

PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2001

District Office Board Room  
292 Green Valley Rd.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

**MINUTES**

**1.0 Opening Ceremony - Meeting of the Board in Public - 6:00pm**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

**2.0 Closed Session - 6:05pm in the Personnel Conference Room at 294 Green Valley Rd.**

**2.1**

**A. Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified Promotions**

- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 1 Cafeteria Cook/Baker

**New Hires**

- 2 Cafeteria Assistant
- 1 Cafeteria Manager III
- 2 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Library Media Technician
- 2 Office Assistant II
- 5 Elementary Teacher
- 2 Adult Education Instructions
- 12 Substitutes

**Transfers**

- 1 Elementary Teacher

**B. Extra Pay Assignments**

- 2 Elementary Teachers on Special Assignment
- 2 Athletic Directors

**C. Leave of Absences**

- 1 Accounting Technician
- 2 Administrative Assistant - Confidential
- 1 Administrative Secretary I
- 2 Bus Drivers
- 1 Cafeteria Assistant

- 1 Custodian II
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 1 Office Manager
- 1 Elementary Teacher

**D. Resignations/Retirements**

- 1 College Bound Facilitator
- 1 Adult Education Instructor

**E. Supplemental Service Agreements**

- 66 Teachers

**F. Miscellaneous Action**

- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 1 Cafeteria Assistant
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 0 Office Assistant II

**G. Limited Term – Project**

- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 1 Community Services Liaison I
- 20 Instructional Support Aide
- 4 Instructional Support Specialist I

**H. Limited Term-Substitute**

- 1 Administrative Secretary I
- 2 Custodian I
- 3 Instructional Support Specialist I

**I. Provisional**

- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Library Media Technician
- 1 Office Manager
- 1 Payroll Technician I

**J. Exempt**

- 0 None

**K. Students**

- 10 Migrant OWE Student
- 1 Student Helper
- 3 Workability Student

**L. Separations from Service**

- 1 Interpreter Tutor/Sign Language

**2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**

**2.3 Claims for Damages**

**2.4 3 Expulsions**

3.0 **Opening Ceremony – Meeting of the Board in Public – 6:30pm**

**3.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Nichols led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.2 Welcome by Board Vice President, Carol Roberts**

Trustees Roberto Garcia, Sharon Gray, Sandra Nichols, Carol Roberts, Evelyn Volpa, and Willie Yahiro; President Dan Hankemeier was absent.

Trustee Roberts welcomed everyone and thanked attendees for spending their Valentines' day with us.

**4.0 Approval of the Agenda**

Trustee Gray made the motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 (President Hankemeier absent).

**5.0 Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Casey recommended to the board to pull January 17 minutes from this meeting as further clarifications to the minutes needed to be made. Trustee Garcia motioned to remove January 17 minutes to present at a later Board meeting and to approve January 31 minutes. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 (President Hankemeier absent).

**6.0 SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND CONCERNS**

**6.1 Employee Organizations**

**PVFT** - None

**CSEA** - None

**PVAM** - None

**6.2 Student(s) Trustee Report**

J'nell Thomas, Aptos High School Student Trustee spoke about the current activities at Aptos High School. Reminded the Board about World Week, which is to take place next week. J'nell mentioned that there are some efforts to raise funds for earthquake victims in India. She noted that February 28 is Parent Week at Aptos. She invited all Board members to attend the World week event.

**6.3 Governing Board Comments**

Trustee Nichols stated that Trustee Gray and she attended the High School Exit Exam dinner. She welcomed anyone with questions about this dinner forum and commented on the sample questionnaire and stated that the questions were challenging. Adults sitting at her table were not able to come to a consensus on the right answer.

Roberto Garcia mentioned his attendance to the State Legislature, Public Hearing on Education in Sacramento on January 31; Mario Chacon, a leader in our community was also present. Focus was on helping students who are at risk. He apologized for not being present for closed session.

