



**September 12, 2001
Regular Board Meeting**

ADOPTED 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 6:04 pm.

1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

None

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified

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New Hires

- 6 Secondary Teachers
- 5 Elementary Teachers
- 1 Migrant Education Teacher
- 16 Substitute Teachers
- 1 Special Services Specialist

Rehires

- 2 Elementary Teachers
- 2 Secondary Teachers

Administrators

- 2 Assistant Principals

Transfers

- 3 Secondary Teachers
- 1 Alternative Learning Teacher
- 3 Special Services Specialist
- 1 Elementary Teacher

Promotions

- 1 Human Resources Technician

Extra Period Assignments

- 1 Alternative Education Teacher

Permanent Appointments

- 1 Administrative Secretary I
- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 2 Bus Drivers
- 5 Instructional Support Aide
- 2 Instructional Support Specialist I
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Office Assistant II
- 1 Worker Compensation Coordinator

Additional Assignments

- 5 Secondary Teachers
- 12 Elementary Teachers
- 3 Extended Learning Instructors

B Extra Pay Assignment

- 8 Department Chairs
- 2 Athletic Stipends

C Leave of Absences

- 1 Human Resources Technician
- 3 Cafeteria Assistant
- 1 Custodian
- 1 Health Service Assistant
- 2 Bus Driver
- 1 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Guidance Resources Technician
- 7 Elementary Teachers
- 3 Secondary Teachers
- 1 Migrant Head Start Teacher

D Denied Leave of Absences

None

E Resignations/Retirements

- 1 Elementary Teacher
- 3 Secondary Teachers

F Supplemental Service Agreements

- 24 Teachers

G Miscellaneous Action

- 1 Accounting Technician
- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 1 Administrative Secretary IV
- 1 Bus Driver
- 1 Cafeteria Assistant
- 1 Cafeteria Cook/Baker
- 1 Health Service Assistant
- 2 Instructional Support Aide
- 2 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 1 Lead Custodian I
- 1 Lead Custodian II
- 1 Maintenance Specialist I
- 1 Office Assistant II
- 1 Office Manager

H Limited Term – Project

- 6 Enrichment Specialist
- 14 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist I
- 3 Office Assistant II

I Limited Term - Substitute

- 2 Cafeteria Assistant
- 1 Custodian I
- 1 District Office Receptionist
- 5 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist I
- 4 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Office Assistant II

J Provisional

- 1 Instructional Support Aide
- 6 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 1 Office Manager

K Exempt

- 1 Babysitter
- 22 Instructional Support Aide
- 10 Yard Duty

L Students

- 17 Student Helper

M Separations from Service

- 3 Bus Driver
- 2 Campus Safety Coordinator
- 2 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III

N Non-Reelects

None

O Tenures

None

P Rescinds

- 1 Migrant Ed. Teacher

2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

None

2.3 Negotiations

- Bargaining Unit: CSEA
- District Negotiator: Clem Donaldson

2.4 Claims for Damages

Jeff Camerud v. Pajaro Valley Unified S. D.

2.5 Superintendent's Evaluation

2.6 Expulsions

None

3.0 OPENING CEREMONY – MEETING OF THE BOARD IN PUBLIC – 7:00PM

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Gray led the board in the pledge of allegiance.

3.2 Welcome by Board President

Trustees Roberto Garcia, Sharon Gray, Sandra Nichols, Carol Roberts, Evelyn Volpa, Willie Yahiro, and President Dan Hankemeier were present.

4.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Gray moved to reject claim of item 2.4, and to send notice of rejection to Mr. Jeff Camerud. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A move to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Roberts. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Garcia moved to approve the Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings for May 23, 2001, Certification of Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the New Millennium High School Project. Trustee Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/1/0 (Trustee Gray).

Trustee Gray moved to approve minutes for August 15, 2001 meeting of the board. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (President Hankemeier abstained).

Trustee Gray moved to approve minutes for August 22, 2001 meeting of the board. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Trustee Garcia abstained).

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF DEVELOPER FEES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE #65995.5 et.siq.

7.1 Report on Developer Fees

Terry McHenry presented to the board the school facility needs analysis report.

7.2 Board President accepts comments from public

None

7.3 Board President closes public hearing

President Hankemeier closed public hearing and resumed regular board meeting.

8.0 SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND CONCERNS

8.1 Employee Organizations - PVFT, CSEA, and PVAM

None

8.2 Student(s) Trustee Report

Veronica Ruiz, Aptos High School Student Trustee, reported on Freshman orientation, welcome back rally, back to school night, and school's efforts to deal with emotions caused by recent terrorist attack.

