

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
December 9, 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 7:23 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 took action to accept an Interdistrict Transfer for a 3rd grade student.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Sequoia Healthcare District will be awarded the Golden Apple Award by the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce for outstanding support of education. Our school district is one of the four local districts that is greatly benefitting from

Mr. Matthews stated that School Force was awarded the Prestigious Apple Award from the California Consortium of Education Foundation.

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. No one wished to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

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 warrants batches 63 through 72 as presented.
- b. The Board of Trustees approved the personnel actions as presented.
- c. The Board of Trustees approved the submission of the Kent Award applications to the San Mateo County School Boards Association from Cipriani and Sandpiper Elementary Schools.
- d. The Board of Trustees approved the contract with Camp Galileo for use of facilities at Cipriani School in the summer of 2011.
- e. The Board of Trustees approved the Nesbit Elementary Single Plan for Student Achievement Addendum.
- f. The Board of Trustees approved the Special Ed Contracts as presented.
- g. The Board of Trustees approved the declaration as surplus/e-waste to the needs of the District the items identified on the inventory.
- h. The Board of Trustees accepted the donations as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2010.

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

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, the Board approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 30, 2010.

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

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Cathy Wright, President of the Board, asked if there were any nominations for officers of the Board of Trustees.

President, Vice President, and Clerk of the Board

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board nominated Mr. Andrew Stulbarg for President of the Board of Trustees.

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

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board nominated Mr. Brian Matthews for Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

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

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board nominated Mr. Robert Tashjian for Clerk of the Board.

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

Governing Board Representative to the San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Tashjian, Mr. Michael Parker was nominated the Governing Board Representative to the San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization.

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

BREAK: 7:35pm

RETURN FROM BREAK: 7:55pm

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD COMMITTEES

Appointments to the following committees were made for:

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| * Budget Advisory Committee | Robert Tashjian & Cathy Wright |
| * Curriculum Council | Cathy Wright |
| SMCSBA Nominating Committee | Robert Tashjian |
| School-Force Liaison | Brian Matthews |
| Technology Committee | Andrew Stulbarg |
| Special Education Task Force | Cathy Wright & Brian Matthews |
| Boundary Committee | Robert Tashjian & Brian Matthews |
| Belmont 2 x 2 Members | Cathy Wright & Brian Matthews |
| Redwood City 2 x 2 Members | Andrew Stulbarg & Michael Parker |

* Committees of the Board

RALSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE REPORT

Mr. Christopher Saldivar, Ralston Middle School teacher and his students, Carly Hunter, Bijan Khalili, Alexa Zaino, Danica Kazakoff and Emily Sevillia, presented a showcase report to the Board Members regarding their work with the Tobacco-Use Prevention Program (TUPE) for Ralston Middle School.

Ms. Weaver stated that a resolution in support of the TUPE Program would be brought to the next meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Saldivar and his students for their presentation.

FIRST INTERIM BUDGET REVISION

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the District is presenting a Positive Certification of Financial Condition, meaning that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years and meet the 3% minimum State Reserve for economic uncertainty.

Public school districts are required by the State to certify, twice each year, the ability to meet their financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and two subsequent years. This report shows actual activity for the period of July 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010, one third of the fiscal year. Financial projections are made to June 30, 2011, and for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

It should be noted that in order to achieve this positive certification in 2011-12, the District is budgeting K-3 class size at 30:1, an increase from the current 25:1 ratio. An additional \$900,000 in revenue will need to be identified to bring the class size to 25:1. To balance the budget for 2011-12, \$300,000 of the Tier III Deferred Maintenance reserve was used.

In 2012-13 the District must return to at least a 25:1 class size to satisfy negotiated class size. The State K-3 flexibility for class size will end in 2012-13, meaning that unless the District can return to a 20:1 K-3 class size, the District will no longer receive class size funding, a loss of \$854,000. It is unlikely, the District will have the funding necessary to support a 20:1 program, therefore staff budgeted as if this funding will be lost. The return to 25:1 ratio and the need for growth teachers results in the need for approximately 12.5 additional teachers in 2012-13. Furlough Days have not been negotiated for 2012-13 and therefore do not appear in the budget. These changes result in the need to use the balance of Tier III deferred maintenance funds \$173,000, along with \$302,000 from the Reserve for Economic Uncertainty (Fund 17). The Fund 17 reserve will end at 4.4%.

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board of Trustees approved the First Interim Fiscal Solvency Report and certifies that the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District will be able to meet its financial obligations through June 30, 2013.

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

BASIC AID REPORT

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the District remains "basic aid." The District's revenue limit per ADA has been reduced from the original projection of \$6,057.84 per ADA to the now deficit 2010-2011

revenue limit amount of \$4,969.67 per enrolled and attending student. If the District were required to operate on revenue limit funding alone, we would experience a \$3,636,031 reduction in funding. This additional amount is generated from local property taxes which exceed the revenue limit funding. Due to the District's continued enrollment growth and zero tax growth, the amount of excess taxes continues to diminish each year.

OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSFERS POLICY-FIRST READING

Ms. Weaver provided an overview of the Open Enrollment Act which allows a student attending a "low-achieving school" to transfer to another school that has a higher Academic Performance Index (API) than the school in which the student was enrolled. Each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will identify 1,000 open enrollment schools ranked by increasing API scores. The list will not include court, community, community day, or charter schools and a district may not have more than 10 percent of its schools on the list.

An Administrative Regulation that operationalizes BP 5118(a) will be developed following the adoption of the policy.

RESOLUTION #16-AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK QSCB ALLOCATION FOR 2010

Mrs. Hungerford stated the resolution would allow the District to apply for \$25,000,000 in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) for municipal securities to be issued in 2009 and 2010 for funding the construction, rehabilitation and repair of public school facilities, acquisition of land for these school facilities, and/or acquisition of equipment to be used in these school facilities. The QSCBs provide for federal tax credits to be given to the security investors in lieu of an interest return that will reduce an issuer's overall security interest expense.

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #16 authorizing staff to seek Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) in the amount of \$25,000,000 for 2010.

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

JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF BELMONT

Dr. Orta-Camilleri gave a brief overview of the recent meeting. Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked the City of Belmont for assisting the District with school site traffic issues and the smooth opening of the new school.

BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION

Mr. Stulbarg stated that he will be communicating with CSBA to establish a date and facilitator for an upcoming Board Retreat.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Dr. Orta-Camilleri, Cathy Wright & Andy Stulbarg attended the Annual CSBA Conference. Fox had a cookie party for the staff. Central has a Cookie of the Month for staff.

Mr. Parker stated that former BRSSD students, now at Carlmont High School, took 3rd place in a cheerleading contest.

Ralston Middle School Winter Music Concert dates are 12/14 & 15, 2010

School Force fundraiser at Sofitel Hotel.

Mr. Stulbarg held a teacher hosted “make your own cookie” event at his house.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

Ms. Weaver will bring the TUPE Resolution to the January 20, 2011 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.