



**DECEMBER 29, 2009
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – RACE TO THE TOP
ADOPTED MINUTES**

**DISTRICT OFFICE
HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE ROOM
292 Green Valley Road
Watsonville, CA 95076**

1.0 CLOSED SESSION OPENING CEREMONY IN OPEN SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Call to Order

President Wilson called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 pm at 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA.

1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

None.

2.0 CLOSED SESSION (AND AFTER REGULAR SESSION IF NECESSARY)

2.1 Public Employee Appointment/Employment

3.0 OPENING CEREMONY – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 6:30 PM

3.1 Call to Order

President Wilson called the meeting of the Board in public to order at 6:30 pm.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Board participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.3 Welcome by Board President

Trustees Leslie De Rose, Doug Keegan, Sandra Nichols, Kim Turley, and President Libby Wilson were present. Trustee Willie Yahiro arrived at 6:40 pm; trustee Karen Osmundson was absent.

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Keegan moved to approve the agenda. Trustee De Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/0/2 (Yahiro, Osmundson absent).

The Board added to report out of closed session to the agenda.

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the change of personnel as presented. Trustee Keegan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/0/2 (Yahiro, Osmundson absent).

5.0 REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Report, discussion and possible action to approve Participation and Memorandum of Understanding for State’s “Race to the Top” Initiative.

Report by Dorma Baker, Superintendent.

Dorma Baker explained the initiative and its timeline: by December 31, districts should submit their intent to apply; by January 8, districts must submit their memorandums of understanding. There is no meeting required for the approval of the MOU.

The rationale for the MOU has four components: 1) national core standards for the state to align with national standards; 2) data systems implemented to monitor and inform instruction; 3) state approach to lowest performing schools; and 4) great teachers and leaders. The fourth component, Dorma

believes, will be the most challenging to implement due to contracts and collective bargaining agreements.

Board participated with comments, concerns and questions.

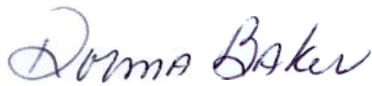
Trustee Turley moved to approve the MOU for Race to the Top initiative. Trustee Keegan seconded the motion requesting that the Superintendent and the Board President sign the agreement. Trustee Turley amended the motion to include trustee Keegan's addition.

The Board participated with additional comments and concerns.

The motion passed 6/0/1 (Osmundson absent).

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.



Dorma Baker, Superintendent