

**PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2001**

MINUTES

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

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

2.0 Closed Session

2.1 A. Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified

Promotions

- 1 Lead Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III

New Hires

- 1 Administrative Secretary I
- 1 Instructional Support Aide
- 2 Interim Administrators
- 1 Special Education Teacher
- 4 Substitute Teachers

Rehires

- 2 Preschool Teachers

Extra Pay Assignments

- 1 Secondary Teacher

Leave of Absences

- 1 Custodian II
- 2 Special Service Teachers
- 5 Elementary Teachers
- 3 Secondary Teachers
- 1 Migrant Education Teacher

2.0 Closed Session (continued)

Resignations/Retirements

0 None

Supplemental Service Agreements

19 Teachers

Miscellaneous Action

1 Instructional Support Specialist II

Limited Term - Project

13 Enrichment Specialist
10 Instructional Support Aide
2 Office Assistant I
1 Office Assistant II
1 Translator

Limited Term-Substitute

1 Cafeteria Assistant
1 Instructional Support Aide
0 Instructional Support Specialist I

Provisional

0 None

Exempt

1 School Crossing Guard
1 Special Projects - MEES
1 Special Projects - PUPILS
1 Yard Duty Supervisor

K. Students

13 Migrant OWE Students
2 Workability Students

Separations from Service

1 Instructional Support Specialist III

2.0 Closed Session (continued)

Non-Reelects

1 Elementary Teacher

Tenures

12 Secondary Teachers

6 Special Services Specialists

2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Non-reelection of Certificated Staff

2.3 Claims for Damages

2.4 Expulsions

5 Students

3.0 Opening Ceremony - Meeting of the Board in Public - 7:00 pm

Trustee Volpa called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Trustee Garcia.

3.2 Welcome by Board President

Present were Trustees Roberto Garcia, Sharon Gray, Sandra Nichols, Carol Roberts, Evelyn Volpa, Willie Yahiro, and President Dan Hankemeier.

4.0 Action on Closed Session

Action on Expulsions

00-01-45 A motion to approve the disciplinary action, full expulsion with conditions to be met for reentry to a District school under a strict contract, as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-47 A motion to approve the disciplinary action, suspended expulsion with a *strict* contract for placement back at the high school, as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Action on Closed Session (continued)

- 00-01-48 A motion to approve the disciplinary action, full expulsion with conditions to be met for reentry, as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.
- 00-01-49 A motion to approve the disciplinary action, full expulsion with conditions for reenrollment, as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.
- 00-01-51 A motion to approve the disciplinary action, for full expulsion with conditions to be met for return to a District school under a suspended expulsion contract, as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda leaving off item 13.4 was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Public Hearing: Final Draft Preliminary Endangerment Assessment for the Proposed Radcliff Elementary School Addition, Project 1224 and the Final Draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report for the Proposed Radcliff Elementary School Expansion, Project 1225.

President Hankemeier open the Public Hearing.

John McCann briefly gave background information on this item.

No comments from the Public.

President Hankemeier closed the Public Hearing.

7.0 Approval of Minutes

Trustee Volpa asked not to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2001 Regular Board Meeting and February 14, 2001 Regular Board Meeting as they need corrections and revisions. The Board agreed to pull them and resubmit them for approval at a later date.

8.0 Suggestions, Comments, and Concerns

8.1 Employee Organizations
8.0 Suggestions, Comments, and Concerns (continued)

PVFT - None
CSEA - None
PVAM - None

8.2 Student(s) Trustee Report

J'nell Thomas from Aptos High School distributed "Ship to Shore" newsletter to the Board members. She said the Freshman class recently took the high school exit exams and everything went smoothly. She stated that last week the school had Cowabunga which was really fun as there were over 100 female football players on each team and six male cheerleaders. She also said there was a large turnout for the football game, the dance was a big success, and there was a good turnout and a lot of energy for all of the activities that were going on throughout the week. She announced that the Spring musical is Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" on March 23 and 24, and March 29 through 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. She said that ASB president, Melissa Buron, represented the State of California in Washington as the number one delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program and Melissa Buron said that this was a neat opportunity and an awesome experience.

