

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
January 5, 2012
MINUTES

BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Daniel Kaul
Mr. Brian Matthews
Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Charles Velschow

ABSENT: Mr. Andrew Stulbarg

STAFF: Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri, Superintendent
Mrs. Nellie Hungerford, Assistant Superintendent, Business Svcs. & Operations
Dr. Suzanne Roy, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Svcs. & Personnel
Mrs. Diane Masetti, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

President Matthews 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 Matthews adjourned the Regular Board Meeting. At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

President Matthews reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Matthews announced the meeting was being tape recorded. During Closed Session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve two Interdistrict Transfer Requests for one second grade student and one fifth grade student through the end of this school year.

SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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. 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

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian

Mr. Daniel Kaul
Mr. Charles Velschow
Mr. Brian Matthews

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

a. Warrants

That the Board of Trustees approved warrant batches 87 through 98 as presented.

b. Approval of Personnel Actions

That the Board of Trustees approved the personnel actions as presented.

c. Special Education Contracts

That the Board of Trustees approved the Special Ed Contracts as presented.

d. Donations

That the Board of Trustees accepted the donations as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Kaul, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on December 8, 2011.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Robert Tashjian
Mr. Daniel Kaul
Mr. Charles Velschow
Mr. Brian Matthews

REGISTRATION AND STUDENT ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Suzanne Roy provided an update on the registration process. All information regarding registration has been posted to the District's website. A press release will be distributed on January 6, 2012 regarding registration information and dates along with a section that includes frequently asked questions. The enrollment periods will be as follows:

- The first enrollment period will span the month of February 2012.
- The second enrollment period will run from March 1, 2012 to June 8, 2012 (the last day of the school year).
- The third enrollment period will run from June 9, 2012 to August 17, 2012 (shortly before the start of the new school year).

Discussion was held regarding the sibling process. Student must enroll during the month of February to receive "Sibling Priority". The District's hope is to minimize the distance walked to schools and to maximize the enrollment capacity at each school.

Mr. Tashjian commented that a recent article in the *Daily Journal* had incorrect information regarding our enrollment process included. He felt that a meeting with the reporter to give the correct process for enrollment would be beneficial. He volunteered to be part of that meeting along with Dr. Roy.

Mr. Velschow inquired about notification to preschools. Dr. Roy stated that copies of the press release will be available to all local preschools.

Dr. Roy, Robert Tashjian, and Chuck Velschow were thanked for all their work on the Registration and Student Assignment Committee.

PARCEL TAX OPINION POLL RESULTS

Mr. Bryan Godbe of Godbe and Associates gave a presentation regarding the parcel tax opinion poll. After the presentation, Ms. Sarah Stern of TBWB reported on the recommended “Next Steps” for the District if they choose to go forward. The time frame for the next segment of the process would be January through June and would be similar to bond outreach and previous parcel tax timelines.

The recommendation is to develop a public outreach plan to inform and seek input from various communities, i.e., parents, teachers, staff, voters at large, and key stakeholders and stakeholder groups. A parcel tax task force should be engaged in this effort.

As the current contract in effect may be used to continue these efforts with Godbe and Associates and TBWB, the Board will go forward with the recommendations as presented. Dr. Orta-Camilleri will work with Ms. Stern to develop a plan for outreach. Brian Matthews will remain on the committee and will confirm with Mr. Stulbarg of his continuance as well.

Mr. Matthews feels that the community has not been informed of the extraordinary works completed by the District in the past and that this information should be included as part of the outreach process.

SPEAKERS

At this time, five speakers were recognized: Ira Becker, Frank Seminaro, Haomin Fu, Joseph Cheung, Albert Lee. The speakers commented on the new District boundaries and student safety.

BOARD RETREAT

Dr. Orta-Camilleri reported that Mrs. Ribotta has reserved Twin Pines – The Cottage from 9:00a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on February 3rd. Mrs. Karen Clancy will be the consultant working with the Board for this retreat. Brian Matthews has met with Mrs. Clancy to discuss subject matter for the retreat. Mrs. Clancy will attend the next Board Meeting to discuss in more detail the Board’s desires for the retreat. It is felt that a discussion regarding strategic planning should be considered for the major part of the day. Mr. Matthews will be in contact with Mrs. Clancy.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Mr. Tashjian hoped that the staff had good holidays and some time for rest.

Mr. Velschow reported that he had a great experience assisting with the hot lunch line at Ralston and found the students to be very polite.

Mr. Matthews found Fox School having a good start back after the break. They are currently beginning rehearsals for the Fox Extravangza. The event last year was very well done.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri reported that she and Dr. Roy attended the County Meeting.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

Further discussion regarding the Board Retreat.

Discussion regarding Facilities Rental process focusing on Ralston and the Gym.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.