June 13, 2001
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES
District Office Board Room
292 Green Valley Road
Watsonville, CA 95076

1.0 **Opening Ceremony - Meeting of the Board in Public - 6:00pm**

1.1 **Call to Order**

Vice President Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at the District Office at 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

1.2 **Public comments on closed session agenda.**

None

2.0 **Closed Session**

2.1 Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified
(see attached Closed Session agenda)

A Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified

New Hires

4 Elementary Teachers

3 Substitute Teachers

1 Resource Teacher

Rehires

1 Elementary Teacher

Promotions

1 Groundskeeper

1 Office Assistant II

1 Parent Education Specialist

Permanent Appointments

1 Administrative Assistant - Confidential

1 Human Resources Analyst

1 Instructional Support Specialist II

1 Office Assistant II

1 Payroll Technician II

Administrative Transfers

1 Secondary Principal

2 Elementary Assistant Principals

Transfers

2 Elementary Teachers

B Extra Pay Assignment

0 None

C Leave of Absences

1 Campus Safety Coordinator

1 Instructional Support Specialist III

1 Library Media Technician

2 Office Managers

5 Elementary Teachers

5 Secondary Teachers

2 Special Services Specialists

1 Special Services Specialists - Psychologist

D Denied Leave of Absences

0 None

E Resignations/Retirements

9 Secondary Teachers

3 Elementary Teachers

4 Special Services Specialists

1 Migrant Pre-School Teacher

1 Adult Education Teacher

5 Secondary Teachers

3 Elementary Teachers

3 Special Services Specialists

1 Migrant Education Teacher

F Supplemental Service Agreements

21 Teachers

G Miscellaneous Action

1 Custodian II

1 Human Resources Analyst

1 Instructional Support Aide

1 Lead Custodian II

1 Office Assistant II

1 Registrar

H Limited Term – Project

1 Community Services Liaison I

1 Custodian I

1 Guidance Resource Technician
5 Instructional Support Aide
1 Office Assistant II
1 Parent Education Specialist
6 Registration Specialist I
1 Warehouse Worker II

I Limited Term - Substitute

1 Cafeteria Assistant
4 Instructional Support Aide
2 Instructional Support Specialist I
1 Library Media Technician
1 Office Manager
1 Warehouse Worker

J Provisional

1 Instructional Support Aide
1 Office Assistant II
1 Staff Accountant

K Exempt

6 Special Projects - MEES
14 Special Projects – PUPILS

L Students

0 None

M Separation from Service

1 Cafeteria Assistant
1 Bus Driver
2 Instructional Support Aide
1 Instructional Support Specialist 1
2 Instructional Support Specialist 1I
1 Instructional Support Specialist 1II
1 Lead Custodian
1 Library Media Technician
1 Office Assistant II

N Rescinds

2 Elementary Teachers

O Tenures

1 Secondary Teacher

2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

2.3 Public Employee Appointment/Reassignment Middle School Assistant Principal

2.4 Claims for Damages
None

2.5 Negotiations
District Negotiator: Clem Donaldson
Bargaining Unit: CSEA and PVFT

2.6 Expulsions
4 Students

3.0 Opening Ceremony – Meeting of the Board in Public – 7:00pm

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance
Trustee Nichols led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.2 Welcome by Board President
Present: Trustees Roberto Garcia, Sharon Gray, Sandra Nichols, Carol Roberts, Evelyn Volpa, Willie Yahiro, and President Dan Hankemeier

4.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

The board was asked to approve the following, items:

1) A high school Assistant Principal, Kelly Greelis Andrews, has been reassigned to the position of Assistant Principal at Lakeview Middle School.
   The roll call vote was of 6-1 (Trustee Nichols).
2) A classified employee, Dennis Richesin has been terminated as employee of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.
   The roll call vote was of 7-0-0.

Action on Expulsions:

00-01-75 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-83 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-85 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-87 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Yahiro moved to approve the agenda but move items 9.0 and 10.0 after item 5.0. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

9.0 Retirement Celebration

Clem Donaldson and School Principals recognized a total of 40 retirees. An engraved glass vase was presented to each one.

10.0 PELT Recognition

Richard Lentz recognized all participating parents graduating from the PELT program. He was assisted in awarding certificates by Jaime Perez, Title VII Coordinator.

Following these ceremonies the meeting broke for a 10 minute celebrating reception.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

A move to approve the following was made by Trustee Garcia: Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings for March 28, 2001 meeting on item 9.0: Public Hearing on Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the New Millennium High School Project (third high school), and minutes for May 23, 2001 (Not including Court Recorder's Transcript for item 13.2), certification of SEIR. Trustee Gray seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING

President Hankemeier opened the public hearing. Mr. Ray Blute presented the Grant Waiver for AB 1331 Mathematics Grant and noted that it is to provide a training for teachers 4 –12 on the new standards and algebra. No comments from the public were presented.