Ryan Roberts from Watsonville High School stated that 900 Freshmen seriously took the high school exit exams. He distributed flyers on Watsonville High School's play "Romeo and Juliet" on March 28 through March 31, April 4 through 7, and a matinee performance on April 8, and invited all to come and see the play. He said ASB elections are coming up and the school has decided to select a chairman group instead of one president as this will bring more people into leadership positions which the school is very proud of. He announced that the New York Model United Nations team is leaving next Monday and will get to meet with the Cuban delegation at the United Nations building. He invited the Board members to the Canta Sin Verguena on the fifth of May. He closed by saying that college acceptance letters are out and the Seniors are excited about that.

8.3 Governing Board Comments

Trustee Volpa announced that on March 1 through 4 Christine Amato-Quinn, a parent, and she went to Sacramento for a GATE conference given by the California Association for the Gifted. She said it was an incredibly informative conference and they brought back information to the *district GATE* committee.

Regarding vocational education, Trustee Volpa quoted from an article from the Coast Weekly in Monterey and said she will get a copy of the article to all Board members.

8.0 Suggestions, Comments, and Concerns (continued)

She said we need to get back and look at vocational education. She quoted statistics that over 50% of the jobs are short-term to moderate term training on the job; there are only 120 students in vocational education out of 5,000 seniors; and 50% of the students graduating don't go on to college. She ended by stating that we need to get on the mark on that.

8.4 President's Report

President Hankemeier stated that he too believes the District needs to pay more attention to vocational education.

8.5 Zone Administrators' Reports

South Zone - Ylda Noguera said that on March 5 the South Zone had their council meeting. She stated that parents are coming to the meetings and presenting concerns and issues that they discuss. This leads the council into further exploration of student achievement goals and what we are doing at each of our schools and as a zone to further develop academics. She reported Watsonville High School will be doing a training for parents on March 20 at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. with Joe Guzman that will focus on how parents can help their children succeed in school. She congratulated Watsonville High School on the wonderful job they did with the high school exit exam. She said the county spelling bee was last Sunday and in the 7th, 8th, and 9th category a student from E.A. Hall did place among all of the students.

North Zone - Christine Amato-Quinn said 565 students at Aptos High School took the high school exit exam and she gave a special thanks to Bobby Salazar, Juan Rosario and the custodial crew who made space in the gym, cafeteria and a classroom for this testing. She also thanked Dee Pretzer and Liz Modena for their guidance in making that work for all the students. She announced that March 8 was their spelling bee and *the* winner was from Rio Del Mar, Kate Carubo, and the *county's* first place winner was Ethan Estes. She said that at the county spelling bee on Sunday, Amanda Montoy, an Aptos Junior High student, placed in the spelling bee. She stated it was really fun and exciting. She reported that the reading task force met for the second time today and the North Zone is looking at a consistent reading measure that will drive instruction for all elementary schools. She stated it is a great energizing group and all agree that the schools need to have a consistent tool based on the research. She said they will be meeting a couple more times and then will have that for implementation next year. She further said they are being proactive around how schools can understand API scores and how they can increase them. She announced that on March 29 at Rio Del Mar the North Zone Advisory Council is sponsoring a workshop with Jim Cox to look at scores,

8.0 Suggestions, Comments, and Concerns (continued)

analyze the data, the different quadrants compared to the other 100 schools so that the schools can be proactive and increase similar school ranking for all the North Zone. She invited all to this informative meeting.

