



Thursday, May 16, 2013
SPECIAL MEETING
CLOSED SESSION ON NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE/PLANNING
ADOPTED MINUTES
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
DISTRICT OFFICE
HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE ROOM
294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

1.0 CLOSED SESSION OPENING CEREMONY IN OPEN SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

1.1 Call to Order

President Yahiro called the meeting of the Board to order at 7:05 pm at 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA.

1.2 Welcome by Board President

Trustees Kim De Serpa, Leslie DeRose, Maria Orozco, Karen Osmundson and President Willie Yahiro were present. Trustee Jeff Ursino arrived at 7:15 pm. Trustee Lupe Rivas was absent.

President Yahiro welcomed all to the meeting. He notified the public that there would be an allowance of 20 minutes for public comment.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Orozco led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Public comments on closed session agenda

The following expressed their support for smaller class sizes: Lucia Herrera, teacher and parent; John Lukin, parent and future teacher; Kelly Mennie, parent; Margaret Rosa, parent; and Shireen Goudarzi, teacher.

Kathleen Kilpatrick, school nurse, spoke about the need for more competitive salaries to attract nurses and the need for more full time nurses.

Anne Twichell, teacher, commented that teachers are under a lot of pressure for student performance and that they need more support.

The following expressed their support for better compensation for classified employees: Robin Butterworth, staff and CSEA regional representative; Bobby Salazar, staff; and Patty Saenz, regional CSEA representative.

Susan Manabe, teacher, stated that in addition to the academic support that students need, they also need emotional support. Teachers should have the ability to provide students with that personal and positive support.

The following expressed their support for smaller class sizes and better salaries: Aaron Moore, teacher; Charissa Garcia, parent; and Connie Bishop, teacher.

Lynne Siqueiros, teacher, said that working conditions are not adequate, including prep time and salaries.

Sean Henry, school psychologist, stated that teachers do not have enough time to work well with each student. He asked the Board to make the right decision.

Eileen Clark, teacher, stated that teachers deserve to have some dialogue with the Board; e-mails to trustees do not get a response, only trustee Ursino has replied to her communication. Teachers deserve respect from board members.

Bill Beecher, community member, offered his opinion on what items the Board should prioritize, including smaller class sizes and additional funding to Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee DeRose moved to approve the agenda, pulling item 4.0 as there will not be any actions taken during closed session. Trustee De Serpa seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Rivas absent).

President Yahiro will proceed to excuse members of the public to conduct special meeting of the Board in closed session.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE/PLANNING

The Board participated in closed session.


At 9:00 pm, trustee DeRose moved to continue the meeting until 9:15 pm. Trustee Orozco seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0/1 (Rivas absent).

4.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

This item was pulled.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the special meeting of the Board was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



Dorma Baker, Superintendent