



**MARCH 28, 2007
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ADOPTED MINUTES**

**District Office - Boardroom
292 Green Valley Road
Watsonville, CA 95076**

1.0 CLOSED SESSION OPENING CEREMONY IN OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM

1.1 Call to Order

President Keegan called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:02 pm at 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA.

1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

None.

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

2.1

Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified

New Hires

- 1 Elementary Teacher
- 2 Special Services Specialists

Rehires

- 1 Secondary Teacher

Promotion

- 1 Student Data Specialist – Special Education

Permanent Appointments

- 2 Instructional Assistant I – Special Education
- 2 Instructional Assistant Migrant/Child Care
- 1 Office Assistant II

Extra Pay Assignment

- 6 Secondary Teachers

Extra Period Assignments

- 1 Family Advocate
- 3 Secondary Teachers

Leaves of Absences

- 2 Secondary Teachers (06-07)
- 3 Special Services Specialists (06-07)
- 1 Counselor (07-08)
- 1 District Office Teacher (07-08)
- 43 Elementary Teachers (07-08)

- 1 Migrant Education Teacher (07-08)
- 29 Secondary Teachers (07-08)
- 1 Cafeteria Manager III
- 1 Custodian II

Resignations/Retirement/Separations From Service

- 2 Elementary Teachers
- 2 Secondary Teachers
- 1 Special Services Specialist
- 1 TOSA
- 1 Campus Safety Coordinator
- 1 Groundskeeper II
- 1 Office Assistant II

Supplemental Service Agreements

- 9 Teachers

Miscellaneous Action

- 1 Instructional Assistant I – Special Education
- 1 Instructional Assistant II – Special Education
- 1 Maintenance Specialist I
- 1 Registrar

Limited Term – Project

- 2 Administrative Secretary II
- 1 Attendance Specialist
- 15 Campus Safety Coordinator
- 2 Custodian I
- 1 Enrichment Specialist
- 2 Instructional Assistant – General
- 3 Office Assistant II
- 1 Office Manager
- 20 Parent Education Specialist
- 23 Piano Accompanist
- 1 Senior Translator
- 1 Translator

Limited Term – Substitute

- 1 Behavior Technician
- 3 Custodian I
- 4 Instructional Assistant II – Special Education

Provisional

1 Campus Safety Coordinator

Exempt

12 Babysitter

1 Special Project – MEES

1 Special Project – PUPILS

13 Yard Duty Monitor

3 Yard Duty Supervisor

Students

6 Migrant OWE Student

1 Workability Student

2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Leaves

2.3 Negotiations Update

a. CSEA

b. PVFT

c. Unrepresented Units: Management and Confidential

d. SCAST

2.4 Claims for Damages

2.5 Existing Litigation

2.6 Pending Litigation

2.7 Anticipated Litigation

2.8 5 Expulsions

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

President Keegan called the meeting of the Board in public to order at 7:07 pm.

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Wilson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.2 Welcome by Board President

Trustees Leslie De Rose, Sandra Nichols, Karen Osmundson, Kim Turley, Libby Wilson, Willie Yahiro, and President Doug Keegan were present.

President Keegan asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ed Gray, husband of former trustee Sharon Gray.

3.3 Student Recognition

Administrators, teachers and families honored and recognized the accomplishments of the following students:

-Obdulia Mendoza, Mintie White Elementary School

- Humberto Medina, Pajaro Middle School

- Shanice Fernandez- Martinez, Cesar Chavez Middle School

- Ramiro Andrade, Pajaro Valley High School

4.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

Action on Expulsions:

Trustee Osmundson moved to approve the recommendation of District Administration for the following expulsions:

- 06-07-110
- 06-07-113
- 06-07-115
- 06-07-116

Trustee De Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Yahiro moved to accept the recommendation of the District for expulsion #06-07-106, adding that any failure to attend the counseling services would automatically suspend this action and result in immediate expulsion. Trustee Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/1 (Trustee De Rose dissented).

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Keegan pulled item 11.6 as it is not ready to be adopted.

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the agenda pulling item 11.6. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for March 14, 2007

Trustee Yahiro moved to approve the minutes for March 14, 2007. Trustee De Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Lauren Casterson, Aptos High School student trustee, and Francisco Lopez, Pajaro Valley High student trustee, reported on activities, sports and many other events taking place at their high school.

Board President closes regular Board meeting and opens Public Hearing.

