

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
April 22, 2010
MINUTES

BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Michael Parker
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 5:01 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 5:02 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 6:05 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. No action was taken during Closed Session.

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 Item #13 RESOLUTION #28 Reduction in Work Force – Lack of Work be removed from the Agenda.

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

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

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

Item # 7

a. The Board of Trustees approved the following Special Education contracts:

ID #	Age	Disab	Type-Services	Provider	Start Date	End Date	New Contract
356168	6	AUT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	*40,000

b. The Board of Trustees approved the attached contract with Bleyle Elevator, Inc., to provide State mandated twice annual inspections of wheel chair lifts located at Central, Cipriani, Nesbit and Ralston Schools at a cost of \$1,320 annually, payable from General Fund Operations Budget.

c. The Board of Trustees accepted the proposal from Godbe Research, not to exceed \$13,050 to conduct follow up focus groups about a possible Bond Measure.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 15, 2010.

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

FIRST DRAFT OF 2010-2011 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mrs. Hungerford provided a handout regarding the adoption budget and stated that the preliminary budget is a rollover from the previous year and then adjusted accordingly.

Mrs. Hungerford requested the Board consider using revenues from Funds 14, 17 & 20 to help in an attempt to balance the 2010-2011 budget. The Board agreed to the use of these one-time funds from Fund 14 & 17 only.

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the District must find a sustainable revenue source or additional deeper cuts will have to be made in order to present a solvent budget.

Speakers

1. Kristin Mack. 812 Covington Rd, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the 2010-2011 preliminary budget.

- Michelle Green, 237 A Wheeler, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the 2010-2011 preliminary budget.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS ADOPTION UPDATE

Ms. Weaver stated that Principal Cori McKenzie is leading the process of adoption, reviewing materials that engage staff in a data-driven review of instructional materials.

The committee has met to review materials and participate in a pilot implementation of two programs: Houghton Mifflin – Harcourt School Publishers Excursions and Macmillan – McGraw Hill Treasures.

Ms. Weaver stated that letters dated March 24, 2010 from each school with teachers' signatures requesting that the District not spend categorical or any other funds on new materials were received by Dr. Orta-Camilleri on Friday, April 9, 2010.

Speakers:

- Angela Sveda, 2675 Ralston, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the reading/language art adoption.
- Maryann Zugelder, 1721 Francis Court, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the reading/language art adoption.
- Dawn Graves, 2675 Ralston, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the reading/language art adoption.
- Jennifer Frey, 180 Bronsen Ct., Belmont, stated concerns regarding the reading/language art adoption.
- Kristin Mack, 812 Covington, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the reading/language art adoption.

After discussion, Ms. Weaver stated that she will meet with the 6-8 grade teachers to review the adoption.

The Board requested that Ms. Weaver bring the Reading/Language Arts Committee recommendation to the May 6, 2010 Board Meeting.

Ms. Weaver thanked Mrs. McKenzie for her efforts.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked Ms. Weaver for her efforts and for always being an advocate for the students.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010-2011

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Board Meeting Schedule for 2010-2011 was being presented for approval as presented.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board approved the Board Meeting Schedule for 2010-2011 as presented.

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

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Mr. Matthews stated that the spaghetti feed at Fox is sold out. Also, Fox raised \$1200 by tie dying t-shirts.

Mrs. Wright stated that Central held its annual auction and it was very successful.

Mr. Matthews stated that with the help from Mr. Peter Tao, Fox parent and Ardythe Andrews, President, School Force, Provident Credit Union will donate \$20,000 to School Force.

FUTURE ITEMS

Boundary Committee Meetings

May 6, 2010 Board Meeting will start at 6:00pm.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

President Wright convened the meeting to Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:34 p.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 10:35 p.m.