

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
May 6, 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 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 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 7:14 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.

President thanked staff and the community for their support during this challenging time for our District.

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.

1. Bonnie Wolf, 595 Teredo Dr, Redwood City, representing the RCSA, presented a gift of \$10,000 to the Redwood Shores Elementary School Library for new books for the students. Mrs. Wright thanked the RCSA for their generosity.

2. Ardythe Andrews, 1601 A Manzanita Ave, Belmont, introduced Mr. David Palmer of Provident Credit Union, presented School Force with a check for \$20,000. Ardythe also stated that School Force has raised \$1.5 million. Mr. Matthews thanked Ardythe Andrews and Mr. Peter Tao for their efforts.
3. Nancy Krop, 408 Keel Lane Redwood City, stated concerns regarding school librarians.
4. Patty Branscum, 1519 Ralston Ave, stated concerns regarding school librarians.
5. Susan Griffin, 273 42nd Ave, San Mateo, stated concerns regarding school librarians.
6. Jaime Dal Porto, 2615 Barclay Way, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the budget.
7. Julie Oeser, 2413 Casa Bona, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the budget.
8. Lee Fernandez, 595 Marlin Ct., Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
9. John Hall, 507 Seastorm Dr, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
10. Jennifer Frey, 180 Bonsen Ct, Woodside, stated concerns regarding the budget.
11. Julie Shubkagel, 2071 Timberlane Way, stated concerns regarding the budget.
12. Angela Sveda, 2675 Ralston Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the budget.
13. Robin Carlier, 5 Oceanside Way, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
14. Bob Carlier, 5 Oceanside Way, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
15. Mary Morrissey Parden, 805 Schooner Bay Dr, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
16. Carole Wong, 852 Newport Circle, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
17. Doug Crisman, 561 Cringle Dr., Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
18. Robin Zimmerman, 822 Alameda, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the Bond Measure.
19. Michelle Wike, 801 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding class size reduction.
20. Kristin Mack, 812 Covington Rd., Belmont, stated concerns regarding labor items.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Orta-Camilleri requested item #13 Reading/Language Arts Adoption Recommendation be moved to be addressed after item #10 Early Warning for Program Improvement.

Moved by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Matthews, 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 personnel actions as presented:
Certificated Personnel
 - (a) Accepting the retirement of Bryan Yager, 1.0 FTE Teacher at Ralston Middle School effective June 12, 2010.
- b. The Board of Trustees accepted the following donations as presented.
Central School

- Maureen Hom Wong, John Adrouny, Monica Blös & Julia Henderson part of the Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign has made a cash donation of \$638.46 to be used for classroom materials and supplies.

- Maureen Hom Wong part of the Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign has made a cash donation of \$100.00 to be used for classroom materials and supplies.

Fox School

- Marianne Asaro has made a donation of a printer ink cartridges valued at \$61.49 to be used for the history and cooking class printer.

Nesbit School

- Grace Hemenez part of the Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program has made a cash donation of \$250.00 to be used in Mrs. Dos Remedios kindergarten classroom for materials and supplies.

- Amir Ghassemzadek part of the Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program has made a cash donation of \$100.00 to be used in Ms. Affrunti's kindergarten classroom for materials and supplies.

- Savvy Source for Parents, LLC has made a cash donation of \$10.00 to be used for literacy support.

Ralston Middle School

- Wells Fargo has made a cash donation of \$250.00 to be used for the Healthy Kids Program.

- Wells Fargo has made a cash donation of \$60.00 to be used for the technology upgrades.

Redwood Shores School

- Redwood Shores Community Association has made a cash donation of \$10,000 to be used to purchase books for the library.

Sandpiper School

- The Westly Foundation has made a cash donation of \$500 to be used to purchase a cello, viola, violin, clarinet, saxophone, music stands, and orchestra music for the 4th and 5th grade music program.

c. The Board of Trustees approved warrants batches 141-154 as presented.

d. The Board of Trustees approved Resolution #30 - Appreciation for PTA's and School Volunteers.

e. The Board of Trustees approved the Landscape Maintenance Agreement with Bullene Landscape for the maintenance of the Redwood Shores Elementary School grounds in 2010-2011.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 22, 2010.

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

EARLY WARNING FOR PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

Ms. Weaver provided an update regarding the Program Improvement notice the District received in December 2009 advising that the District may be subject to Program Improvement in 2011-2012. Ms. Weaver stated that she is monitoring the various sub groups that are in need of improvement.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS ADOPTION RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Weaver stated that the Reading/Language Arts Committee members, lead by Principal Cori McKenzie, has brought forward a recommendation as the Board had requested and has recommended the adoption of Houghton Mifflin – Harcourt School Publishers Excursions for Kindergarten through 5th grades.

Ms. Weaver introduced Principal McKenzie and the committee members to address the Board.

Committee member, Rosanne Meyers stated that due to the current budget crisis, the Reading/Language Arts Committee is recommending to postpone the adoption of the Reading/Language Arts Adoption.

Ms. Weaver stated that her recommendation is to proceed with the adoption

Ms. Weaver stated that due to growth for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year of approximately 130 students and possibly increasing over the summer, the District will have to purchase additional materials of the current adoption at an approximate cost of \$26,000.

SPEAKERS

1. Ann Snelling, 11 Tioga Way, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the LA adoption.
2. George Metropulos, 2014 Monroe Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the LA adoption.
3. Tia Cilia, 403 Yorkshire Way, Belmont, stated concerns regarding LA adoption.

After discussion, the Board recommended postponing the Reading/Language Arts Adoption for one year, and directed staff to use Lottery funds for the purchase of the additional materials needed for incoming students and replacement needs for the 2010-2011 school year and place the remainder of the Lottery funds in reserve for future instructional purposes. The IMFRP funds are to be reserved for future adoptions and the ARRA funds are to be used for Special Education expenses, thus reducing general fund contribution to Special Education.