President Keegan closed the regular board meeting and opened the public hearing.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION #06-07-29, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT AND OPERATIONS CENTER (ISCO) PROJECT. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

8.1 Report by Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, and Maureen Owens-Hill, Consultant

Mary Hart introduced Maureen Owens Hill, consultant working on the project of relocation of the Instructional Support and Operations Center (ISOC) from WHS site to a location near Amesti school.

Ms. Hill stated that this location has direct access from Green Valley Road and it will not intrude in the regular operation of Amesti Elementary School. Meetings with neighbors and stakeholders were held to discuss this move and respond to any concerns that may arise with this move. The project is compliant with the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

8.2 Public comment

Murry Schekman, Watsonville High School principal, commented on the storage difficulties that the school faces and which will be much alleviated with the relocation of this department.

8.3 Board questions and comments

Board participated with comments and questions.

Board President closes Public Hearing and resumes Board meeting.

President Keegan closed the public hearing and resumed regular board meeting.

9.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Ogawa, school nurse, explained that school nurses rotate about once a month to report to the Board. There are 9.6 credentialed school nurses and she's the one peer elected team leader. She provided contact information for each nurse as well as their site schedule. Nurses have a case load of about 2,400 students each; the National School Nurses Organization recommends about 1 nurse for every 770 students. She mentioned that the principal at Amesti approached the district office stating the school would be willing to pay ½ of the salary for a full time health assistant so that they can have a full time health assistant; this should be something that perhaps all sites can consider.

Angie Arroyo, school nurse, graduate of PVUSD, commented on which schools she's assigned to. She is excited to be part of the district.

Stella Moreno, Pajaro Middle School principal, was very happy to report on a fundraising event at the school that involved 22 students, their families, their friends, and friends of PMS. Thanks to the community's generosity, they were able to raise \$33,000 dollars and for the first time ever they will join all of the other middle schools in sending 22 students to Washington DC.

Maria Torres, community member, asked the Board about the report from Norm Gold on English Learners.

10.0 EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION COMMENTS – PVFT, CSEA, PVAM, SCAST 5 Min. Each

Carolyn Savino, PVFT president, reported that the American Federation of Teachers and the California Federation of Teachers (CAFT) have both passed resolutions to send congress and legislators to put a nurse in every school. Twenty-one delegates were sent to the CAFT convention; there is a change on the convention floor: last year there seemed to be a sense of complacency regarding NCLB and this year there is more of a sense of urgency. Students' needs must be addressed but it is important to recognize the hard work of our teachers and stop calling schools a "failing school".

Olga De Santa Anna, PVAM member, thanked Dr. Mays for coming back and the Board for focusing on student achievement. The Million Word challenge is really encouraging students to read. We are now facing the crunch of the end of the school year; Mintie White has 86 students that are being re-designated. Thanked the Assistant Superintendents for their support during this time of the year. The administration is now working on kindergarten roundup with some changes to make the process a bit smoother.

11.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Nichols asked for items 11.7 and 11.8 to be deferred for further discussion.

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda deferring items 11.7 and 11.8. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11.1 Purchase Orders – 3/8/07 to 3/21/07

11.2 Warrants – 3/8/07 to 3/21/07

11.3 Approve Job Description for MAA/LEA Coordinator. Second Reading.

11.4 Approve Award of Contract for the Institute of Language and Culture (Adult Ed) VoIP and Switching Project. RFP #005-06-07.

11.5 Approve Contract for Custodial Supplies/Blanket Bid, Bid # J1022807-02, or the District Warehouse Stores.

- 11.6 Approve Award of Construction Contract for the New Gymnasium at EA Hall Middle School (Measure J Bond Project).**
- 11.7 Approve Award of Contract for a new Student Information System; RFP #B008-06-07.**
This item was deferred.
- 11.8 Approve Resolution #06-07-30, Change in District Designated Signatory for State School Facilities.**
This item was deferred.
- 11.9 Certificated/Classified Approval (See Closed Session Agenda).**

12.0 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS

- 11.7 Approve Award of Contract for a new Student Information System; RFP #B008-06-07.**
Trustee Nichols was interested in finding out more about this new system and what the benefits would be to change the current one.

