

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
JUNE 2, 2011  
MINUTES

BOARD  
MEMBERS

ABSENT:

PRESENT: Mr. Brian Matthews  
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg (ARRIVED AT 7:25 P.M.)  
Mr. Robert Tashjian  
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

Vice President Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Matthews announced the meeting was being tape recorded.

SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Wright requested item h. Resolution #41- Ralston Middle School Emergency Beam Repairs, pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda after item # 13 Options for Meeting Enrollment Growth.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian  
Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mr. Charles Velschow  
Mr. Brian Matthews

Mrs. Wright noted the accomplishments of retiree Mr. Owen Bruce, Music Teacher.

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

a. The Board of Trustees approved the personnel actions as presented.

- b. The Board of Trustees approved warrants batches 147 through 154 as presented.
- c. The Board of Trustees approved the Special Ed contracts as presented.
- d. The Board of Trustees approved Resolution #42 A-d honoring retirees.
- e. The Board of Trustees approved the students to be promoted from Ralston Middle School as presented.
- f. The Board of Trustees approved the Instructional Minutes for 2011-2012.
- g. The Board of Trustees authorized staff to contract with Blach Construction, Lionakis Architect and other vendors as required, to complete the conversion of the Ralston Middle School workshop classroom into a useable general classroom space for August 2011 use, total project costs for all vendors combined not to exceed \$100,000, payable from Capital Facilities Fund.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Wright requested the full recommendation of the Boundary Committee, Option D, be added to Options for Meeting Enrollment Growth, page 3, of the May 19, 2011 Minutes.

A motion was made to table the May 26, 2011 Special Board Meeting Minutes until the June 16, 2011, Board Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held May 19, 2011, as amended.

Roll Call: Ayes      Mr. Robert Tashjian  
                             Mrs. Cathy Wright  
                             Mr. Charles Velschow  
                             Mr. Brian Matthews

#### MEASURE C OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION.

Mrs. Hungerford introduced Ms. Carole Wong, Chairperson. Ms. Wong stated that the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District is in compliance with the requirements in Article X111A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.

The Board thanked Ms. Wong and the Committee members for their efforts.

#### BONDS I AND N OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the position of Parent/Elementary School Student on the Measure I and N Citizen Oversight Committee had been vacated. Staff followed the recruitment guidelines and Ms. Nicki Fox applied for the position. Staff recommended the acceptance of her application as it meets the requirements of the vacancy.

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Velschow, the Board approved the applicant noted below to serve on the Bond Measures I and N Citizen Oversight Committee.

Roll Call: Ayes      Mr. Robert Tashjian  
                             Mrs. Cathy Wright  
                             Mr. Charles Velschow  
                             Mr. Brian Matthews

#### NOMINATIONS FOR CSBA 2011 OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

Moved by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Velschow, the Board chose not to nominate a candidate for the 2011 Outstanding Legislator of the Year.

Roll Call: Ayes      Mr. Robert Tashjian

Mrs. Cathy Wright  
Mr. Charles Velschow  
Mr. Brian Matthews

RESOLUTION #43 REDUCTION IN WORK FORCE -LACK OF WORK

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that due to the lack of work, specific reduction in work is needed.

Moved by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #43 to eliminate a 4.878 FTE Inclusion Para Educator positions due to lack of work.

Roll Call: Ayes     Mr. Robert Tashjian  
                         Mrs. Cathy Wright  
                         Mr. Charles Velschow  
                         Mr. Brian Matthews

END OF YEAR REPORTS FROM PRINCIPALS

Ms. Weaver announced that Principal Kollmann and Dean of Students, Mr. Matt Pavao, Principal McKenzie, Principal McDaniel and Administrative Designee Mindy Shelton were presenting this evening to conduct an overview of their site accomplishments during the 2010-11 school year.

Principal McDaniel was not able to attend this evening and will present at the June 16, 2011 Board meeting.

The Board of Trustees thanked Principal Kollmann, Principal McKenzie and Administrative Designee Mindy Shelton and their staff for their efforts.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked the Principals for their participation on the Boundary and Alternatives Committees

MEASURES I AND N FACILITES

Mrs. Hungerford stated that in order for the Architects to move forward with design plans for Measures I and N and to meet their timelines for submission of plans to DSA in the fall, Mrs. Hungerford requested and received from the Board of Trustees approval of three areas of planning: 1) The number of growth classrooms and other additions as required to be added at Ralston Middle (8), Fox Elementary (7), Central Elementary (1) and Nesbit Elementary (3); 2) The timeline of Ralston Middle School, Fox Elementary and Nesbit Elementary to begin construction in 2012, followed by Central Elementary and Cipriani Elementary construction in summer 2013; 3) The authorization for staff to prepare and submit CEQA Exemption documents for each of the five sites.

The Board of Trustees may, in the near future, modify the number of classrooms at each site depending on the outcome of the boundary study.

SPEAKERS

1. Bob Carrillo
2. Eve Lefcourt
3. Rob Silfvast
4. Traci Psaila

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Velschow, the Board of Trustees approved items 1, 2, and 3 as listed below:

- 1) The proposed growth classroom and other additions to Ralston Middle School (8), Fox Elementary (7), Central Elementary (1) and Nesbit (3) as presented by Lionakis Architects at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting;
- 2) The designation of Ralston Middle School, Fox Elementary and Nesbit Elementary for construction to begin in Summer 2012 with Central Elementary and Cipriani Elementary construction to begin in Summer 2013; and
- 3) Direct District staff to prepare and submit CEQA Exemption documents for sites covered by Measures I and N.

