

BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008
AMENDED MINUTES

BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mrs. Jeni Benelli
Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Karen Clancy
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 Benelli called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 5:31 p.m. President Benelli adjourned the Regular Board Meeting. At this time, the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

President Benelli reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Benelli announced the meeting was being tape recorded. During Closed Session the Board voted to accept 2 Interdistrict Transfers into the District. Ms. Bonnar announced the passing of Margey Estell a former Board Member, Volunteer and PTA Member.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Clancy, seconded by Ms. Bonnar, the Board approved the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

Motions Approved Under the Consent Agenda

Item #

7.a. The Board of Trustees approved warrant batches 29 through 38 as presented.

7.b. The Board of Trustees accepted the following donations as presented.

Ralston & Nesbit:

Mr. Mark Underwood of The Humboldt Tobacco Company has donated 147 cigar boxes of various sizes, estimated value of \$771.75, to be used for art and science programs at Ralston & Nesbit School.

7.c. The Board of Trustees approved the Special Education Contracts as presented.

ID #	Initials	Age	Disab	Type-Services	Provider	Start Date	End Date	New Contract
160910	A.G.	6	Aut	NPS	Morgan AutismCenter	9/2/2008	6/30/2009	\$63,439.80
366612	D.B.	4	Aut	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	*\$25,000.00
Contractor		Type-Services		Provider		Start Date	End Date	New Contract
Shantal DeSilva		SLP		Independent Contractor		8/25/2008	12/19/2008	\$5,100.00
Ken Wrasse		SLP		Independent Contractor		8/25/2008	12/19/2008	\$5,100.00
*Settled through Mediation- reimbursement to parent						Total New Contracts		\$73,639.80

7.d. The Board of Trustees approved the personnel actions as presented.

1) Certificated Personnel

(a) Amending the contract for Lena Mughanannan a Probationary math teacher at Ralston Middle, from \$61,432 to \$63,894 effective August 20, 2008.

(b) Hiring Alice Gruber as a, Temporary, 1.0 FTE district music teacher at a prorated annual salary of \$27,424.60 effective August 22 through December 19, 2008. This salary is based on a full time amount of \$62,975 and has been prorated due to the short term of the contract.

(c) Hiring Julie Grogan-Crane as a, Temporary, .20 FTE third grade teacher at Sandpiper Elementary at an annual salary of \$9,241.20 effective August 20, 2008. This salary is based on a full time amount of \$46,206 and has been prorated due to the part time status.

(d) Hiring Erica Henry as a, Probationary, 1.0 FTE Learning Center/SDC teacher at Ralston Middle at an annual salary of \$60,944 effective August 20, 2008.

(e) Hiring Margaret Young as a, Probationary, 1.0 FTE Learning Center teacher at Sandpiper Elementary at an annual salary of \$62,732 effective August 20, 2008.

- (f) Hiring Janet Mastalir as a, Temporary, .40 FTE 4/5 Science teacher at Central Elementary at a prorated annual salary of \$27,993.84 effective September 4, 2008. This salary is based on a full time amount of \$72,961 and has been prorated due to the part-time status and late start date.
- (g) Hiring Jann Hawkins as a, Temporary, 1.0 FTE first grade teacher at Nesbit Elementary at a prorated annual salary of \$43,721.81 effective September 4, 2008. This salary is based on a full time amount of \$46,206 and has been prorated due to the late start date.
- (h) Hiring Mary Ann Zugelder as a, Probationary, .333 FTE Language Arts teacher at Ralston Middle at a prorated annual salary of \$20,103 effective August 20, 2008. This salary is based on a full time amount of \$60,372 and has been prorated due to the part time status.
- (i) Hiring Donna Sims as a .50 FTE Dean of Students and a, Probationary, .333 FTE Language Arts teacher at Ralston Middle at a combined prorated annual salary of \$66,952.36 effective September 2, 2008. This salary is based on a full time administrative salary of \$100,270 and a full time teacher's salary of \$68,430 and has been prorated due to the part-time status and late start date.
- (j) Hiring Teri Grosey as a .60 FTE, Temporary, 4/5 Science Teacher at Sandpiper Elementary at a prorated annual salary of \$36,769.27 effective August 27, 2008. This salary is based on a full time amount of \$62,975 and has been prorated due to the part-time status and late start date.

7.e. The Board of Trustees approved Resolution #4 setting the District's Gann Limit.