Bruce Burnett and Robin Palmtag of Technology were present to respond to her questions about the item. 509K would need to be funded through a lease purchase. Currently about 55K is being spent annually. In terms of benefiting the students, the current system is mostly for attendance and discipline. In the last few years, there has been a greater demand for additional student data. Each school currently has individual SASI system, so the district has about 33 SASI sites, which can cause the transfer of information to become challenging at times. The proposed new SIS will be web based, centralized; data would be readily available and updated information would be immediately accessible. Tracking English learners and migrant population that moves often, transferring data in a more efficient manner, would also become a seamless process. They also addressed a concern regarding the confidentiality of student data, noting that only employees who are required to have access to the system would be granted access.

Referring to a question on whether this item went through the Budget process, Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, explained that certain expenditures that are essential for the functioning of the District may be approved without going through the Budget Committee.

Trustee De Rose moved to approve this item. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 11.8 Approve Resolution #06-07-30, Change in District Designated Signatory for State School Facilities.**

After a brief discussion, trustee Nichols moved to approve this item. Trustee Turley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13.0 REPORT AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 13.1 Report, discussion and update on School Assistance Intervention Team (SAIT) for HA Hyde and Pajaro Middle schools.**
Report by Assistant Superintendents.

Ylda Noguera and Catherine Hatch explained that reporting and updating the Board regularly is a requirement from SAIT. Brett Knupfer, HA Hyde Principal, and Stella Moreno, Pajaro Middle School principal, were present to update the Board.

Brett Knupfer reported that there were seven areas that the school needed to address; all seven areas have been addressed and have already corrected or are on our way to correct. He spoke about each of those areas and on the corrective actions taking place. He's excited and optimistic about the accomplishments of the staff.

Stella Moreno also reported on the areas that needed to be addressed and what the school's accomplishments have been to date. Recommendations for some of the areas have already been completed. She is very proud of the work of the staff to continue efforts to make growth.

14.0 ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

14.1 Report, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution #06-07-29, Instruction Support and Operations Center (ISOC) Project. Mitigated Negative Declaration/California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Report given under 8.0

Trustee Nichols moved to approve this item. Trustee Turley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14.2 Report, discussion and possible action to approve the Use Agreement for the Wetlands Educational Resource Center (WERC) by and among Pajaro Valley Unified School District, the City of Watsonville and Watsonville Wetlands Watch.

Report by Catherine Hatch, Assistant Superintendent, Central Zone.

Catherine Hatch commented that this is a use agreement for the Wetlands Educational Resource Center, PVUSD, the City of Watsonville and the Watsonville Wetlands Watch. A Natural Science Study Center was part of the requisition when this center was created; it has become a great center for a variety of things for students and the community. The team has met for over a year to create this comprehensive agreement, which should remain in effect through June 15, 2104.

The board participated with comments and questions.

Trustee Osmundson moved to approve this item. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14.3 Report, discussion and possible action to approve Donation and License Agreement between Pajaro Valley Unified School District and the Aptos Sports Foundation, Inc.

Report by Dr. Gary Woods, Assistant Superintendent, North Zone.

Dr. Woods presented the license agreement between PVUSD and the Aptos Sports Foundation (ASF). He mentioned members of the group who have been actively involved in the development of this agreement, which allows the ASF to oversee a privately founded, all weather artificial turf sports field at Aptos High. The field shall be used for student and community athletic events. The agreement is completed but there are two items which will be deleted from the agreement: automobile liability insurance and builder's risk insurance; these will be covered in the contractor's contract.

Board members participated with comments and questions.

Paul Bailey, president of the ASF, was available to respond to a trustee's concern regarding the potential cost of the project and the district's liability if it exceeds the amount of \$850,000. He mentioned that it is unlikely that he would allow the project to exceed that amount.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve this item. Trustee De Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14.4 Report, discussion and possible action to Provide Feedback to the County Office of Education Regarding the Potential Relocation of County Services.

Report by Dr. Mary Anne Mays, Interim Superintendent.

Dr. Mays commented noted that it is important for the board to discuss this item as there are many services that the County Office of Education provides for the district.

The following were items that the Board thought would be affected with the proposed move of the COE: Travel time will be much longer for any teacher needing their services; PVUSD is the largest district in this County and their largest client; more of the county services are expected to support our

district so it does not make sense that they move further north; the district may be forced to withdraw from many of the services that are offered there but that it would make it unreasonable due to distance; selected location is a poor choice as various districts will also need to fight the traffic; there was lack of district input on the decision; it is a critical time for the district; there is much collaboration and partnering with the COE to work on student achievement; staying closer to PVUSD is practical; the relationship between the district and the COE is being jeopardized; the statement of various community members and staff that this move will have no effect on the PVUSD is incorrect as this will have a detrimental effect; and, it is important to go on record to express our concerns and to counter some of the erroneous comments that have been made.

