



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 3, 2011**

PLACE	John Muir Elementary School, 2303 Whistler Way, Stockton, CA 95209
TIME	Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no public comments on closed session items and the Board adjourned to Closed Session.
RECONVENE	The meeting was reconvened at 7:07 p.m. Attendance was recorded and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
PRESENT	<p><u>Board Members:</u> Mr. George Neely, President; Ms. Bonnie Cassel, Vice-President; Mr. Joe Nava, Clerk; Mr. Michael Abdallah; Mr. Ken Davis; Ms. Ruth Davis; Mr. Ron Heberle</p> <p><u>Administrators:</u> Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mr. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer; Mr. Art Hand, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Planning</p> <p><u>Student Representatives:</u> Ms. Anna Adams, Lodi High School; Ms. Tonya Turner, Tokay High School</p> <p><u>Recorder:</u> Ms. Lois John, Executive Assistant</p>
CLOSED SESSION	Mr. Neely announced that the Board would be returning to Closed Session following the Regular meeting.
SPOTLIGHT	The John Muir Elementary School Choir performed a medley of songs.
RECOGNITIONS	<p>Bear Creek High School student Tyson Bonaparte was recognized for his achievement in earning the highest rank possible in the Academic Honor Society.</p> <p>Mr. James Davis, Principal, McNair High School, was recognized for receiving the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Administrator of the Year Award.</p> <p>McNair High School students who received high achievement at the California Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference were recognized.</p> <p>The McNair High School advanced choir was recognized on placing Unanimous Superior at the recent state Music Festival.</p> <p>Students from McNair High School were recognized for receiving awards during the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) competition.</p> <p>McNair High School students were recognized for their achievements at the State Wrestling Tournament.</p>

ACTION
ITEMS
Consent
Agenda A

Ms. Cassel requested the removal of Item A-6 Resolution 2011-44 Bear Creek High School – Cell Tower Agreement. Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A – Routine Business, as amended:

- 1) Changes to the Adopted Budget
- 2) Contract List
- 3) Minutes of the April 14, 2011, Special Board Meeting
- 4) Minutes of the April 19, 2011, Regular Board Meeting
- 5) Community Day School Certification Renewal

The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Resolution
2011-44

Ms. Cassel stated her opposition to the installation of a cell tower light standard at the Bear Creek High School football field, expressing her continued concern with the potential for health risks associated with cell towers. Mr. Hand announced that earlier in the day T-Mobile put their plans for the cell tower on hold indefinitely.

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to indefinitely table Item A-6 Resolution 2011-44 Bear Creek High School – Cell Tower Agreement. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent
Agenda B -
Student Discipline
Cases

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases, as follows:

- B-1 Expulsion: Student #10/119-9-75
- B-2 Expulsion: Student #10/11-7-76
- B-3 Expulsion: Student #10/11-8-77
- B-4 Expulsion: Student #10/11-7-78
- B-5 Expulsion: Student #10/11-10-79
- B-6 Expulsion: Student #10/11-7-80

OTHER
ACTION ITEMS
Revision of
Board Policy
6142.7

Dr. Douglas explained that the Board is asked to consider suspending the section of Policy 6142.7 allowing PE credit in athletics in order to align it with current practice and allow a committee to bring a recommendation on this issue. Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Revision of Board Policy 6142.7 Physical Education and Activity, as recommended. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Proposal to
Expand Katnich
Community Day
School to Turner
School Site

Dr. Wax reported on the need for expansion of the new Katnich Community Day School (CDS) program. The expansion would allow the District to continue to be responsible for the education of this group of expelled students and provide additional revenue presently forfeited to the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE). It was noted that concerns expressed at the April 19, 2011, Board meeting by Mr. Bill Bishofberger and Mr. Bill Dunn, residents of the Turner School community, had been addressed.

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Proposal to Expand Katnich Community Day School (CDS) Program. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Resolution

Mr. Hern presented information on Resolution 2011-42 which would authorize the

2011-42 Controller to approve formal liability claim settlements up to \$5,000, and authorize the Superintendent and Chief Business Officer to approve formal liability settlements up to the amount provided by Board Policy 3320.

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-42. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Revision to Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion

Mr. Hand provided information regarding the proposed Revision of Board Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion, which would allow outside private organizations to advertise at District school sites and on the District Website. Discussion was held regarding the concept of a professional in advertising and promotion guiding staff through the competitive waters of this state-wide philosophy. Mr. Hand spoke in support of using the services of a professional in order to maximize revenue. Several Board members questioned the need.

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, and seconded by Mr. Davis, to table this item until more information could be provided to the Board. Dr. Washer clarified that staff is only asking for the adoption of the revision to the policy at this time. Mr. Nava withdrew his motion to table the Revision to Board Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion; Mr. Davis withdrew his second.

Motion was made by Mr. Heberle, and seconded, to approve the Revision to Board Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Abdallah, Cassel, R. Davis, Heberle, Nava, Neely
Abstain: K. Davis

Motion carried

The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS
Comments from Student Reps.

Student representatives Ms. Anna Adams, Lodi High School, and Ms. Tonya Turner, Tokay High school, reported on activities and events at their respective schools.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Joni Semer, Speech and Language Pathologist, announced to the Board that May is Better Speech & Hearing Month. She presented packets of information to Board members.