**6.4 President's Report**

**6.5 Zone Administrators' Reports**

Ylda Noguera – South Zone indicated that a group from WHS also attended the HS Exit Exam dinner. She invited all to go to the Spelling bee, on Monday, February 26 at the Mello Center. On

Feb 27 at 6 pm, the Master Plan facilities meeting at the career center in Watsonville High School will be held. She attended Ohlone school to listen to their report on findings.

Christine Quinn – North Zone, noted that Elementary School teachers came together to review reading goal A and recommend a consistent assessment tool to measure reading across all elementary schools. Their Spelling bee will take place on March 8 at 9 am at Bradley. She mentioned that there is preparation for the HS Exit Exam and SAT. Everyone is preparing for it to make sure our kids can meet the API target goals. The site council is planning on how to effectively spend API funds. Finally, she noted that they will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Aptos High long-range facilities plan meeting and hopes to continue the consensus on finishing Aptos High.

Catherine Hatch – Central Zone will be holding their Spelling Bee on March 1 at Lakeview 3:30 – 5 at the Gym. They held their Site Council Network meeting – nice results with a parent forum as they voiced their concerns. One of the parents wanted to find out how Calabazas School can have an after school program. Mr. Trautwein, Director of Extended Learning, is looking at this along with other possibilities. She referenced their Principal’s meeting stating their focus was on SAT9 readiness preparation. What is working? Much information of what was and what was not working was shared, which allowed everyone to become more excited. Central Zone Master Plan facilities meeting will be on Feb 27 at 4:30 – 6:00 in one of the AVI classrooms in the District Office. In regards to training for the equity teams in the district, Mrs. Hatch noted that all schools have turned in their equity team member list. The plan is to train around role policy and law; this will take place on March 27 from 4pm – 6pm. She mentioned that the District has submitted a letter of intent to the State Department for an Educational Tolerance Grant for staff development around hate crimes and all the “isms”. There is a grant to write to support the work that has been done.

## **6.6 Superintendent’s Report**

### **7.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Sylvia Previtali. She thanked the board for allowing her to speak this evening. She said she has been accused of making personal attacks, she suspects it is Trustee Yahiro. She proceeded to speak about Trustee Yahiro’s involvement w/upper Green Valley school site abandonment. She read from minutes of 4/2/92 Board meeting. She stated that since Trustee Yahiro carries health insurance for most of the growers in the area, or may be the head of a grower benefits umbrella organization, that means that many of the workers/laborers of the growers in our community have their children covered by Mr. Yahiro’s health insurance policies. Since the farmers and growers have formally opposed certain school sites as not being beneficial to their business operations, it appears to create a conflict of interest on the part of Trustee Yahiro and that he should abstain from voting on any school siting question. She spoke about a public speaker at a previous board meeting who represented the Latino Chamber of Commerce. She stated he was speaking only for himself. He reported to be an expert in education, but she learned that his certificate had been revoked. She encourages the board to not use consultant Maureen Hill. She asked the board to bring to the public an accounting of all expenditures on the 3<sup>rd</sup> HS, to use Alianza School as a temporary high school, and that the board consider other alternative sites to the Harkins Slough site.

### **8.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Action on Expulsion**

**00-01-35** A motion to approve the disciplinary action of suspended expulsion with placement at an alternative program and under a strict contract was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1 (Hankemeier absent).

