

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
April 7, 2011
MINUTES

BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Brian Matthews ABSENT: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mr. Charles Velschow
Mrs. Cathy Wright

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 Stulbarg called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Stulbarg announced the meeting was being tape recorded.

SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

- a. The Board of Trustees approved the personnel actions as presented.
- b. The Board of Trustees approved the Special Ed Contracts as presented.
- c. The Board of Trustees approved warrants batches 115 through 125 as presented.
- d. The Board of Trustees accepted the donations as presented.
- e. The Board of Trustees approved the Williams Uniform Complaints quarterly report for the period ending March 2011 (covers 1/1/11 through 3/31/11).
- f. The Board of Trustees approved RESOLUTION #33 which proclaims May 11, 2011 as Day of the Teacher.
- g. The Board of Trustees approved RESOLUTION #34, which proclaims May 15th through May 21st as the Week of the Classified Employee.

h. The Board of Trustees approved the 2011-2012 school year calendar.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to table the March 30, 2011 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 17, 2011, the Special Board Meeting held on March 17, 2011, the Special Board Meeting held on March 24, 2011 and the Special Board Meeting held on March 31, 2011.

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

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE AND OATH

The Board deliberated and reached consensus and voted Mr. Charles “Chuck” Velschow as the new Trustee.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri administered the State of California Oath to Mr. Charles “Chuck” Velschow.

SPEAKER:

Lillian Svec, stated her support for two board applicants.

The Board thanked Michelle Matosian, Suzanne Pritchard, Karen Silfvast and Andy Eliopoulos for their interest in becoming a Board member.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Ms. Penny Weaver introduced Mrs. Lisa Zachry, Director of Special Programs. Mrs. Zachry gave an overview on the enrollment trends, budget, staffing, behavior intervention and mental health services.

Mrs. Zachry thanked the Special Education staff for their support over the past three years, as she will return to Cipriani as the Principal.

The Board thanked Mrs. Zachry for her outstanding efforts.

BOUNDARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Orta-Camilleri provided the Board with an update on the Boundary Committee meetings that were held on March 16, 23 and 29. The options currently being considered are options D, E, G & I. An option to have no boundary changes (H) has also been discussed. This option will need to be further explored if the Board decides to consider this alternative.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri reviewed the criteria developed by the Boundary Committee:

- Overall movement
- Socio economic impact
- Safety
- Traffic (crossings, passing schools)
- Size of campus

- Cost of capacity-augmentation
- What is school capacity
- Model comparison to ideal capacity
- Look at class ratios based on 25:1
- Standardization of specialty rooms (science, music, etc.)

At the March 30 Central Community meeting, establishing an alternative solutions committee was discussed. Alesha Breite offered to chair this committee. The purpose of this committee would be to provide alternative solutions to changing boundaries. Cathy Wright also offered to be part of this committee. The Superintendent met with Alesha Breite to discuss work that has been completed by the Central parents. The Board did not elect to create a Board committee to discuss alternatives. They suggested a Superintendent's committee explore this option. Mrs. Wright will join the committee. Mr. Stulbarg or Mr. Velschow will also be joining the committee.

The County Office of Education has offered the District the expertise of Mr. Brian Simmons and Ms. Nancy Magee to facilitate the Committee work. They provided assistance during the March 29 meeting and will continue to participate in future meetings.

The topic of grandfathering students was discussed with input provided by the Central and Cipriani parents. Mr. Tom Williams may be asked for support in finalizing this data.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri introduced Mr. Tim Fox from County Counsel. Mr. Fox discussed the possible conflict of interest Board members or staff could have as it relates to having economic interest in the District and being a decision maker for boundary changes, responses below.

Mr. Tom Williams-Demographer: Mr. Fox stated that the demographer does not have a disqualifying conflict of interest because he is not a public official within the meaning of these laws.

Superintendent: Mr. Fox stated that there is presently insufficient basis to declare that the proposed government action will materially affect the Superintendent's leased residence, she is entitled to the presumption that it is not materially affected.

Board Members: Mr. Fox stated that it is presumed that the effect on your property will not be material, and the analysis ends there in the absence of contrary evidence. He offered to meet with Board members if they live in the affected area.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri suggested scheduling a 2+2 meeting with the City of Belmont to discuss traffic safety and crossing guards.

SPEAKERS:

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| 1. Laura Klieves | 12. JoAnn Covington | 23. Sylvia Curletto |
| 2. Frederick Crosby | 13. John Houston | 24. Ned Lawrence |
| 3. Rob Silfvast | 14. Min Yue | 25. Robin Zimmermann |
| 4. Alesha Breite | 15. Lillian Svec | 26. Pam Schloss |
| 5. Traci Psaila | 16. Army Adrouny | 27. Ben Schloss |
| 6. Jason Tolu | 17. Scott Brylow | 28. Clarissa Naftzger |
| 7. Khalid Sebti | 18. Wilma Swanson | 29. Julie Shunkagel |

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| 8. Therese Dunne | 19. Greg Fitterer | 30. Suzette Gulsen |
| 9. Mark Fish | 20. Huan Pham | 31. Eve Lefcourt |
| 10. Shyam Panda | 21. Minli Weissberg | |
| 11. Michyle LaPedis | 22. Lyra Ghosh | |

BREAK: 11:25 p.m.

RETURN FROM BREAK: 11:35 p.m.

MEASURES I & N FACILITY DISCUSSION

Mrs. Hungerford introduced Laura Knauss and Rob Samish of Lionakis, as well as Mr. Mitch Rhodes of Blach Construction. Ms. Knauss shared a presentation for modernization of Ralston Middle School, an explanation of capacities based on State loading formulas, and an estimate of potential other funding sources to enhance the overall funding of the project.

SPEAKER

1. Lyra Ghosh, commented on Measures I & N.

BOARD BYLAWS 9320-MEETINGS AND NOTICES FIRST READING

Dr. Orta-Camilleri reviewed the changes suggested by CSBA with the Board. The Board did not have other changes at this time. A Board member can send recommended changes to the Superintendent and she will discuss these with the Mr. Stulbarg. This item will be brought to a future meeting for a Second Reading and approval.

RESOLUTION # 32 TEACHER CREDENTIALING MULTIPLE SUBJECT

Ms. Weaver stated after a second review of our certificated personnel, 1 teaching assignment requires a Resolution by the Governing Board to teach outside the credential authorization.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #32 to allow the teacher listed below to teach outside her credential authorization for the 2010-2011 school year as specified in Education Code Section 44256 (b).

Janet Mastalir 15 units of Science 4th/5th Grade Science

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Charles Velschow
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Mr. Matthews – The “I’m In” School Force Campaign is underway.

Mrs. Wright - Ralston’s 6th grade Band invited senior citizens to hear a performance.

Mr. Stulbarg – Sandpiper had a 4th & 5th grade Chorus performance.

FUTURE ITEMS

Update on Alternative Committee meetings.

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 12:05 a.m. President Stulbarg adjourned the Regular Board Meeting. At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 1:38 a.m., President Stulbarg reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Stulbarg stated that the Board had met in Closed Session and took action to approve Interdistrict Transfer Request Agreements for 2 kindergarten students through the end of this school year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 a.m.