Alexis Sales, Watsonville High School Student Trustee, reported on the welcome back rally, Club Day, jamboree, assembly for freshman class elections, leadership conference, upcoming back to school night, and status of identification badges. She also commented that some school events were cancelled in support of the grieving period this nation is encountering.

8.3 Governing Board Comments

Trustee Volpa thanked Dr. Casey for his quick communication with all the schools regarding the terrorist attack. She alerted board and community members of flyers being distributed at Aptos High School soliciting underage girls to dance and noted they are working to stop that propaganda.

Trustee Yahiro commented on the recent death of former board member, Steve Knego. He reported on the anti-violence march he attended and noted that there is a very noticeable correlation between violence, gangs, and low school scores.

Trustee Garcia reported he had attended the opening ceremony for the Watsonville Charter School of the Arts.

8.4 President's Report

President Hankemeier noted that he attended the vigil in support of the terrorist attack victims and that he was amazed at the number of attendees.

8.5 Zone Administrators' Reports

Christine Amato Quinn, North Zone, commended north school administrators for the way they handled the recent crisis. She reported that the zone meeting took place, and updated the board on phase I and II of the all-weather track.

Catherine Hatch, Central Zone, commended teachers and staff for the great job they did during the recent crisis. She reported that their zone meeting took place; she reminded everyone that college night at Cabrillo would be taking place soon and noted they are encouraging students to participate. She concluded by reporting on the English Language Development program efforts in two of the central zone schools.

Ylda Nogueda, South Zone, spoke of how great it was that the entire community came together to deal with the recent tragedy. She reported that the south zone council meeting took place. She commented on the GATE program implementation in her zone. She noted she had attended the ELL Institute conference at Seascape where about 100 teachers from our district attended. She concluded by talking about Back to School Nights.

Dr. Nancy Bilicich, Alternative Education/Charter Schools, spoke of how staff in Alternative Schools and Charter Schools handled the tragic situation. She reported on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Watsonville Charter School of the Arts, the district fair display, and the annual food drive by the Second Harvest Food Bank.

8.6 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey spoke of the process of communicating throughout the day with the principals, parents, and staff about the tragic situation the nation was enduring. He introduced new administrators to the district: Suzanne Smith, Coordinator of AVCI, Jack Sherman, Alternative Learning Center Principal, and Sue Forson, Coordinator of Watsonville Charter School of the Arts. He spoke about the Rio del Mar communication structure, confirmed that there is communication to the classrooms. He introduced Terry McHenry to address the e-rate funding source.

Terry McHenry addressed the e-rate funding and the projects which may be covered by these funds.

Dr. Casey reconfirmed that the district does have the technology to communicate adequately to classrooms at every school.

Trustee Volpa requested an emergency plan and backup for each school.

In conclusion, Terry McHenry introduced Walter Zagler, new Director of Maintenance & Operations.

9.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Cellona, Site Council President, asked about the funding for the Rio del Mar emergency communication system. She expressed discontent to hear about tightness of e-rate funding and noted her concern with communication from the classroom to the office more than from the office to classrooms.

Tim Moore, community member, commented on a point of order and on API scores.

Floyd Bradshaw, President for Opal Manufacturing, spoke about an internal requisition for a notebook computer for AVCI, and commented that AVCI does not need a computer. He expressed his concern for unnecessary expenditures.

Greg Buzzard, Parent of a Rio del Mar student, requested an update on communication systems upgraded in the district; he commented this request is made with a heightened sense of urgency in light of the recent terrorist events, and noted the schools need to have a sustainable plan in place.

Dr. Casey responded that the district would provide a current update by next board meeting.

Dan Hernandez, community member, asked about the habitat management committee; he said that methyl bromide applications close to some schools are still taking place; he commented that the New Millennium High School site is near feed lots that may be contaminated with anthrax.

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Volpa moved to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to item 10.8 as blue sheeted. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10.1 Purchase Orders – 08/17/01 to 08/30/01

10.2 Warrants – 08/17/01 to 08/30/01

10.3 Approved 2001/02 Migrant Head Start Community Assessment, including Goals and Objectives.

10.4 Approved Amendment to Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan.

10.5 Approved School Site Block Grant/One-Time Fund (Est. \$27.30/ADA).

10.6 Approved Notice of Completion: Calabasas Elementary School Modernization #57/69799-00-06.

10.7 Approved 2001-02 Operational Grant Certification/Year Round Schools Operational Grant Program.

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

11.0 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS

None

12.0 ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

12.1 Report and discussion on Charter Schools: Academic Vocational Charter Institute, Alianza Charter School, Linscott Charter School, Pacific Coast Charter School, and Watsonville Charter School of the Arts (WCSA).

