

Hamilton Unified School District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Hamilton Unified School District was called to order by President Bill Boone at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in the Hamilton High School Library.

PRESENT: Bill Boone, Tomas Loera, Gabriel Leal (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Judy Twede, and Tim Anderson.

OTHERS: Ray Odom, Superintendent and Elizabeth Saiz, Administrative Assistant.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Tom Conwell, Gail Zimmerman, Fred Freitas, Dorothy Cook, Roger Fritter, Vic Cook, Nora Shippelhoute, Hilary Crosby, Cris Oseguera, Sandra Estrada, Maria Diaz, Michelle Fumasi, Michelle Moore, and Marc Eddy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:03 p.m. to consider qualified matters: (1) GCS 54956.9, Existing Litigation: Cruz v. HUSD, Superior Court Case No. 10CV00880; and (2) GCS 54957.6, CSEA and CTA labor negotiations.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION AND FLAG SALUTE: The meeting was reconvened to public session at 6:35 p.m. with the report that no action was taken in closed session. The flag salute was led by Tomas Loera.

AGENDA EMERGENCY ITEM: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve adding Item 7.7, P1 Attendance Report as an emergency item to the agenda.

(53 Twede – Loera/Unanimous)

AGENDA: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

(54 Twede – Loera)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS: (1) Tom Conwell presented a letter to the Board signed by former Hamilton Union High School District Board Members, many of whom were in attendance, requesting that Ray Odom be nominated for the Glenn County Educator’s Hall of Fame and Glenn County Administrator of the Year.

(2) Nora Shippelhoute requested clarification on the timeline for layoffs. She also stated that, if at all possible, student class schedules for next year should be distributed before the end of this school year. Ms. Shippelhoute also requested that the utmost discretion be used when notifying individual teachers of layoffs. Mr. Odom explained the layoff procedures and expressed optimism that this year student schedules could be completed prior to the end of this school year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board Member Leal offered information about a site, DonorsChoose.org, a non-profit organization that connects teachers’ requests for school supplies and equipment to donors.

HHS PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Mr. Oseguera distributed a handout on school activities and upcoming events.

HES PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Ms. Diaz reported that the HES staff is implementing ABI this year. She also discussed parent visitation days, Santa's visit, staff development activities, and athletics.

EBHS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Ms. Estrada reported that there are 21 students enrolled at EBHS. The school climate is positive and peaceful. There are new performance contracts for 18-year-old students.

MAINTENANCE / TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

Marc Eddy, Director of Maintenance and Transportation, reviewed his staff's activities over Christmas break, including weed control, campus cleanup, and carpet and tile floor cleaning. In addition, 72 new lockers were installed at HHS and surveillance cameras were installed at HES.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Odom gave the following report:

1. **Enrollment.** Total district enrollment is 771, a decrease of 51 students over the same time last year. This decrease in enrollment will cause an almost \$300,000 decrease in revenue next year.
2. **Governor's Budget.** K-12 education funding will not be cut in 2011-12 if the tax measures pass in June. If they do not, there will be an additional approximate cut of \$350/ADA. Since the 2007-08 year, education has assumed the biggest percentage cut in the State budget.
3. **Glenn County Office of Education Bi-Tech Purchase.** Mr. Jones, Business Manager, contacted all the districts assuring us that our service and operations will not be affected by GCOE's purchase of Bi-Tech.
4. **New Laws Affecting Education.** (1) Interdistrict agreements will be effective for a period of five years without renewal. (2) Free fresh drinking water must be made available to all students in the food service program.
5. **SSDA Conference.** Mr. Odom will attend. It seems no one else will be able to go.
6. **Communications.** Letter of thanks from Orland Pantry.
7. **New Medical Clinic.** A new clinic will be built at 3rd and Main in Hamilton City.

KEVIN CLARK CONSULTING:

To obtain further information regarding the feasibility of implementing this project, it was moved, seconded, and carried to table action on this until the February meeting. Teachers from our district will visit other districts already participating in this program and will report at the next board meeting.

(55 Twede – Leal)

PUBLIC HEARING—WAIVER REQUEST:

The meeting was adjourned to a public hearing at 8:30 p.m. to solicit public input regarding a waiver request to postpone the 2009-10 SARC online posting date to April 1. There was no public comment. The meeting was reconvened to public session at 8:31 p.m.

SARC WAIVER:

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve a waiver request to SBE to postpone the SARC online posting date to April 1, 2011.

(56 Leal – Loera)

SOLAR PROJECTS:

Mr. Odom has contacted other districts in the area as well as solar consultants. New issues have arisen which require further investigation. Discussion, action will be postponed until the February meeting.

*** Note: All action items have been unanimously approved unless otherwise noted.**

FIRST INTERIM REPORT: It was moved, seconded, and carried to issue a Positive Certification for the First Interim Report, 2010-11 fiscal year.
(57 Twede – Leal)

ENGLISH ENRICHMENT TRIP: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the English Enrichment trip to San Francisco on February 16, 2011.
(58 Loera – Anderson)

P1 ATTENDANCE REPORT: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the 2010-11 P1 attendance report.
(59 Twede – Leal)

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda.
(60 Loera - Leal)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Ray L. Odom, Superintendent

Approved and Entered into Board Records,

Tomas Loera, Clerk