8.0 SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND CONCERNS

8.1 Employee Organizations

A. CSEA

Dennis Carter, President of CSEA, congratulated all certificated and classified personnel retiring from the district.

B. PVFT

Carolyn Savino, President of PVFT, congratulated all graduates and promotees. She spoke about the Zone concept and the great things that have been done by each of the zone administrators, she commented on the test scores, on the increasing choices in education for parents, including chartered schools, and about the 'No' votes from Trustees Nichols and Gray on the certification of the SEIR.

C. PVAM

None

8.2 Student(s) Trustee Report

J'nell Thomas, Aptos High School student trustee, reported that graduation went well, and that summer school will soon be in session.

Ryan Roberts, Watsonville High School student trustee said farewell to the Board and commented that it had been great to participate in the meetings noting that his successor, Alexis Salas, would be joining the Board next board meeting.

8.3 Governing Board Comments

Trustee Volpa reported that Karen and Bob Zigler, who run the Aptos High School Cheerleading program, have been selected as the Grand Marshals for the 4th of July parade. She reported that the Safe Homes booklet was completed and she passed out a copy to each board member, noting that there was still much to do to complete it.

Trustee Garcia spoke about Starlight's professional development model. He reported that the Latino Chamber of Commerce awarded six scholarships county-wide, three of those went to PVUSD students from Watsonville High School and Aptos High School.

Trustee Roberts commented she attended the Bradley promotion and the WHS graduation and that it was a great experience. She presented Trustees Nichols and Garcia with a token of appreciation from the Central zone for their participation during their events and meetings.

8.4 President's Report

President Hankemeier commented on the issue removing driving privileges for excessive truancy and commended Mr. Ron Kinninger for his stand. He commented on the recent negative press against Dr. Casey and noted that the board is the one driving the site. He concluded by congratulating all the graduating classes and said he was impressed with all of them.

8.6 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey spoke about the donation of the Good Tidings Foundation and spoke of their donation of almost $100,000 for the creation of an art room at Amesti School, which was accepted by the board at the previous board meeting. He introduced Mr. Larry Harper, founder of the Good Tidings Foundation.

Larry Harper addressed the need for arts in schools. He spoke about their partnership with the district's management and his gratitude for the acceptance of this donation.

8.5 Zone Administrators' Reports

Ylda Nogueda, Assistant Superintendent, South Zone, commented on the South Zone council meeting and thanked parent representatives and students for their participation. She noted that the three goals that had been set at the beginning of the school year, facilities, communication, and student achievement, were all being successfully worked on. She congratulated the eight schools from the PVUSD for receiving the Governor's Reading Award. She concluded by stating that 8th grade promotion was a success, 120 students were promoted, and that WHS had 450 students graduating.

Christine Amato-Quinn, Assistant Superintendent, North Zone, said that the council meeting took place and thanked Dr. Casey for being part of their last meeting. She mentioned the zone's goals: facilities, student achievement, and increasing healthy choices for students. She spoke about the end of the year management meeting and how it was a celebration and a way to focus on moving forward.

11.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Peggy Brooks, representing Central Zone, spoke about the celebration that took place for the zone; she commented on the SEIR and facilities. She said the central zone spring concert had taken place. She said that communication is a focus point in the Central zone. She commented on the electrical sign at Alianza School and its important role of letting students and the community know of the events at that school. She concluded by saying that Freedom School has their sign ready to be put up as well.

Dan Hernandez – Spoke about the upcoming stakeholder meeting for the Pajaro River Flood Project, and the upcoming pesticide task force meeting that will show information conflicting with the official findings that the district has given. He spoke about the meeting of the Board on May 23 and the negative impression that he was left with.

Rodney Brooks – Commended board members for attending the graduation celebrations. He stated that the retirement celebration was great. Commented positively about the last board meeting.

Rhea de Hart – PVFT Field Representative, said that she is proud to be associated with the district as it tries to meet the needs of a very diverse population. Spoke about the Renaissance graduation and its special meaning for their students. She spoke positively about the New School and its success.

12.0 CONSENT AGENDA

A move to approve the consent agenda with the blue sheet changes to item 12.9 was made by Trustee Volpa. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

12.1 Purchase Orders – 05/18/01 to 06/6/01

12.2 Warrants – 05/18/01 to 06/7/01

12.3 Approved of Paving Unit Cost Bid, B-014-00/01 – Due Date: 06/01 3:00 pm.

12.4 Approved of Painting Bid, B-015-00/01 – Due Date: 06/01 3:00 pm.

12.5 Approved Notice of completion for Watsonville High School's two-story relocatable classrooms.

12.6 Approve donation of Macintosh Quadra computer to Mar Vista School form Mr. Richard Earl.

12.7 Approved textbook selections for Aptos High School: AP Biology and Mathematics.

12.8 Approve job description for Extended Learning Department Instructional Technology Coordinator.

12.9 Certificated/Classified Approval (See Closed Session agenda).

13.0 Deferred Consent Items

None

Staff Reports

14.0 ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

14.1 Report and discussion on protocol for bomb threats.

Dr. Casey addressed the bomb threat situation. He mentioned that the policy now in place is outdated and needs revision.

