

May 30, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PUBLIC SESSION – 6:00 p.m. ADOPTED MINUTES

DISTRICT OFFICE HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE ROOM (MAIN HALLWAY)

294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WILL NOT HAVE ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS; PUBLIC SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM.

1.0 OPENING CEREMONY – MEETING OF THE BOARD IN PUBLIC - 6:00 P.M.

President DeRose called the meeting of the Board in public to order at 6:13 pm at 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Ursino led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Welcome by Board President

Trustees Doug Keegan, Jeff Ursino, Willie Yahiro and President Leslie DeRose were present. Trustees Kim De Serpa, Sandra Nichols and Karen Osmundson arrived after the meeting started.

1.3 Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Baker commented that she had attended the celebration honoring retirees. She stated that the Human Resources Department did a great job putting the event together.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Keegan moved to approve the agenda moving item #8.2 before item #8.1. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion. President DeRose noted that a correction to the start time, which state 7 pm instead of 6 pm, needs to be made to the agenda. The motion passed 4/0/3 (Osmundson, Nichols, De Serpa absent).

Trustee Nichols arrived at 6:15 pm.

3.0 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Aaryn Ashworth and Meghan Morse of Aptos High School commented that the campus is great but there are many improvements that need to be done. The bond would help with changes. Facilities are run-down and it affects the atmosphere at the school.

Trustee De Serpa arrived at 6:18 pm.

Casey O'Brien thanked the students for representing AHS so well at board meetings. He stated that these students had received the principal award for community service and that they have been very active at school.

Trustee Osmundson arrived at 6:20 pm.

4.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Jack Carroll</u>, teacher, Adult Education, commented on the graduation event, which had taken place the prior Thursday. Students received their GED, CNA certification or their High School Diploma. The program is fully WASC accredited and it is program that serves the community well.

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<u>Kim Tschantz</u>, community member, spoke about his concern for the grading project at Aptos High. He said his property is adjacent to the school but he was not informed of any plans to grade prior to the start of the work. Two concerns he has: night lighting and noise. He was told that an environmental review was not necessary but he disagrees. Asked the Board to do the right thing: follow the law, be a good neighbor and do what is right, get appropriate permits and meet with neighbors to learn of our concerns.

President DeRose asked for an update regarding the grading project at AHS from staff.

<u>Basil Brunner</u>, community member, supports what Mr. Tschantz said. The district is operating in a very irresponsible way. Neighbors should have been informed in a timely manner of the project in that area. If earth was moved, a permit was necessary. He asked to be informed in writing of the process as the project moves forward.

<u>Bill Beecher</u>, community member, spoke about his support for use of technology. He expects technology will give teachers stronger tools to be able to handle larger classroom sizes.

5.0 EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS COMMENTS – PVFT, CSEA, PVAM, CWA *5 Min. Each* Francisco Rodriguez, PVFT, urged the board to have something prepared for the bond as soon as possible as the union and other organizations base their endorsement on what will be on the ballot. Mr. Rodriguez also addressed the issue of technology: some schools in the Aptos area do not have the technology that is needed and hopefully, if there is a bond, improvement should be seen in all those schools.

Terry Eastman, PVAM, principal, took the opportunity to recognize all the teachers and administrators who will be retiring this year. A lot of value of the collective wisdom of those who have been with the district many years will be lost. They will all be missed. She acknowledged key district administrators: Joe Trautwein and his work with Student Services, Barbara Bidlingmaier with her experience in using data to support student achievement, she commended the work of Don Hill in the facilities department, the experience of Dee Teuschel in Special Education and Albert Roman's contributions to the HR department.

Superintendent Baker added that Terry Eastman, also retiring, will be a difficult person to replace due to her experience in many aspects of the district.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Keegan moved to defer item #6.1. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6.1 Approve Migrant and Seasonal Head Start End of Year 2011-12 Financial Reports to the Board and Public.

7.0 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS

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Trustee Keegan expressed his concern that the backup documentation did not show educational gains of students.

Staff noted that the report was mainly financial and that a report regarding how well the program does to prepare students for kindergarten would be provided at a future meeting.