7.f. The Board of Trustees approved the contract services with Nicholas Colasanti to perform District residency validation service with funds allocated in the Student Services budget not to exceed \$3,000.

7.g. The Board of Trustees approved the contracts for nursing services with Lois Nieman and Catherine DeMartini to do health screening services for students with funds already allocated in the Educational Services budget not to exceed \$12,500.

7.h. The Board of Trustees approved the disposal of electronic equipment as submitted by staff on September 8, 2008.

7.i. The Board of Trustees approved an authorization for the District to develop an agreement for design work for the New Redwood Shores School with Meehleis Modular Company not to exceed \$50,000.

7.j. The Board of Trustees approved the request for a job share of positions at Sandpiper School between Angelica Caballero, School Administrative Assistant, and Helena Tai-Goldau, Para Educator in the Regular Education Program, from October 1, 2008 to June 26, 2009.

SPEAKERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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

1. Paula Back, 3018 Whisperwave Circle, Redwood City, thanked Board of Trustees for the renovation of the Music Room at Ralston Middle School.
2. Jade Neyroud, 1235 Talbryn Dr., Belmont, thanked Board of Trustees for the renovation of the Music Room at Ralston Middle School and keeping the Ralston teachers.
3. Laura VanArsdale, 2639 Prindle Road, Belmont, thanked the Board of Trustees for the Music Room renovation at Ralston Middle School.

Mrs. Clancy requested a copy of the comments given tonight by the Ralston students. Mrs. Clancy thanked Mr. Thielan for his patience and work.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Clancy, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on August 28, 2008 and the Regular Board Meeting held on September 4, 2008.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS

Ms. Weaver introduced new teachers and handed out certificates of completion of the New Teacher Training to those in attendance.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked Ms. Weaver for providing a quality program.

Ms. Weaver shared a bio on Donna Simms, Dean of Students & Language Art Teachers at Ralston Middle School.

BOARD GOALS FOR 2008-09

Dr. Orta-Camilleri presented the 2007-08 Board Goals and Objectives for Board review and discussion. Following review and discussion, the Board recommended changes.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated that this item will be updated and placed on the Consent Agenda of future Board Meeting.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS 2009-10

Ms. Weaver stated that current student enrollment is 2740 and the projected enrollment for 2009-10 to be approximately 2828. This projection does not include 3 year old pre-school students.

Mrs. Benelli thanked staff, Mrs. Cherie Ho and the Nesbit staff for the adjustment made for the new kindergarten class at Nesbit.

NEW SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL CONFIGURATION

Mrs. Hungerford shared a handout of three models for the grade level configuration of the New Shores School gathered from meetings with the New Shores School Advisory Committee and Cabinet.

The Board of Trustees stated that the K -5 spectrum grade level configuration for the New Shores School had been decided at a previous Board Meeting prior to Dr. Orta-Camilleri's arrival.

The K-5 spectrum referred to the transition plan eventually leading to a K-5 school and preventing the school board from being locked into opening the school on day one as a K-5. The spectrum provided the board the flexibility to deal with the uncertainty of enrollment numbers and keeping the children's best interest in mind.

A discussion took place regarding a transition plan of students into the New Shores School from Sandpiper School for the 2009-10 school year.

1. Andrew Stulbarg, 576 Harbor Colony Ct, Redwood City, stated concerns about the transition plan for the New Shores School.
2. Larry Pon, 813 Southport, Redwood City, suggested the District conduct a survey with the kindergarten parents of Nesbit and Sandpiper schools, to help determine where the students would like to attend school, Sandpiper or the New Shores School.
3. Bob Carlier, 5 Oceanside Way, Redwood City, concerned that decisions have been made without input from the Redwood Shores residents.
4. Cindy Corrasco, 424 Keel Lane, Redwood City, concerned about keeping the Sandpiper and New Shores School PTA's separate after the opening of the New Shores School.

The Board requested that staff develop a transition plan for the New Shores School with determined boundaries.

Mrs. Hungerford stated that if all goes according to plan, in August 2009, there will be 6 regular classroom and 2-3 kindergarten classrooms ready for use. Towards the end of 2009, the remaining 6 classrooms, science room, library, multi purpose, music room would potentially be ready for occupancy.

