

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 15, 2009
MINUTES

BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mrs. Jeni Benelli
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg (departed at 9:01P.M.)
Mrs. Cathy Wright

ABSENT:

STAFF: Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri, Superintendent
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 6:00 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 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 7:10 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. President Clancy stated that during Closed Session the Board accepted 2 Intradistrict Transfers, one 1st grader and one 5th grader.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Stulbarg requested that item #13 – Dual Language Immersion Program, be placed before item #12 – Library Services Discussion for 2009-10.

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Matthews, 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

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

Item #

7.a The Board of Trustees approved warrants batches 41 through 49 as presented.

7.b The Board of Trustees approved the Special Education Contracts as presented:

ID #	Age	Disab.	Type-Services	Provider	Start Date	End Date	New Contract
486707	4	ED	SDC	Abilities United	10/1/2009	6/30/2010	\$20,900.00

Contractor	Type-Services	Provider	Start Date	End Date	New Contract
Shirley Guich	Psychologist	Independent Contractor	10/7/2009	12/31/2009	12,000

Total New Contracts \$32,900.00

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

1) Certificated Personnel:

Accepting the resignation of Linda Billings, 1.0 School Psychologist for the District effective September 23, 2009.

2) Classified Personnel:

Approving the hiring of Jerome Simon, .5 FTE Computer Hardware.

Technician for the District at a salary rate of \$18.87/hr effective September 28, 2009.

7.d The Board of Trustees approved the student/intern teaching and administrative intern agreement with Notre Dame de Namur University School of Education and Leadership for the 2009-2010 academic year.

7.e The Board approved the contract for services with Michael Garibaldi to provide assistance to the students and staff with hardware installations, software applications and internal computer systems. This contract will be funded with SLIP Funds not exceed \$5000.

7.f The Board of Trustees approved the agreement between the District and the City of Belmont for field maintenance and recreation programs.

7.g The Board of Trustees approved approximately 170 seventh and eighth grade Band, Orchestra and Chorus students from Ralston Middle School to travel to Disneyland in Anaheim, California, March 24 – 27, 2010 for a four day musical performance/clinic experience.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Benelli, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 1, 2009.

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSITION PLAN FOR NEW SHORES SCHOOL

Dr. Orta-Camilleri presented the transition plan for the new school.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked the Transition Committee team for their efforts.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board approved the Transition Plan for the New School for the 2010-11 School Year. The Plan includes the following:

- K-4 Students will attend the school in their attendance boundaries and all 5th graders will attend Sandpiper.
- Siblings of Sandpiper 5th grade students may request a placement at Sandpiper and this may be granted by the District based on space availability. Once placed at Sandpiper, siblings will remain until they complete 5th grade.
- A 5th grade class may be open in 2010-11 at the new school if there are 25 or more 5th Sandpiper students who complete this request by this fall. Enrollment priority will be given to new school students if interest exceeds 30 students.

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

BOARD POLICY #5116.1 INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT DISCUSSION

Ms. Weaver stated that parents have indicated an interest in having the Board revisit this policy in relationship to families who have had children promote out of their home elementary school, then need to enroll a kindergartener. Also, the shores community is asking for intradistrict transfers to Sandpiper and wanting to know if the new school will have open enrollment.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that based on the Board's discussion, staff will review the Administrative Regulations (AR) for Sibling Registration, Intradistrict Transfers and bring to a future meeting.

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Ms. Weaver shared a presentation on Dual Language Immersion. Ms. Weaver stated that the start-up expenses would need to be researched for salaries, space, materials/supplies with or without a District Coordinator. Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that coordination time is not only for district staff, it also involves the site administrators.

1. Alyssa Herrera-Set, 311 Quay Lane, Redwood City, stated her support for a dual language immersion program.
2. Olga Fernandez, 2313 Cipriani Blvd, Belmont, stated her support for a dual language immersion program.
3. Debbie Blucher, 1000 Davit Lane #113, Redwood City, stated her support of a dual language immersion program.
4. Matthew Schreiber, 1616 Manzanita Ave, Belmont, stated his support for a dual language immersion program.
5. Jeanne Sole, 1917 Arbor Ave, Belmont, stated her support for a dual language immersion program.
6. Colleen Carter, 1523 Ridge Rd., Belmont, stated her support for a dual language immersion program.
7. Michael Parker, 7 Knot Lane, Redwood City, stated his support for a dual language immersion program.
8. Lief Tsai, 804 Nantucket, Redwood City, stated his support for a dual language immersion program coordinator.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that parent involvement and commitment is crucial for the implementation and success of a dual language program. Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that since staff time is limited, parents could assist by researching grants, and foundation funding.

The Board thanked Ms. Weaver for her presentation.

The Board also encouraged the audience to be educators for the school community in the cost of the dual language immersion program and how passing a parcel tax, and donating to School Force can make a difference.

The Board directed staff to bring to a future meeting the timeline, cost, parent support/involvement for this program.

LIBRARY SERVICES DISCUSSION FOR 2009-10

Ms. Weaver stated that all school libraries are open to serve students.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked Ms. Weaver for her efforts.

PARCEL TAX AND BOND DISCUSSION

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the District has two parcel taxes which will expire on November 2014 (Measure G) and November 2015 (Measure U). Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Board should consider a Bond Initiative to address our growing facilities needs and how this would fit with the renewal of the parcel taxes. The estimated cost to the District for the preparation to place an item on the ballot would be over \$100,000. In addition, there would need to be a campaign and it must have private funding.

In order for the District to consider a Bond, the District must have a Facilities Master Plan. Mrs. Hungerford will have more information to share at the November 5th Board meeting regarding the Facility Master Plan.

After Board discussion, Dr. Orta-Camilleri was directed to pursue meetings with Godbe, TBWB & Mark Epstein.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri will bring the Board an update at the December 10th Board Meeting.

1. Clarissa Naftzger, 1610 Fairway Dr., Belmont, stated concerns about the parcel tax/bond.
2. Michael Parker, 7 Knot Lane, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding Bond funds.

Mrs. Wright suggested that PTA and School Force be notified regarding the upcoming Board Meeting about a Parcel Tax and a Bond Initiative.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Mrs. Wright attended the Traveling Café at Cipriani.

Mrs. Clancy attended the Traveling Café at Ralston.

Mrs. Benelli attended the 10-6-09 Community Meeting at SMCOE.

Mr. Matthews attended the 10-8-909 Community Meeting at Fox School.

Mrs. Clancy requested a copy of the Community Meeting by Dr. Orta-Camilleri be emailed to all Board Members.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

November 5th – Enrollment, Sibling, Intradistrict update.

November 19th – Dual Language Immersion

December 10th – Parcel Tax/Bond

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.