Jose Banda, Watsonville High School Principal, spoke about the bomb threat recently experienced and the process for managing it. After debriefing, it was decided that next time things would be done a bit differently: notification to parents needs to take place in a more timely fashion, the Fire Department needs to be called as well as the Police Department, and students would be allowed to go back to class instead of being retained in the designated evacuation area.

Liz Modena, Aptos High School Principal, addressed the situation at that school and spoke about the process the school went through to provide the safety that was needed at the site.

Karen Jimenez, parent of a student at WHS, spoke about how her family was affected by the poor way in which the bomb threat was handled; she asked that the District develop a bomb threat protocol.

Cathy Guzman, parent, read a letter from her daughter, soon to go to WHS and the impact that bomb threat had on her. She spoke about having the board set a bomb threat protocol. She asked that the District does not take bomb threats lightly or as hoaxes.

Dan Hernandez, parent, spoke about his experience as a bomb handler saying he understands the dynamics that took place during that time. He spoke about the bomb protocol that existed before and how students were taken completely off campus and asked the board to established something similar.

Rose George, parent, said the most important precaution that should have been taken was taking the students off campus. She hopes that there will be a protocol written soon.

President Hankemeier commented that this District makes every attempt possible to keep students safe.

Trustee Volpa asked that schools and parents be notified before the press gets a hold of the information. She suggested that a new system, such as sharing automated callers for spreading the information to the parents, be devised.

Dr. Casey said that in retrospect we did not have a bomb go off, that we have the opportunity to be reflective. He asked the question if every time we have a bomb threat, should we cancel school? He said he didn’t think so, adding that letting the students out during school time is not wise.

Trustee Yahiro said that the decision of what we need to do with our students during bomb threats is a tough one and also said that the first piece of the protocol should be to notify parents.

Trustee Gray commented about three phone calls she received from parents about teachers who knew of the threat and kept their own children home. She said that parents did not have that option. She asked that the district form a committee involving interested parents to set up a safety procedure using existing state guidelines.

Trustee Garcia noted that there is a response team already established in the District working on issue.

Trustee Nichols said that we need to take action quickly and that she supports the idea of board involvement to the creation of the protocol.

15.0 ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

15.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve GATE Plan.
Christine Amato Quinn presented the GATE Plan. She spoke about the current legislation and its requirements for current eligibility, the program options, their curriculum and instruction, the professional development, the parent and community involvement, the social/emotional development, the program assessment, and the plans 2001-02 and 2002-03 goals.

After a brief discussion, Trustee Volpa moved to approve the Plan. Trustee Gray seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve GATE Coordinator position job description.
Trustee Volpa moved to approve the position as a first reading, without having to go to a second reading. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.3 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve year round calendars for the 2002-03, 2003-04.
Trustee Gray moved to approve this item. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.4 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve children's center and adult school calendars for 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04.
Trustee Volpa moved to approve this item. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.5 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve AVCI Integrated Curriculum. First Reading.
Trustee Gray moved to approve this item saying that it offers a wonderful set of textbooks. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.6 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution #20-01-38, appointing Associate Superintendent to sign documents to Self Insure Workers Compensation.
Trustee Yahiro moved to approve this item noting that this meant savings to the district. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.7 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve position for Extended Learning Department Instructional Technology Coordinator.
Trustee Volpa moved to approve this item. Trustee Gray seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.8 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Cal-SAFE Program Board Resolution # 20-01-37.
Trustee Nichols moved to approve this item. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.9 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve WAIVER request for math grant.

Trustee Garcia moved to approve this item. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.10 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve certification of need regarding waivers and emergency credentials.
Trustee Volpa moved to approve this item. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.11 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve MOU with colleges and universities and the district for student teaching agreements.
Trustee Volpa moved to approve this item. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.12 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve declaration of need for fully qualified educators.
Trustee Roberts moved to approve this item. Trustee Yahiro said that we need to start looking at how other districts are hiring educators, such as offering a sign-up incentive. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

15.13 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve direction by board regarding YRE funding levels.
No action required on this item. Terry McHenry said this is the ultimate frustration for the year. He said that Year Round funding was provided to meet the excess costs (via operational grants) based on current capacity, total capacity and actual students served. He said that the Department of Education certified and approved 1.4 million for this program.

President Hankemeier said that at this time, the board recommended that the YR schools budget next year at 55%.

16.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

16.1 June 27, 2001, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm Closed Session, 7:00 pm Open Session, District Board Room, 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

16.2 Special Meeting September 5, 2001 for Final Budget Adoption. 5:30 pm in Human Resources Conference Room.

16.3 Effective Governing Workshop. Possible dates: August 1 or August 29. Time: 5 - 8:30 pm.

16.4 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas

17.0 Adjournment
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Secretary