

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
September 16, 2010
MINUTES

BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESENT:
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Michael Parker (arrived at 6:20pm)
Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mrs. Cathy Wright

ABSENT: Mr. Robert Tashjian

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 6:03 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 6:04 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 7:17 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 taken during Closed Session.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll Call: Ayes: 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 20 through 26 as presented.
- b. The Board of Trustees approved the Special Education Contracts as presented.

- c. The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution #9 setting the District's GANN Limit.
- d. The Board of Trustees approved District Goals for 2010-11 as presented.
- e. The Board of Trustees approved Notices of Completion for Blach Construction and for Meeleis Modular for the construction of the Redwood Shores Elementary School.
- f. The Board of Trustees approved the contract for Family Engagement Specialist services with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center to work with Nesbit School in establishing parent meetings for effective communication between home and school and to serve as a liaison for families in support of student attendance and achievement in the classroom.
- g. The Board of Trustees approved a one-year contract with Peninsula Youth Orchestra for the 2010-11 fiscal year, per the terms of the contract documents attached.
- h. The Board of Trustees approved a contract with Thea Runyan, MPH, Health and Wellness Consultant for \$80,000 from the Healthy School Initiative Grant.

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. Shelly Masur of San Mateo City School Board Association (SMCSBA), introduced herself to the Board and shared a list of events for 2010-2011.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Wright requested the Break from 8:30pm-9:00pm be added to the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Stulbarg, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 2, 2010 as amended.

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

SCHOOL FORCE DONATION UPDATE

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that School Force donated an additional \$100,000 due to the Matching Grant Program, which brings the donation total to 1.6M for 2009-2010.

SPEAKER

1. Keiko Smith, 1701 Francis Ct, Belmont, apologized for a communication sent regarding School Force funds.
2. Ardythe Andrews, 1601A Manzanita Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding community unity.
3. Lisa Meltzer Penn, 1010 Notre Dame Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the library closures.
4. Lisa Bernstein, 1711 Valley View Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the library closures.
5. Patty Branscum, 1519 Ralston Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the library closures.
6. Cheryl Stoutimore, 525 Middle Road, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the library closures.
7. Kathie McNulty, 1604 Francis Ave, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the library closures.
8. Bob & Cynthia Dubridge, 825 Holly Road, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the library closures.
9. David Long, 857 South Road, Belmont, stated concerns regarding the library closures.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri reminded the Board of negotiated commitments in the event the District receives additional funding, specifically the furlough days.

After Board discussion, staff was directed to decrease furlough days from 4 to 3, giving back 1 day of instruction to the students. Once the funds are received from School Forces, this item will be brought to a future meeting for Board approval.

The Board and Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked School Force for their donation and effort.

APPROVAL OF UNAUDITED ACTUALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the District ended the 2009-2010 school year with a positive status of 2.9M due to the conservative use of funds by site personnel, the flexibility of use of Tier 3 funds and the movement of funds from Fund 14 into the Unrestricted General Fund. Mrs. Hungerford outlined the ongoing District designation for ending fund balance such as property tax reserve for future appeals, special education reserve, carryover of site local funds, textbook reserve and deferred maintenance reserve. There is zero undesignated funds for ending balance 2009-10.

The Board thanked Mrs. Hungerford for her efforts.

Mrs. Hungerford thanked Mrs. Lea Ragsac, Accounting Supervisor, for her extraordinary efforts.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the unaudited actuals (J-200) report of District revenues and expenditures, as required by law, for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that during the 2009-10 school year, community meetings were held to provide status to the community and give new and existing community members an opportunity to ask questions. The panel consisted of educators and board members and was held at various school site locations.

In planning for the 2010-11 school year, Dr. Orta-Camilleri would like to have a community meeting that would allow her to give an update on the district and to enable our community to engage in a question and answer period.

The Board agreed and Mr. Stulbarg volunteered his participation. This meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2010.

OPEN ENROLLMENT ACT DISCUSSION

Ms. Weaver stated that the Open Enrollment Act, governed by California Education Code was signed into law on January 7, 2010 and became effective on April 14, 2010. The legislation requires the California Department of Education to create a list of 1,000 "low-achieving" schools (now referred to as "open enrollment" schools).

Districts with schools on the list must notify parents of students attending the identified school by September 15. Parents of children attending a school on the list can apply for a transfer for their child

to another school either within or outside of their district of residence as long as that school has a higher score on the Academic Performance Index than the school in which the student was previously enrolled.

Board Policy and Administrative Regulations will need to be adopted this Fall to provide specific written standards for dealing with transfer requests under the Open Enrollment Act. No schools from Belmont-Redwood Shores School District are on the currently published list.

There is some confusion regarding the implementation of this legislation, however, we are informed that the emergency regulations adopted in July by the State Board of Education, do not require school districts to accept Open Enrollment Act transfer applications for the 2010/2011 school year. The regulations make it optional for districts to accept applications this year. We have not received any interdistrict transfer requests under the Open Enrollment Act to date.

As Nesbit Elementary is currently designated the only “open enrollment” school, Ms. Weaver recommended converting the term “open enrollment school” to “school of choice” when making the annual declaration of school/s within the District that may accept intradistrict transfer requests. The term “open enrollment school” is now associated with a school on the “low achieving” school list published by CDE. Nesbit is a high performing California Distinguished School with an API well over 800. The Board agreed.

SMC GRAND JURY COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN SMC

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the Grand Jury filed a report on July 7, 2010, which contained findings and recommendations pertaining to Belmont-Redwood Shores School District. Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that the District agreed with most of the findings and recommendations and will work with the County on having more information on-line.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Stulbarg, the Board approved the Grand Jury Response Regarding Cost of Special Education in San Mateo County School Districts.

Mr. Andrew Stulbarg
Mr. Michael Parker
Mrs. Cathy Wright

SCHOOL SITE VISITS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Orta-Camilleri reviewed with the various activities, traditions and committees that the Board is involved in.

After Board discussion it was recommended that the expectation of the Board to attend Traveling Cafes will need to be reconsidered, due to the difficulty of work schedules.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Ms. Weaver provided the 2009-10 API Scores:

Central = 934	Fox = 906	Sandpiper = 947
Cipriani = 895	Nesbit = 838	Ralston = 893

Many of the Board members attended Back To School Nights.

The Bond needs a lot of work in the area of fundraising.

FUTURE ITEMS

Expulsion Hearing process training.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

President Wright convened the meeting to Closed Session at 8:45p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:04 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 10:05 p.m.