

HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

August 15, 2011

Hamilton High School Library

1.0 OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Bill Boone, President Tomas Loera, Clerk Judy Twede
 Tim Anderson Gabriel Leal

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Tracy, Superintendent; and Elizabeth Saiz, Administrative Assistant.

ABSENT: Judy Twede

GUESTS: Cris Oseguera, Gail Zimmerman, Tom Conwell, Maria Diaz, Maria Reyes, Hilary Crosby, Janice Lohse, Ryan Bentz, and others listed on sign-in sheet.

2.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. Identified.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. There were no comments.

4.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:05 PM. To consider qualified matters.

4.1 Government Code Section 54957, Personnel. To consider the employment/dismissal/evaluation of public employees.

5.0 RECONVENED TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:40 PM. The flag salute was led by Gabriel Leal . There was no action taken in closed session.

6.0 AGENDA. It was moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.

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7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS. There were no comments.

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

8.1 There were no Board member comments/reports.

8.2 Superintendent Report by Chuck Tracy.

1. Enrollment report reviewed.

2. Communications:

- News release from State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. Anticipate relaxing some of the NCLB laws. Look for future reports.
- CSBA Request for Nominations for Directors-At-Large opportunity for any interested Board members.

- Fiscal Services Bulletins of Interest reviewed:
 - 8.2.2.1 Challenge to Prop 98 State Funding/State Budget. Concern that two billion illegally diverted from schools under investigation. K-12 schools may face severe cuts later in the year. Cuts would require serious financial decisions after the first of the year for the 2012-13 year.
 - 8.2.2.2 How the U.S. credit downgrade will affect schools was briefly reviewed.
 - 8.2.2.3 School Bond Survey-Positive for 2012 School Bond. Suggest a bond to support facilities during these difficult economic times but not recommended for salaries.

8.3 School Reports.

1. Hamilton High by Principal Cris Oseguera. Mr. Oseguera introduced Maria Reyes as the Lead Teacher at HHS and Mr. Tracy as EBHS Principal. He anticipates about 310 students this year. Activity report included, Frosh Orientation, First Day activities, and Football. Expressed excitement about the new year. Mr. Tracy reported he had toured the facilities and was informed by Operations Director, Marc Eddy, that the District is up and running. The buses are being retrofitted for low emissions.
2. Hamilton Elementary by Principal Maria Diaz. Ms. Diaz distributed handouts as she reported on the theme, “A Fresh Beginning to a Promising Year!” Great changes to the campus including beautifying the campus, active student council, Peaceful Playground recess program, Bully Prevention program, 4th -6th grade reading program, EDI program, and all-student language program. She praised the many volunteers for their efforts in beautifying the campus.
3. Ella Barkley High School by Dean of Students Maria Reyes. Ms. Reyes reported there are 17 students enrolled at EBHS with two in Home Study. The theme for the year will be getting the students ready for life skills after high school.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS (M)

- 7.1 FFA Overnight Trips, 2011-12. Distributed Hamilton City FFA student “handbook” and reported on trips. Mr. Tracy complimented the Ag department on a successful fundraising dinner. T steer barn is finished and the Board was invited to tour the new facilities. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the overnight trips.
(15 Anderson - Leal)
- 7.2 Temporary Employment of Paul Houser. Long-Term Math Substitute for Alex Charlon at \$150 per Day. Mr. Tracy reported on higher daily rate. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve.
(16 Loera - Anderson)
- 7.3 2011-12 Operations Application for K-3 Class Size Reduction Program. To certify that statements one through nine of the application are true and accurate. Mr. Tracy reported on annual application. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve.
(17 Leal – Loera)

- 7.4 Employ Erin Moore as an Additional 1/6 Teacher for 2011-12 Year. To be funded by Hamilton High School teacher M.A.A. funds already allocated to teachers. This action will not increase general fund expenditures. It was moved, seconded, and carried to employ Erin Moore as requested.

(18 Loera – Anderson)

- 7.5 Resolution 12-102, to Enter into Preschool Contract CSPP-1096 and authorize designated signors for 2011-12. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve.

(19 Loera – Leal)

- 8.0 **CONSENT AGENDA.** (M) Items listed in the consent agenda are considered routine and are acted upon by the Board in one motion. There is no discussion of these items prior to the Board vote unless a member of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the consent agenda. Each item on the consent agenda approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

8.1 Warrants and Expenditures. (Encl. 10)

8.2 Minutes of the regular Board meeting of July 25, 2011. (Encl. 11)

8.3 Summer School Employees.

1. Cris Oseguera, HHS Administrator and Teacher
2. Elsa Chavez, HHS Teacher's Aide
3. Martha Alvarez, School Secretary
4. Sylvia Robles, HES Lead Teacher
5. Maria Alvarez, HES Teacher
6. Trudy Bryan, HES ½-Time Teacher
7. Sherry Cowan, HES ½-Time Teacher
8. Maria Llamas, HES Teacher
9. Kile Taylor, HES Teacher
10. Martha Jaeger, HES School Secretary

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9.0 DISCUSSION

- 9.1 Edgewater Park. Contract with the Hamilton City Community Services District (HCCSD). Mr. Tracy reported on repaired pump engine, partnering with HCCSD, 1999 contract, HCCSD's desire to turn land over to the County due to hard economic times. It was noted that the District-owned portion is not sufficient for a school, however, joined together, it is sufficient. The minimum requirement for a K-8 school is 10.2 acres, not to exceed 450 students. To run a junior high, the District would need a minimum of 15 acres with football and soccer areas to be green spaced. Mr. Tracy recommends we continue discussion about joining these two pieces of property into school property, thus making the acreage large enough to house a new school. (It was noted that the minimum requirement for a high school is 45 to 65 acres.) A joint venture would require attorney counsel. The Board was asked for direction and they directed Mr. Tracy to pursue joining the two properties. Mr. Tracy was directed to send a letter to HCCSD to request discussion at a future board meeting, at earliest convenience with attorney council, about what can and cannot be done with the property, with a joint board meeting to determine direction.

Mr. Conwell noted the property was supposed to be for a new middle school. He expressed concern about the levy breaking and does not recommend spending further

money on the property. Mr. Tracy responded that regardless of whether or not the District builds a new school on the site, the property is as an asset.

Hilary Crosby: Special construction to use as a school? Mr. Tracy responded, it won't ever be approved for a school until the levies are approved.

9.2 Hamilton City Community Services District Board Meeting of August 8, 2011. Update and information request. See Item 9.1.

9.3 School Facilities Upgrade Bond. Mr. Tracy suggested it may be a good time to explore a bond with extremely low interest rates. Bonding forecasters project Presidential Election 2012 as a good time. He recommends discussing the feasibility with our bonding agent and attorneys to see what that would look like. The information will be presented at the October or November board meeting. It is important to have clear goals communicated to the community. Community interest was shown in district-owned solar field with \$180,000 to \$200,000 in earnings, to retain teachers and building a larger gym. No cost to tax payers to explore possibilities. Mr. Tracy recommends we explore as long as cost-neutral to the District.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Tracy, Superintendent

Approved and Entered into Board Records,

Tomas Loera, Clerk