5. Larry Pon, 813 Southport, Redwood City, stated the NSSAC meets on October 23, 2008, giving the community to express ideas, concerns.
6. Bob Calier, 5 Oceanside Way, Redwood City, stated that the decision to have the New Shores School configured K-5 is a mistake.
7. Nancy Krop, 408 Keel Lane, Redwood City, stated the idea of public input on the transition plan is a good idea.

Mrs. Benelli reaffirmed and consensus from the Board was reached that the New Shores School will have a K-5 grade configuration, as stated at previous Board Meetings.

The Board of Trustees would like to hold a public forum to discuss the transition plan at the October 2nd Board Meeting. Staff will post the location of the October 2nd Board Meeting at each school site.

The Board requested the models of the New Shores School be brought to this meeting.

DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

A discussion took place and the Board reached consensus to have the demographer prepare options that would be shared with the school communities and the Board could obtain community input.

The Board did not recommend forming a Board Advisory Committee. They asked the Superintendent to bring recommendations for consideration to a future meeting.

CONTRACT WITH SCHOOLHOUSE SERVICES

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated SchoolHouse Services will GEO Code our students to aid in determining new boundaries. This information would also be used for our student information systems.

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Ms. Bonnar, the Board approved a contract for GIS mapping to determine new boundaries with Schoolhouse Services not to exceed \$10,000 without Board approval.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

APPROVAL OF UNAUDITED ACTUALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

Mrs. Hungerford presented the unaudited actuals report (J-200) report of District revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2007-08 for Board review. Mrs. Hungerford distributed a one page of the J-200 showing amendments to the report. Review was made of the minor changes.

Moved by Mrs. Clancy, seconded by Ms. Bonnar, the Board approved the unaudited actuals (J-200) report on District revenues and expenditures, as required by law, for the fiscal year 2007-08.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

QUARTERLY REPORT ON INVESTMENTS

Mrs. Hungerford presented the report on the investments of District funds.

Moved by Ms. Bonnar, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board approved and accepted the attached quarterly report on investments of District funds.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

BOARD VACANCY AND NEW INTERVIEW DATES

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated the after speaking with County Counsel regarding extending the Board interview date to include October 6, 2008, the District was advised to re-post the changes.

Staff will verify all applicants are registered voters.

Moved by Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Clancy, the Board finalized the new timeline as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

APPROVAL OF VARIABLE TERM WAIVER

Ms. Weaver stated that Ms. Koda has been offered the position of second grade teacher at Fox School. She served in a short term assignment at Fox during the 2007-08 school year filling in for a teacher who was out on leave. She is familiar with the students, staff, and curriculum and is a good fit for the school.

Moved by Ms. Bonnar, seconded by Mrs. Clancy, the Board of Trustees approved a Multiple Subject Credential Variable Term Waiver for Tara Koda for the 2008-09 school year.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

RESOLUTION #3 – LAYOFF DUE TO LACKOF WORK

Ms. Weaver stated due to changes to individual services for students thereby creating a lack of work

Moved by Mrs. Clancy, seconded by Mrs. Wright, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution #3 to eliminate .313 FTE Moderate/Severe Para Educator positions due to lack of work.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Catherine Bonnar
Mrs. Cathy Wright
Mrs. Karen Clancy
Mrs. Jeni Benelli

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

Dr. Orta-Camilleri stated with resignation of Eric Shrader, the Board would have an opportunity to serve on the Budget Advisory Committee. Mrs. Clancy has volunteered to join the committee.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF

Ms. Weaver shared that she and Jon Richardson have started working with Ellen Wright, Grant Writer. She informed the Board that the timelines for some of the grants would require that the District move with submission prior to having Board approval.

Mrs. Clancy thanked Ms. Weaver for her efforts in searching for additional revenue for the District.

Mrs. Benelli has been receiving numerous calls regarding the Measure U.

Mrs. Wright has been calling for donations in support of Measure U.

Mrs. Clancy received a call from office of Senator Simitian regarding Measure U.

Ms. Bonnar has been working on securing endorsements for Measure U.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked the Board for their support with Measure U.

Dr. Orta-Camilleri thanked the Board for their efforts in recruiting for the Board Vacancy.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

Dr. Orta-Camilleri will modify the October 2, 2008 Board meeting to be focused on public forum for the New Shores School transition plan.

Mrs. Andrea Jenoff, Principal at Carlmont, requested her presentation be moved to February.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

At 10:30 p.m. President Benelli closed the Regular Board Meeting and convened the Board to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:47 p.m. President Benelli reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10.47 p.m.