- 00-01-40** A motion to approve the disciplinary action of full expulsion as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Yahiro. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1 (Hankemeier absent).
- 00-01-42** A motion to approve the disciplinary action of full expulsion as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Volpa. Trustee Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-1 (Garcia absent).
- 9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**  
A motion to approve Consent Agenda with the following changes was made by Trustee Volpa: Item 9.8 needs to include the additions, as presented on blue-sheet. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Dr. Casey clarified that item 9.4 was incorrectly indicated as a donation to Aptos Jr. High; it is for Aptos High School. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Hankemeier absent).
- 9.1 Purchase Orders**
- 9.2 Warrants**
- 9.3 To approve job description for Migrant Head Start Director.**
- 9.4 To approve Soccer Central donation of 22 Rolls of Astroturf to Aptos Jr. High, a value of \$24,000.**
- 9.5 To approve Jayne Hocomb's \$25.00 donation to Mar Vista Elementary School's Library.**
- 9.6 To approve a \$500.00 anonymous donation to Mar Vista Elementary School's Library.**
- 9.7 To approve a \$50.00 cash donation from Janet Blomquist to be used for Mar Vista's School's Library.**
- 9.8 Certificated/Classified Approval (See Closed Session agenda.)**
- 10.0 Deferred Consent Items**  
Board members had no deferred consent items to review.
- 11.0 ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION**
- 12.0 ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- 12.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Governing Team Norms.**  
Trustee Volpa motioned to approve the Norms and asked that they are placed on the wall in the Board room. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Hankemeier absent).
- 12.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution # 20-01-28: Update Authorization District Signatures on Record.**  
Trustee Gray motioned to approve this item; trustee Volpa seconded this motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Hankemeier absent).
- 12.3 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve appointment of Teachers Waivers.**

Trustee Volpa motioned to approve; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Hankemeier absent).

### 13.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

**13.1 February 28, 2001, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm Closed Session, 7:00pm Open Session, District Board Room, 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.**

**13.3 Study Session on Curriculum and Instruction: Date: February 20, 2001  
Location: District Office Conference Room C, Adult Ed; Times: 12 – 1:30 and 5 – 6:30**

Dr. Casey recommended to the board to please take an opportunity to have a dialogue about writing rubrics, work on preparation for SAT-9, changes to the Student Achievement Goals, as well as the promotion/retention policies.

**13.4 Board retreat – Effective Governing Workshop. Tentative Dates: Saturday, February 24, Saturday, March 3 and/or Wednesday February 21, Wednesday, March 7. Times: On Saturday – 9:00AM to 3:00PM; on Wednesday - 5:30PM to 8:30PM**

Dr Casey stated that he felt that the retreat topics needed to be continued and that we would benefit from having other retreats. He suggested a couple of dates. He asked for board's approval and suggestions. Trustee Garcia stated he is not available on Saturdays. However, he continued, as we did make a commitment to meet as a board, an opportunity to meet must be found. Dr. Casey noted and notified the board that we will try to set up another meeting on a Wednesday with dinner.

### 13.5 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas

Trustee Nichols requested a Board item to be placed on February 28 agenda to discuss District wide facilities; she mentioned classroom space and student capacity as a concern. Dr. Casey reminded board of procedures to place an item on the agenda. He mentioned that either a majority of the board must approve placing the item on the next agenda or that it must be first presented to the agenda committee who decides when it should be placed as an agenda item. Trustee Nichols stated that this information is overdue since November 2000 and that she wants to participate in the formulation of the Facilities Master Plan. Noting the upcoming Study Session on facilities, Trustee Yahiro reminded the Board that an entire night has been dedicated to this issue.

Trustee Garcia requested a comprehensive report from staff by end of March to have plenty of time to review.

Trustee Yahiro mentioned that the Board has already received information on space available at each school.

Trustee Volpa commented that the information Trustee Nichols is requesting is different from what has been received as she is asking about usage, not space.

Dr. Casey mentioned he would set a meeting with Trustee Nichols, Terry McHenry and himself to go over the issue and that once the date is set, other board members will be invited.

Mr. McHenry commented on the Master Facilities Plan, noting that they are still collecting data; they are projecting 3-5 years ahead. An assessment of each facility's current position is taking place. He noted that by March there should be a framework completed.

Trustee Nichols concluded this subject by stating that she is only asking for a very small portion of the Facilities Master Plan and not the entire facilities master plan.

Trustee Garcia requested a college prep study session for 7 – 12 grade, with qualitative data of past years to work with. It will help to include statistics of UC and CS university enrollment.

**14.0 Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Secretary