting the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District.

Speakers:

1. Alyssa Herrea-Set, 311 Quay Lane, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
2. David Hoffman, 1917 Arbor Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
3. Cari Pang Chen, 407 Hiller Street, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
4. Jeanne Sole, 1917 Arbor Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
5. Yu Hogan, 3402 Beresford Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
6. Matt Schreiber, 1616 Manzanita Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
7. Coleen Carter, 1523 Ridge Rd., Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
8. Gifford Calenda, 856 Miramar, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
9. Yuval Erlich, 1931 Hillman, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
10. Jennifer Crusick, 402 Yorkshire Way, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
11. Andrea Canavero, 2740 Yosemite Dr, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
12. Joanne Adamkewicz, 411 Yorkshire Way, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
13. Amy Koo, 503 Lanyard Dr., Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
14. Carrie Gordon, 1730 Valley View Ave, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
15. Cheri Hariri, 1762 Terrace Dr, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.
16. Karen Haas-Foletti, 2504 Buena Vista, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.

17. Diana Lopez, 908 Hiller St. Belmont, stated concerns regarding the DLI program.

BREAK: 9:15p.m.

RETURN FROM BREAK: 9:23p.m.

The Board discussed concerns regarding a sustainable funding source, the effect on students if the program is discontinued, location of program and what effects it may have on the other school sites.

After Board discussion, staff was directed to proceed with pre-registration to ascertain the number of interested students, home school location and to ensure that parents have a clear understanding of the commitment to the program for six years. Ms. Weaver will present the results at a future Board meeting.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg the Board approved to proceed with the pre-registration process as suggested by staff for Dual Language Immersion program for the 2010-2011 school year, with no guarantee that such a program will be implemented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mr. Michael Parker
Mrs. Cathy Wright

GRADE LEVEL PLACEMENTS

Dr. Orta-Camilleri reviewed the grade placements prepared with input by the site administrators. Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the District is anticipating continued growth and the recommendation does not include the 2012-2013 school year.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that at the last Board Meeting staff was instructed to look into the administrative regulations for enrollment of first come first serve. Dr. Orta-Camilleri is having County Counsel look into this matter and will present findings at a future meeting. Currently, County Counsel is advising that a lottery system may have to be explored. County Counsel will be invited to present the findings at a future meeting.

Speakers:

1. Barry Rowland, 2718 Monserat Ave, Belmont, stated appreciation for the community meeting held at Cipriani to explain the enrollment issues.
2. Andrea Rosenfeld, 2811 Monte Cresta Drive, Belmont, stated appreciation for the community meeting held at Cipriani to explain the enrollment issues.
3. Robin Zimmerman, 822 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Belmont, stated appreciation for the community meeting held at Cipriani to explain the enrollment issues.
4. Roberta Greenspan, 2602 Newlands Ave, Belmont, stated appreciation for the community meeting held at Cipriani to explain the enrollment issues and continue to look for alternatives for our space issues.
5. Michelle Green, 237 A Wheeler Ave, Redwood City, stated appreciation for the community meeting held at Cipriani to explain the enrollment issues and the District should look at the boundary issues.

6. Clarissa Naftzger, 1610 Fairway Dr., Belmont, stated appreciation for the community meeting held at Central to explain the enrollment issues.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the grade level placements for the following school sites as noted.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mr. Michael Parker
Mrs. Cathy Wright

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PORTABLES

In response to the Board's request for additional information, Mrs. Hungerford stated the continued enrollment growth throughout the District will require additional space at Fox, Central and Cipriani over the next three years. In order to prepare for the additional space needs, an RFP must be completed to outline funding needs and installation to help the Board decide if portables will be considered at a future meeting.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board authorized staff to seek Request for Proposal (RFP) data for architect services, construction services and portable leasing for Cipriani, Central and Fox for the fiscal years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mr. Michael Parker -ABSTAINED
Mrs. Cathy Wright

BOND MEASURE UPDATE

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Bond Measure Committee has met to determine timelines and process.

The Board had a discussion on the process.

The Bond Measure Committee will meet on Friday, January 22, 2010.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked Mrs. Cherie Ho for coordinating the selection child care at Redwood Shores Elementary School with the support from the Redwood City staff. After careful consideration, Cipriani After School Care, Inc. was selected among the five applicants. Parents representing Cipriani After School Care and CCLC were also involved.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri and the Board of Trustees thanked Mrs. Ho for her efforts.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board approved Cipriani After School Care, Inc. for Redwood Shores Elementary.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian

Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mr. Michael Parker
Mrs. Cathy Wright

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

No reports.

FUTURE ITEMS

Special Board Meeting on February 24, 2010 starting at 5:30p.m.
Schedule a Demographic Study Session
Schedule a Budget Study Session

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

President Wright convened the meeting to Closed Session at 11:36p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 11:44p.m., President Wright reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Wright stated that the Board had met in Closed Session and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45p.m.