



## PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and global society.

### SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 BOARD MEETING SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BUDGET ADOPTION ADOPTED MINUTES

District Office Board Room  
292 Green Valley Rd.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

#### **1.0 OPENING CEREMONY – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING– BUDGET ADOPTION – 6:00 pm**

##### **1.1 Call to Order**

President Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

##### **1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### **1.3 Welcome by Board President**

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

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Hankemeier moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **3.0 ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

##### **3.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve unaudited actuals and adopt the 2003-04 revised budget as presented and direct staff to prepare a plan to make the necessary budget reductions to balance the 2004-05 projected budget. *Report by Terry McHenry, Associate Superintendent and Mary Hart, Director of Finance.***

Mr. McHenry presented the budget and spoke about the current state budget, including equalization and categorical funding; he touched on the required reserve of 1.5%; he spoke about the budget's impact on programs and indicated the differences in the district budgetary projections and the actuals with the state budget. He presented the closing district budget for 2002-03, the current budget for 2003-04 and projections for budget for years 2004-05 and 2005-06. He projected a deficit of six million dollars in 2004-05 and of nine million dollars in 2005-06. Mr. McHenry also explained how the budget reached its current level, referring to structural reductions to offset compensation balances and the one time revenue sources of furlough days in 2003-04. He offered suggestions as to what can be done to offset the deficit, including using restricted carryover and the possibility of receiving revenue from Proposition 98.

Mr. McHenry asked the board to approve unaudited actuals, revised budget for 2003-04. In addition, he asked the board for its direction to prepare a plan to balance the projected budget for 2004-05, required by the State by November.

Trustee Yahiro moved to approve unaudited actuals and the budget for 2003-04. Trustee Hankemeier seconded the motion.

Public comments:

Mary Ann Gomez, CSEA president, voiced her concern about the projected budget, specifically its assumption on furlough days from classified employees.

Mr. McHenry clarified that furlough days on the budget were only for PVFT and based on their ratification but not for CSEA.

After a brief discussion, questions and comments from the Board, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6/1/0:

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 1 (Gray)  
Abstentions: 0  
Absent: 0

When asked for direction from the Board on planning budget for 2004-05, the following ideas were given by Trustees: reduce spending, look at the board's budget for possible reductions, assess benefits, evaluate special education encroachments on the general fund, look at benefits of class size reduction, eliminate portables, eliminate transportation, reduce number of assistant principals, close and or combine schools if necessary, work on negotiations with bargaining units, reduce number of work days for administrators, keep board expenses to a minimum, revisit stipends, contemplate across the board employee salary reductions, look into parcel tax benefits, and study discretionary budget.

#### **4.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

- 4.1 September 17, Special Study Session on Reorganization, District Office Boardroom, 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA. Session Begins at 6:00 pm.**
- 4.2 September 24, Regular Board Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA. Closed Session: 6:00 pm; Open Session: 7:00 pm.**
- 4.3 October 8, Regular Board Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA. Closed Session: 6:00 pm; Open Session: 7:00 pm.**
- 4.4 October 15, Special Study Session on Setting Priorities and Goals, Location To Be Decided. Session begins at 6:00 pm.**

#### **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Secretary