Public comment:

Nancy Orosco, president of Parents United/Padres Unidos, commented that on Monday the 19th of March, a few individuals spoke on behalf of PU. She clarified that PU is not in agreement with the relocation and will support the efforts of PVUSD.

Dan Hernandez, liaison of PU, asked the Board to follow the money trail, connecting the dots, to find out why this move is taking place. For staff to have to go that extra five miles is difficult.

Trustee Turley moved to direct the superintendent to send a letter to the County on the Board's behalf that would oppose the relocation and outline the concerns. This motion was seconded by trustee De Rose. The motion passed unanimously.

15.0 GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS/REPORTS

15.1 Report, discussion and possible action regarding placement on Governing Board and Superintendent comments/reports on the agenda.

Trustee Yahiro commented that for years Board comments were at the start of the meeting. Last year they were moved to the end of the agenda and one of the reasons was due to elections. It is important to comment on agenda items and trustees always have the opportunity to do that. He supports this item remaining at the end of the agenda.

Trustee Wilson also supports having it at the end because the audience wants to hear opinions on agenda items.

Trustee Osmundson appreciated having the comments at the beginning of the agenda. It is important for the community to know who we are and this is a good way to accomplish some of it. It may be important to have a time limit on the agenda; she supports placing the comments earlier on the agenda.

Trustee Nichols has heard from community members about their concerns for having comments at the end of the agenda. Reports are important; trustee comments could easily include reporting back on the committees we attend. She favors moving this back to when we hear other reports.

Trustee De Rose commented that she felt torn between both arguments as she could see the benefit of both.

Trustee Turley commented that it is a great idea on reporting out on committees, perhaps that can be agendaized and put a time limit on that and leave comments at the end, perhaps limiting those to one minute.

President Keegan felt also torn with this item but having had them at the end he's developed a preference for the current format. There is always an opportunity for the Board to express their opinion and position on all agenda items. Board comments really go beyond the agenda; they are more for informing each other on what we are working on and what we are interested on. The audience should not be burdened with our personal comments. I would prefer to keep them at the end and would support that decision.

Public comment

Dan Hernandez, community member, good idea to keep the comments at the end. With differing opinions, governing comments can stretch for a long time. As an example, he commented on the City Council meetings, where a lot of time is spent on their personal comments rather than on the issues that concern the community at large.

Trustee Yahiro moved to keep the board comments at the end of the meeting and, if the agenda review committee chooses to, agendaize any reports regarding the committees. Trustee De Rose seconded the item. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5/2 (Osmundson and Nichols dissented).

Superintendent comments:

Dr. Mays commented that she was delighted to be back and looks forward to working with every member of the board. She had a conversation with a reporter from the American Schools Journal regarding FAST. NCLB was also addressed. She noted that California has high standards, rigorous testing, no money and over the top sanctions. She reported that she had a meeting with Dr. Norm Gold regarding his findings; we started to discuss the implementation of his recommendations. She mentioned that the report would be placed on the district's webpage. She thanked the teachers and administrators for their participation in the Rotary Speech Contest. She ended her comments by saying that there are many positive things to say about our schools.

Governing Comments:

Trustee Yahiro commented that Grad Nite is coming along well and asked for volunteers.

Trustee De Rose reported that AVCI celebrated the grand opening at their new location. She was excited to report that one-third of the students at PVHS were placed on honor roll.

Trustee Turley attended the Aptos Foundation fundraiser for their new football field. She thanked Dr. Woods and Principal Burbank for their work, and stated that she was impressed with the generosity of the community.

President Keegan reported that the Aptos Grange participates in a program where they provide student dictionaries to all 3rd graders in three of the district's schools: Mar Vista, Bradley and Hall District, and hope to extend it to Ohlone. He commended them for their support. We do have a lot of community support and it contributes to the goal of having proficient English learners.

16.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS/REMAINING BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2007

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, take place at the District Office Boardroom, 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA. Closed Session begins at 6:00 pm; Open Session begins at 7:00 pm.

- **April 18, 2007**
- **April 25, 2007 – Special Study Session on Goals, 6- 9 pm.**
- **May 9, 2007**
- **May 23, 2007**

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Secretary