

Hanford Elementary School District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Hanford Elementary School District Board of Trustees on February 18, 2009, at the District Office Board Room, 714 N. White Street, Hanford, CA.

Call to Order President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Trustees Garcia, Garner, Hill, and Revious were present.

Closed Session Trustees immediately adjourned to closed session for the purposes of:

- Student Discipline pursuant to Education Code section 48918;
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (GC 54957) – Certificated.

Trustees returned to open session at 6:20 p.m.

HESD Managers Present Dr. Paul J. Terry, Superintendent, and the following administrators were present: Don Arakelian, Doug Carlton, Debra Colvard, Silvia Duvall, Kenny Eggert, Javier Espindola, Joy Gabler, David Goldsmith, Lucy Gomez, Charlotte Hines, Jaime Martinez, Karen McConnell, Mike Mendoza, Gerry Mulligan, Jennifer Pitkin, Jeanne Rios, Jill Rubalcava, Liz Simas, Jason Strickland, Diane Williams, and Nancy White.

Report of Closed Session action Trustee Garner made a motion to accept the Findings of Facts and expel Cases #32-09, 33-09, 34-09, and 35-09 for the remainder of the second semester of the 2008-09 school year for violation of Education Code 48900 and/or 48915 as determined by the Administrative Panel at hearings held February 17, 2009. Parents may apply for readmission on or after June 5, 2009. Trustee Garcia seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Expulsions
#32-09, 33-09,
34-09, 35-09

#31-09 Trustee Garner made a motion to accept the Findings of Facts and expel Case #31-09 for the remainder of the second semester of the 2008-09 school year and the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year for violation of Education Code 48900 and/or 48915 as determined by the Administrative Panel at hearings held February 17, 2009. Parents may apply for readmission on or after June 5, 2009. Trustee Garcia seconded, motion carried 5-0.

#36-09, 37-09,
38-09, 39-09, 40-09

Trustee Garner made a motion to accept the Findings of Facts and expel Cases #36-09, 37-09, 38-09, 39-09, and 40-09 for the remainder of the second semester of the 2008-09 school year for violation of Education Code 48900 and/or 48915 as determined by the Administrative Panel at hearing February 17, 2009. However, Trustee Garner further moved that the Expulsion Order be suspended. The students may attend regular school in probationary status provided that the students comply with a Behavior Conditions Plan through June 5, 2009. Trustee Revious seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Readmissions Trustee Garner made a motion to approve readmission for the following cases based upon each student's compliance with the Plan of

Rehabilitation. Trustee Revious seconded, motion carried 5-0:
Case #23-08
Case #39-08

Impose Expulsion Order

Trustee Garner made a motion to impose the Expulsion Order for Case #07-09 based upon the student's failure to abide by the Behavior Conditions Plan. Parents may apply for readmission on or after June 5, 2009. Trustee Hill seconded, motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken in closed session in connection with Personnel matters.

PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comments

None.

Board and Staff Comments

Dr. Terry introduced JFK Band Director Michelle Schofield who, in turn, recognized JFK student Savannah Rhine for exceptional musical talent as a trombone player. Savannah started in the band program 4 years ago at Washington School and last year was chosen to be in the honors jazz band. This year Savannah performed at the Hanford Fox theater as part of the Kings/Tulare honor band, and she is the first HESD student chosen to participate in the All State Honor Band. All State Honor Band will perform this weekend at Saroyan theater in Fresno.

Schofield noted that the district's band program is enjoying healthy growth: this year is the largest band in her 8 years with the district. Last year JFK Symphonic Band was first invited to the Fresno State Invitational, and is honored to be invited again this year to participate on May 27. The first annual JFK Jazz Festival happened today with over 10 valley schools and more than 200 students performing. The students received feedback and coaching from clinicians. Tulare-Kings Music Educators Association recognized (in addition to Savannah Rhine) 9 HESD band students: 2 from Woodrow Wilson Junior High and 7 from JFK.