The Board thanked Ms. Weaver for her expertise and staff for their efforts.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board postponed the Reading/Language Arts Adoption.

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

RECESS: 9:56 p.m.

RETURN FROM RECESS: 10:02 p.m.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS, STAFFING AND FACILITIES

Ms. Weaver stated that class sizes are not yet finalized and the District is planning for 25:1 at Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Increased class size will help the District in housing the projected

130 new students for 2010/2011. Due to the space availability and increased class size, some sites may have AM kindergarten only, while some sites, due to lack of space may have AM & PM kindergarten.

The Board directed Ms. Weaver to meet with the Kindergarten teachers to discuss potential of having AM kindergarten only at some sites.

Mrs. Wright thanked the Kindergarten teachers for accommodating the need to have AM/PM kindergarten during the 2009-2010 school year.

BOARD POLICY 5116.1 INTRA-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT DISCUSSION

Ms. Weaver introduced Claire Cunningham, County Counsel. Ms. Cunningham stated that on January 7, 2010, the Governor approved SP X5 4 establishing the new Open Enrollment Act. This new act authorizes a parent of a student enrolled in a "low achieving school" to apply to transfer the student to a school in a school district outside the school district of residence. The purpose of the program is to improve student achievement.

After discussion, the Board directed staff to establish Board Policy for Enrollment and Intra-District Transfer Open Enrollment policy in place for Fall 2010. Ms. Weaver will bring back for a First Reading at a future meeting.

DECLARATION OF OBSOLETE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Due to the Reading/Language Arts Adoption not receiving board approval, this action is postponed.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Tashjian,

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

RELEASE OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS

Ms. Weaver stated that on February 4, 2010 & March 4, 2010, at the Closed Executive Session, the Board took action to release a total of 19.5 FTE temporary employees from employment with the District at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. As directed by the Board of Trustees, this action has been carried out.

RESOLUTION #28 REDUCTION IN WORK FORCE-LACK OF WORK

Ms. Weaver stated that due to changes in IEPs and service changes, she is recommending elimination of 5.48 FTE Para Educator positions due to lack of work.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #28 to eliminate 5.48 FTE Para Educator positions due to lack of work.

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

Mrs. Cathy Wright

POSITION ANALYSIS AND REQUEST FOR RESCISSION OF LAY OFF NOTICES

Ms. Weaver stated that in review of the current status of State Programs, Federal Programs, Parcel Tax funding and the anticipated donation of \$1,000,000 from School Force, a recommendation was presented by the Superintendent for consideration of reinstating positions. Staff will continue to work with CSEA on reinstating library media specialists and para-educator positions supporting 4th/5th grade combination classes. A recommendation will be presented at a future Board meeting. This recommendation is based on \$500,000 contribution of School Force funds to be used for 2.25 FTE Reading Specialists, .5 of the Ralston Middle School Counselor and .5 Dean of Students position as well as the Elementary Music Teacher position.

SPEAKERS

1. Jessica Khouri, 3405 Haskins Dr, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the rescission of lay-off notices.
2. Larry Pon, 813 Southport Dr, Redwood City, stated concerns regarding the rescission of lay-off notices.
3. Kristin Mack, 8121 Covington Rd, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the rescission of lay-off notices.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board of Trustees approved lay off rescission notices for the following positions which were previously reduced by Resolution No. 18:

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| 1. Dean of Students | .5 FTE |
| 2. Counselor | 1.0 FTE |
| 3. Reading Specialist | 2.25 FTE |
| 4. Math Coach | .5 FTE |
| 5. Elementary Music Teacher | 1.0 FTE |
| 6. Elementary Teacher | 16.0 FTE |
| 7. Middle School Teacher | 2.0 FTE |

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

PUBLIC HEARING-DEVELOPER FEE JUSTIFICATION STUDY

President Wright opened the Public Hearing at 10:56 p.m. No one wished to address the Board. President Wright closed the Public Hearing at 10:57 p.m.

RESOLUTION #29 APPROVAL OF DEVELOPER FEE JUSTIFICATION STUDY

Mrs. Hungerford stated that Education Code Section 17620 authorizes school districts to levy a fee, charge, against any development project for the construction or reconstruction of school facilities provided the district can show justification for levying of fees. In January 2010, the State Allocation Board's biennial inflation adjustment changed the fee to \$2.97 per square foot for residential

construction and \$0.47 per square foot for commercial/industrial construction. This increase will become effective 60 days July 4, 2010, following the adoption of Resolution #29.

The District currently has a Level I Developer Fee sharing agreement with the Sequoia Union High School District. The Sequoia Union High School District collects 40% of the Level I developer fee and the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District collects 60 % of the statutory Level I fee. The Belmont-Redwood Shores School District is justified to collect its share of the statutory Level I developer fees at the above rates. The justification is based on this study's findings that the District will exceed the K-8th grade facility capacity of 2, 615 students beginning in the 2010-2011 school year and will continue to exceed capacity beyond the 2016-2017 school year.

Moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board of Trustees approved the Developer Fee Justification Study Report along with accompanying Resolution #29 and instructed staff to implement the report.

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

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Bond questions have been completed and will be implemented and meetings will be held at the sites to discuss with the school communities..

Mr. Parker attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on Monday.

Mr. Matthews stated that Fox held another successful tie-dying event.

Mrs. Wright stated that 4th & 5th graders won the "I'm In Campaign".

FUTURE ITEMS

Ms Weaver-meet with Kindergarten teachers.
First Reading Board Policy5116.1

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 p.m.