



**JANUARY 14, 2009
REGULAR BOARD MEETING &
BUDGET STUDY SESSION
ADOPTED MINUTES**

**District Office Boardroom
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 De Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA.

1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

None.

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Claims for Damages

a. McKie vs. PVUSD

3.0 OPENING CEREMONY – MEETING OF THE BOARD IN PUBLIC – 6:05 PM

President De Rose called the meeting of the Board in public to order at 6:15 pm.

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Turley led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.2 Welcome by Board President

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

4.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Claims for Damages

a. McKie vs. PVUSD

Trustee Nichols reported that the board voted to reject claim and send notice to claimant.

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Osmundson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Keegan absent).

6.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Minutes for December 10, 2008

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the minutes for December 10, 2008. Trustee Osmundson seconded the motion.

President De Rose requested to amend item 8.3 of the minutes, adding that members will be seated at the next regular meeting of the Board. Trustees Wilson and Osmundson amended their motion to include the change. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Keegan absent).

7.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This item was discussed after item 10.1.

President De Rose closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING

8.1 Public Hearing on Appointment of Sharon Gray as the California School Employees Association's (CSEA) Representative to the Personnel Commission.

Report by Larry Lane, Director of Classified Personnel, Interim

Larry Lane, interim Human Resources director, reported that Sharon Gray was appointed by CSEA to complete commissioner Jack Hayes' term, expiring in 2010.

8.2 Public Comment

None.

8.3 Board Discussion

None.

President De Rose closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Approve Award Bids for Erate Year 12 District Services

Trustee Yahiro moved to vote on item 9.1 after the budget study session. Trustee Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Keegan absent).

9.2 Approve with Gratitude Donation of Approximately \$14,000 in Labor Costs from Saidi Farhat and his Construction Team to the Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education Offices.

Trustee Turley moved to approve this item. Trustee Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Keegan absent).

10.0 REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Possible Action to Approve Appointment of Sharon Gray as CSEA's Representative to the Personnel Commission.

Report given under item 5.1.

Trustee Turley moved to approve this item. Trustee Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Keegan absent).

7.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Oscar Zambudio, Renaissance High student trustee, reported on activities and events taking place at his school. He complained that many students close to graduation don't know which classes need to be taken due to the lack of transcripts.

Cathy Stefanki, Assistant Superintendent, North Zone, briefly explained that transcripts would very soon become available for students; the district had to work out problems with the a new system but was very close to solving those problems.

11.0 STUDY SESSION: BUDGET

Facilitated by Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent.

Mary Hart reported that the Governor's budget release included a two year state shortfall of \$41.6 billion, \$17.3 of which is proposed for cuts. For the District, this translates into having to cut \$17 million dollars in the next two years. The Governor's budget includes the following proposals: to reduce instructional days by 5, this is a negotiated item and would produce a reduction of \$2.5 million for certificated staff; indefinite flexibility for all state categorical not listed as having specific restriction; discontinue mandate requirements for all but the ones that cannot be absolutely discontinued, such as CAHSEE and negotiations; reduce routine restricted maintenance from 3% t 1%, while still meeting the Williams Act requirements; eliminate required deferred maintenance match while still meeting Williams requirements; utilize prior-year restricted fund reserves. While

this is only a proposal and has not been finalized by the state, the district must base its decision on these proposals.

A spreadsheet containing potential reductions was distributed. The list reflects previously proposed reductions when the district was forced to cut \$10 million dollars. Although the list was not complete with all relative figures, it creates a savings of approximately \$6.5 million. The list includes the following potential reductions: restructuring of the district office; elementary assistant principals; high school assistant principals ratio change; library technicians to .5 in middle schools and 1 in high schools; counselor ratio change; clerical ration change in high school and middle schools; elimination of K-3 class size reduction; reduction in custodial by 50%; reduction in grounds by 50%; elimination of regular education transportation in high school and middle school; and high school sports. In addition, there are proposed reductions which are negotiable: furlough days (each day saves the district \$.5 million dollars); freeze of step and column; and 1% salary rollback.

Mary Hart encouraged the board to propose additional recommendations to be able to meet the \$17 million required to be cut from the district's budget in the next two years. It was clarified that the cuts would be ongoing, meaning that there is no expectation that the State is going to be improving its contribution to education.

The board participated with comments and questions. Additional recommendations were provided for consideration.

Public comment:

Krishna Roman, teacher, commented about the need of the support which would be provided by the E-rate proposal before the board under item 9.1.

9.1 Approve Award Bids for Erate Year 12 District Services

Trustee Wilson moved to approve this item. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/1/1 (Nichols dissented; Keegan absent).

President De Rose announced the passing of two students, one from Hall District and one from Watsonville High School. She asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Board was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Dorma Baker, Secretary of the Board