Requests to Address the Board

None.

Dates to Remember

President Hernandez reviewed the Dates to Remember: CTA School Board Appreciation Dinner at the Visalia Holiday Inn February 26; next regular Board Meeting March 4.

CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Hill made a motion to approve consent items "a" through "f". Trustee Garcia seconded, and motion carried 5-0.

The items approved are:

- a) Warrant listings dated January 30, 2009 and February 6, 2009.
- b) Minutes of February 4, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.
- c) Donation of \$2,500.00 from First 5 to Monroe School.
- d) Donation of \$2,500.00 from First 5 to Lee Richmond School.
- e) Donation of \$2,500.00 from First 5 to Roosevelt School.

- f) Donation of \$42.67 from Target to Hamilton School.

INFORMATION

- a) Liz Simas, Child Welfare and Attendance Coordinator, presented information regarding junior high enrollment and how they will become out of balance in coming years if attendance boundaries are not adjusted. Currently Woodrow Wilson has 61 more students than JFK and projections indicate that number will balloon in coming years. Simas requested, and the Board granted, permission to work with the principals on developing a proposal to adjust attendance boundaries and to schedule a public hearing on the issue.
- b) Joy Gabler, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, presented the report of the Alternative Governance Board from its most recent meeting held Jan 26, 2009. The written report is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.
- c) Dr. Paul J. Terry, Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint review of Board Goals for 2008-2009. Printed copy of the slides are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- d) Dr. Terry intended to comment on the State Budget, but it appears that the stalemate continues and what has been occurring so far doesn't look promising. Currently, the proposal includes \$15 billion dollars of spending cuts that translate to a potential of \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million dollars in cuts for HESD. Dr. Terry reminded the Board that the District had already trimmed its budget by \$1 million for this year, and he is confident personnel and classroom instruction will not be adversely affected, provided the legislature allows some flexibility in the use of categorical funds. However, 2009-2010 "doesn't look good", Dr. Terry said.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Hill made a motion to take Personnel items "a" through "h" together. Trustee Revious seconded and motion carried 5-0. Then Trustee Hill made a motion to approve Personnel items "a" through "h". Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. The following items were approved:

***Item "a" –
Employment***

Classified - Danielle Landers, Special Education Aide; Jennifer McCrosky, Alternative Education Program Aide; Jared Oliveira, Special Education Aide

Temporary Employees/Substitutes/Yard Supervisors – Daniel Landers, Substitute READY Program Tutor; Hanna Ruiz, Substitute Babysitter; Celeste Gregory, Short-term READY Program Tutor; Audreyanna Hernandez, Short-term READY Program Tutor; Mercedes Yang, Short-term Yard Supervisor

Item "b" – Resignations Mayra Aguirre, Substitute Bilingual Clerk Typist I and Clerk Typist I; Donna Carpenter, Substitute Alternative Education Aide, READY Program Tutor, and Special Education Aide; Michael Hernandez, Substitute Custodian I; Robert Jenkins, Substitute Custodian I; Lacey Landers, READY Program Tutor; Jacob Lopez, Substitute READY Program Tutor; Michelle Martin, Substitute READY Program Tutor; Mike Obert, Substitute Computer Maintenance Technician II, Ernest "Todd" Smith, Substitute Custodian II and Groundskeeper II; Vickie Wood, Substitute READY Program Tutor

Item "c" – Retirements Susan Adams, Teacher; Sharon Dibble, Teacher; Sharon Mayo, Teacher; Elena Roth, Teacher

Item "d" – More Hours As listed.

Item "e" – Decrease in Hours/Transfer As listed.

Item "f" – Temporary Out of Class Assignment As listed.

Item "g" – Leave of Absence Dilia Silveira, Yard Supervisor.

Item "h" – As listed.

Adjournment There being no further business, President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Terry
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved: _____
Lupe Hernandez, President

Jeff Garner, Clerk