Trustee Keegan moved to approve the financial report as requested and asked that MSHS provides the program's academic report. Trustee Osmundson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 REPORT, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

8.2 Report, discussion and possible action on Proposition 39 project list for possible November Proposition 39 school bond.

*Report by Brett McFadden, CBO.

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Brett McFadden noted that the item provides the Board an opportunity to review the project and scope work for a possible school facilities bond for the November 2012 elections. He presented the resolution that orders the election and that would outline the projects. The focus of the projects has been to have safe buildings and to provide students with facilities equipped to help them succeed.

Jared Boigon of TBWB presented the structure of the resolution, which includes the necessary legal language, the reasons for needing a bond for school facilities, and a project list that will drive how funds are spent. It is a necessary resolution to create a Proposition 39 state bond. The resolution includes information on how the board would have annual independent performance audits to ensure proceeds are spent accordingly. The resolution also includes the Board's authorization amount, noted at \$190,000,000 but it is at the board's discretion to finalize. The amount noted is to complete all the projects identified through the needs analysis as well as through the various meetings with key stakeholders. Exhibit A in the resolution is a summary of ballot title and how it will appear in the voter's ballot, including the authorization amount. Exhibit B on the resolution offers the full extent of what is adopted as a project list. The Facilities Master Plan is brought into this section. The district will also have a bond oversight committee whose primary role will be to ensure that money is spent as specified in the bond.

Mr. McFadden noted that based on the team's collective experience, including bond counsel's over 250 of these measures, this is the most exhaustive, detailed and transparent work that we have seen. The size of the bond and overall direction has been set after a lot of analysis and assessments.

Public comment:

The following expressed their support for a bond: <u>Casey O'Brien</u>, Aptos High principal; <u>Brian Saxton</u>, Principal at Aptos Junior High; <u>Martin Cavanaugh</u>, Aptos resident; <u>Kristin Taylor-Lubell</u>, parent; <u>Barrett Vitol</u>, teacher; <u>Eileen Shea</u>, parent; and <u>Trish Morse</u>, parent.

<u>Mary Ann Gomez</u>, community member, supports the bond but urges the Board to ensure that all students have access to equal facilities; she noted that Pajaro Valley High needs much more work to be complete and equal to the other high schools.

Board participated with questions and comments. Staff clarified that the board would not approve the resolution as that would come forth at a future meeting. The Board would be approving the authorization amount as well as the scope of work.

Trustee Keegan moved to approve the bond proposal in the amount of \$190 million with projects scope as included in the material presented. Trustee De Serpa seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/2/0 (Nichols, Ursino dissented).

8.1 Report, discussion and possible action on Third Interim Report. Report by Brett McFadden, CBO.

Brett McFadden explained that the district has to submit a 3rd interim report to the County Office of Education due to its qualified status. The report reflects major fiscal activity and a multi-year projection (MYP). The MYP assumptions include a set aside for possible failure of the governor's November initiative; an increase in benefits; step and column movement per contractual agreements; current categorical fund shifts; and an updated revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year. In prior reports, the 2013-14 school year included a negative ending balance. This report includes a positive balance due to an \$8 million dollars one-time change. The variance report explains the reason the budget improved: an increase ADA enrollment, extension of State categorical flexibility, decrease in transportation, legal costs lower than anticipated, along with other factors in expenditures and revenues. Mr. McFadden noted that the next steps include a budget approval for 2012-13 on June 27. It is recommended that the Board stays the course until after the November election. It is a good idea to plan in case there are positive resolutions with the budget but important to stay cautious through the process.

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Board participated with comments and questions.

Trustee Ursino moved to approve this item. Trustee Keegan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.0 GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

President DeRose noted that the art of Mr. Thome, whose murals can be seen around town, has inspired students; one student in particular said that she was so inspired that she would pursue a career in the arts.

Trustee Yahiro commented that graduations would be next week and that he was proud of all of our schools.

10.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS/REMAINING BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2012 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.

June	• 13	•
	• 27	■ 10-11 Budget Adoption
July	•	 No Meetings Scheduled
August	8	
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September	• 12	 Unaudited Actuals
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October	• 10	
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November	• 14	•
December	■ 5 Annual	 Approve 1st Interim Report
	Organization Mtg.	•

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Board was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Dorma Baker, Superintendent

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