Dr. Casey introduced Dr. Bilicich to speak on how Charter Schools are attaining their goals as well as the district goals.

Dr. Bilicich commented that the purpose for this presentation was to provide an understanding of the charter schools, as well as to present to the board the progress towards attaining the goals set both by the district and by the charter schools.

Suzanne Smith, Coordinator of the AVCI, addressed the goals for this school.

Michael Jones, Principal of Alianza Charter, addressed the board on how the school is focusing on achieving the district student goals. He also spoke of the challenges faced in closing the gap in the API scores and summarized their charter goals successes and challenges.

Sherri Gallegos, Coordinator, spoke about the parent involvement and training at Alianza Charter.

Phil Fisher, Principal, spoke about the goals for Linscott Charter School, an 8-year old school. Thanked the board for their support for the school.

Vicki Carr, Principal, Pacific Coast Charter School, spoke of how their school is achieving their goals as well as the district goals.

Sue Forson, Coordinator for WCSA, spoke on how they are developing guidelines and standards to meet district goals as well as their own goals, which include curriculum development and securing a permanent facility.

A question and answer session followed each of the Charter School presentations.

13.0 ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

13.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve the appointment of Evelyn Garcia as the CSEA representative to the Personnel Commission.

Trustee Gray moved to approve the appointment of Evelyn Garcia as the CSEA representative to the Personnel Commission. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve resolution #01-02-13 funding alternative for the Landmark and Radcliff Elementary school construction projects.

Terry McHenry addressed the topic of funding alternatives for the Landmark and Radcliff Elementary school construction projects.

Dr. Casey clarified that the resolution would simply allow the district to move forward to investigate possible funding options.

After a moderate discussion, Trustee Yahiro moved to approve resolution #01-02-13. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion.

Trustee Gray noted that the Office of Public School Construction said that the State Allocation Board is concerned about financial hardship districts overextending themselves with loans, and that other funding sources beside COP's should be investigated.

Dan Hernandez, community member, spoke in favor of considering the position the landowners are placed in by the lack of a funding source to purchase their properties.

Dick Halward, property owner, sought an answer to the whether the properties would be purchased or not, and noted that two years of not having their property under their own control is enough.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4/3/0 (Trustees Volpa, Gray, and Nichols).

- 13.3 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve resolution # 01-02-09 to adopt facility needs analysis, adoption of findings thereon and adoption of alternative school facilities fee pursuant to Government Code #65995.5 et. sig.**
Trustee Volpa moved to approve resolution #01-02-09, with the blue sheeted changes. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- 13.4 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve resolution #01-02-07, needs exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Acts, and providing for a notice of exemption.**
Trustee Volpa moved to approve resolution #01-02-07. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- 13.5 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution #01-02-12 which reflectsthe refinements and clarifications to the district's compliance with the City issued Coastal Development Permit to date and clarifies the authority of the Superintendent in the approval process for the project.**
Dr. Casey introduced the resolution to approve clarification and refinements to the New Millennium High School project. He noted that they agreed with the Regional Office Staff suggestions to enhance the project and that it would be positive for the district to go to the Coastal Commission in agreement with the Regional Office Staff.

Harold Freiman, Attorney for Lozano Smith, and Dr. Casey addressed some of the enhancements recommended by the city, district, and Coastal Commission staff.

As part of the presentation, Superintendent Casey stated that the Multipurpose Room, Building C, would not be built and has been removed from the plans at this time. He further said that the cafeteria, planned for the Multipurpose Room, would be relocated in the Library.

After a brief presentation, Trustee Garcia moved to approve resolution #01-02-12. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5/2/0 (Trustees Gray, Nichols)

- 13.6 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve goal accomplishment for the 2000-01 school year, and the possible action to find that a majority of the district's goals were met.**
The board came to a consensus to move this item to the next board meeting to give an opportunity to discuss in detail.

- 13.7 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution #01-02-10, State Child Care and Development Funds Playground Safety and Facilities Renovation Grant.**
Trustee Volpa moved to approve resolution #01-02-10. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6/0/1 (Trustee Gray absent).

- 13.8 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve resolution # 01-02-11, teaching assignments based upon a prerequisite valid credential and appropriate coursework.**
Trustee Volpa moved to approve resolution #01-02-10. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6/0/1 (Trustee Gray absent).

14.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- 14.1 September 26, 2001, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

- 14.3 Effective Governing Workshop, Wednesday, October 3, 2001, 5 - 8:30 pm.**

- 14.4 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas**
Trustee Nichols suggested an agenda item where a breakdown of attorney fees is discussed.

15.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the board meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.

Secretary