Principals Harold Brown, Sutherland Elementary School, Denice Shigematsu, Oakwood Elementary School, and Linda Denman, Washington Elementary School, addressed the Board regarding the effects teacher layoffs have on Program Improvement at Title I Schools.

Ms. JoAnne Blount, Ms. Stephanie Brammasco, and Ms. Roxanne Velasquez, parents, Mosher Elementary School, expressed concerns with the possible consolidation of principals at Mosher and Davis Elementary Schools. They presented the Board with a packet of signatures opposing the consolidation.

Ms. Sonja Renhult, teacher, Live Oak School, addressed the Board regarding combination classes and their effect on students.

Comments
from Employee
Group Reps.

Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), shared the concerns expressed by Title I school principals, but cautioned to be mindful of the Education Code in addressing those concerns. He thanked Dr. Washer for communicating to employees the activities planned for rallies to bring attention to the budget crisis. He asked the Board to consider the plight of Preschool teachers and the adverse impact budget reductions have had on them.

Ms. Joni Kort, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), reported on the many ways their membership works to bring dollars into the District, including sometimes hard-to-find funding streams.

Comments
from Board
Members

Mr. Abdallah congratulated the Bear Creek High School Skills USA team on their achievements at the recent competition. He commented on his pleasure in attending Math Olympiad student competitions.

Mr. Davis reported that members of the CSBA Delegate Assembly will also be in Sacramento to stand against the suspension of Proposition 98.

Mr. Heberle reported on the outstanding performances by bands and choirs at the recent Music In Our Schools concert.

Ms. Cassel acknowledged the situation with Title I Schools as it relates to program improvement efforts and teacher layoffs, stressing the need for something to be done to alleviate the situation.

Mr. Neely reported on attending a meeting with Mr. Davis at the San Joaquin County Office of Education, at which Mr. Jim Thomas, CBO, spoke about the financial crisis and the importance of not allowing Proposition 98 to be suspended. He then presented statistics on the District's Title I schools and the need to do things differently with respect to those schools reaching the targeted 800 API score.

Comments
from the
Superintendent

Dr. Washer announced the names of three teachers, Ms. Heather Granis, Vinewood Elementary School, Ms. Lori Auchard, Silva Elementary School, and Mr. Bruce Briggs, McNair High School, who were recognized by San Joaquin A+. She reported that the Technology Department is working on a new pilot project to enhance technology throughout the District which would allow a handful of teachers to use iPods in the classroom.

REPORTS
SBAC 2010-11
Report and
Recommendations

Mr. Jeff Johnston and Mr. Ed Eldridge, Co-chairpersons of the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee, presented the 2010-11 Report and Committee Recommendations. The function of the SBAC is to serve the District in an advisory capacity on matters pertaining to District finances by reviewing the budget, procedures, or any specific study items as requested by the Superintendent; providing written recommendations to the Superintendent; and, providing any oral presentations to the Board of Education at the Superintendent's Request.

General points of consensus were reported to be examining the work previously completed by prior-year committees; examining the recommendations and reductions made by the Board for the 2010-11 adopted budget; and, a conscious decision to not make specific recommendations with regards to individual employee groups or individual positions. The committee did include the reduction in certificated positions approved in Resolution 2011-14.

The Committee's recommendations were:

- Recommended Tier III Sweeps
- 10% reduction in Co-Curricular Athletics
- Closure of Tokay Colony, Elkhorn, & Clements
- Committee chose to have the Board of Education
- prioritize reductions
- Reductions considered, but not recommended: Pool closures

After School Education and Safety Grant Renewal

Ms. Dawn Vetica, Principal, ASES Program, reported that the District's after-school grant has been extended until 2014. She and Mr. Kevin Hawkins, Vice Principal, then presented an update of the program with proposed structural changes for the 2011-12 school year:

- A focus on intervention and bullying prevention;
- Administration: One Vice Principal
- Two classified supervisors
- All site leads to be LUSD employees (currently middle schools are not)

Proposed Creation of a Non-Profit District Foundation

Mr. Hand presented information to the Board related to the possible creation of a Non-Profit District Foundation to generate funds for co-curricular activities. He reported that the foundation could provide an outside revenue source to help off-set co-curricular expenses such as sports, performing arts, and academic teams, as well as items required by Small Learning Communities. Following the report, it was the consensus of the Board for staff to move forward with the proposal.

Revisions to Board Policies and Rules

Dr. Washer introduced the report on proposed revisions to Board Policies and Rules for the purpose of keeping current and compliant with California Law and to make recommendations for changes in District practices. She responded to questions regarding several policies. The Policies and Rules will be returned to the Board for adoption on May 17, 2011.

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Neely reported on a meeting of the Energy Conservation Committee and stated he is looking forward to a full report coming forward in June.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:56 p.m. Following the meeting, action taken in closed session was announced in public as follows:

Student Matters

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student 2010-11 #135.

Motion was made by Mr. Abdallah, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waivers for Students 2010-11 #'s 20, 21, and 22.

Anticipated Litigation

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to reject Claim #441778.

Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, and seconded, to approve the appointment of Shirley McNichols, Principal, Bear Creek High School, effective date to be determined. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Abdallah, Cassel, R. Davis, Heberle, Nava
 Noes: K. Davis; Neely

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board