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

#### TRAFFIC ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the traffic analysis was conducted in response to the Board's request to study the safety of our students walking to Nesbit from areas 41-43. After meeting with the City of Belmont, it was suggested that the District get a third party to conduct the study. BkF was contracted to perform the traffic study. Mrs. Hungerford introduced Mr. Jason Mansfield of BkF. Mr. Mansfield reviewed his analysis that was conducted on walking patterns and traffic safety.

#### SPEAKERS

1. Gladwyn Dsouza
2. Sylvia Curletto
3. Irmay
4. Peter Grennan
5. Mark Pratt
6. Eve Lefcourt

President Stulbarg invited Belmont Police Chief Mattei to speak regarding crossing guards and his opinion of the traffic study.

Chief Mattei stated that the safety of children is very important, the level of parent involvement is outstanding and the decision of the boundary changes is ultimately up to the School Board.

President Stulbarg reminded the audience that last year the Board voted to have crossing guards at all elementary sites and the safety of all students is important to all Board members.

The Board thanked Chief Mattei for his comments.

BREAK AT 9:16 P.M.

RETURN FROM BREAK AT 9:28 P.M

OPTIONS FOR MEETING ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that during the last Board meeting, held on May 19, 2011, the Board asked that the options developed by the Boundary Committee and the Alternatives Committee be brought back for further discussion.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked Alesha Breite for her efforts to Chair the Alternatives Committee.

Mr. Tashjian thanked Dr. Orta-Camilleri and staff, Principals and parents for their efforts in an attempt to find a solution for the District's growing enrollment.

Mr. Stulbarg thanked staff, Board members and parents for their efforts.

SPEAKERS

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| 1. Sylvia Curletto  | 11. Wilma Swanson    | 21. Lisa Conley     |
| 2. Irmay            | 12. Traci Psaila     | 22. Lillian Svec    |
| 3. Mai              | 13. Mark Pratt       | 23. Sarah Klieves   |
| 4. Sharon Hue       | 14. Bob Carrillo     | 24. Vivian Crisman  |
| 5. Alesha Breite    | 15. Ben Schloss      | 25. Daphne Lawrence |
| 6. Khalid Sebti     | 16. Matt Breite      | 26. Julie Shubert   |
| 7. Frederick Crosby | 17. Dawn Richards    | 27. Rosa Singh      |
| 8. Eve Lefcourt     | 18. Andrea Jefferson | 28. Minli Weissburg |
| 9. Jaime Dal Porto  | 19. Charles Stone    | 29. Kathy Damico    |
| 10. Rob Siflvast    | 20. Eric Moyer       |                     |

BREAK AT 11:15 P.M

RETURN FROM BREAK AT 11:23 P.M.

Mr. Velschow stated that due the Fair Elections Act he must recuse himself from the discussion.

Mr. Stulbarg stated that boundary change alone does not solve the District's over enrollment issue in the long term. Mr. Stulbarg stated that he is in support of capped enrollment, with a lottery and no boundary change.

Mr. Matthews stated a boundary change would solve some of the enrollment issues, preserves neighborhood schools and will bring increased stability at Nesbit. The grandfathering proposal takes away concerns about taking students away from their current schools. Changing boundaries would address growth at Central and Cipriani.

Mrs. Wright stated that she is looking for a solution that balances the District. If the boundaries are changed, and Central and Cipriani do not reach their capacity, then in 2012-13, the affected areas of the boundary change would have the first priority to the additional capacity at Central and Cipriani over the next three years.

Mr. Tashjian stated that he is in favor of a boundary change. To make a stable environment at Nesbit you must increase the boundary and reducing the boundary at Cipriani will produce fewer students, otherwise Nesbit will continue to be the overflow school.

After continued deliberation, Mrs. Wright suggested the District explore a no boundaries policy, like Mill Valley School District.

The Board tabled this item until the June 16, 2011 Board Meeting.

Staff was asked to research how the Mill Valley School District conducts their no boundary policy.

RESOLUTION #41- RALSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL EMERGENCY BEAM REPAIR

Mrs. Hungerford stated the beam repair has been approved as an emergency repair by County Superintendent, Anne Campbell. Approval by the Board will allow the District to negotiate with a single qualified bidder to perform the work and to perform the repairs in the limited summer timeframe.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #41, declaring that a state of emergency exists with regard to the provision of the Ralston Middle School beam repair and beam strengthening and authorize Blach Construction and other subcontractors to complete the project for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 payable from Capital Facility Funds.

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

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the District received a grant from the Sequoia District Hospital.

FUTURE ITEMS

Approval of Budget  
Option for meeting enrollment growth

SPEAKERS

1. Rob Silfvast
2. Alesha Breite
3. Andrea Jefferson
4. Naomi Nishimoto
5. Lisa Conley

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 2:55 a.m. President Stulbarg adjourned the Regular Board Meeting. At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 3:10 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 no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 a.m.