Central Zone - Catherine Hatch said the Central Zone had their local spelling bee on March 1 at Lakeview Middle School. She thanked Sharon Gray, Willie Yahiro, Sandra Nichols, Carol Roberts, and everyone who came and helped out. She said four kids were local champs: Leticia Flores (grade 8) and Andrea Leon (grade 6) from Lakeview, Deanna Salazar (grade 4) from Starlight, and Josue Ortiz (grade 5) from Amesti. She thanked both the *Pajaronian* and the *Sentinel* for their nice coverage and support. She stated that at the Central Zone Site Council Network on April 2 a panel will come and speak to all of the parents on what are some of the parent education programs available in the District. She invited everyone to join them at Freedom School at 6:30 p.m. She stated that on the news this week Amesti School had a great report on their peace coaches, a program supported through PVPSA. She said that on March 27 at Starlight School from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. there will be a training of 148 members of the District Equity teams across our school sites. She stated a design team met on Monday to plan a fun workshop. She announced that Renaissance High School had ten students taking the high school exit exams.

8.6 Superintendent's Report

- Watsonville City Council and our Coastal Development Permit
- Coastal Commission Hearing

Dr. Casey was absent due to illness. Terry McHenry brought the Board up to date on the progress of the third high school. He said the application for the Coastal Development permit has been submitted to the City and the District wants to get the completed application to the City Council by the end of May. He stated that assuming that occurs, then the District anticipates an appeal to the Coastal Commission which should occur by August. He said he has been meeting not only with the city and county but also commission staff to review the status of the project so everyone knows where we are going and to identify any issues. He further said our target is to look for a permit by the end of May, Coastal Commission approval by August, and everything at this point is still on track.

9.0 Visitor Non-Agenda Items

Tim Moore - quoted from an article in the *San Jose Mercury* on Alum Rock District in San

9.0 Visitor Non-Agenda Items (continued)

Jose where the superintendent decided to approach the low performers in a different way - he will be going after administrators and teachers. He said eighteen schools scored an API of 1 or 2 and the average was 1.3. He stated that after ten years of observing this District, it is time to request formally that the three trustees that have not faced the problems in this District resigned from the Board as they have not done anything to improve the District.

Sylvia Previtali - spoke about the third high school and the fact that the City of Watsonville gave the District a letter stating that they did not complete all documentation required. On vocational schools she stated that they are a great idea and we need to further explore those possibilities. She continued to comment about the third high school and noted the word "trust" is in the name trustees. She stated that it is the Board's job to make sure that campuses are safe for the children and not overcrowded.

Rodney Brooks - regarding the third high school said that at the Board's last meeting soils were discussed and if any of the public had the opportunity to read the background materials, it was better than a sleeping pill. He said it was boring. He stated there was a piece of that discussion that was implied last meeting but not stated. He said the science that was used to study that piece of ground shows that that is a safe site for a school building. He further said there are no concerns that are not mitigated in that report. He ended by saying that there are people in the community who have made statements about the soils based upon what they feel and not based upon science.

Ryan Roberts - stated he is a student at Watsonville High School with a sister at Aptos High School who he picks up often. He said the only time he and his sister feel unsafe at Aptos High School is due to inadequate parking and traffic procedures at that school. He stated that between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. it is a mess. He said in his four years at Watsonville High School the only time he felt unsafe was when the golf carts that the campus supervisors drive zip around there. He stated that as far as the third high school being safe, he highly promotes it and science teachers at Watsonville High School are planning to do some biological studies there and map out the ground. He further stated that every time they have gone there, they have felt perfectly safe.

10.0 Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the deference of 10.1 and with blue sheeted changes was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.

10.0 Consent Agenda (continued)

10.1 Purchase Orders

The Purchase Orders will be available for preview in the Superintendent's Office.

10.2 Warrants

The warrants will be available in the Superintendent's Office.

10.3 Approve donation of books, badge making machine and stenograph for the Pacific Coast Charter School; approximate value of \$300,000.

10.4 Approve Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program - Notification of Intent to Participate, Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

10.5 Approve revisions to the retention/promotion policy.

10.6 Approve District Librarian Job Description.

10.7 Approve Science Standards.

10.8 Approve Governing Team Norms.

10.9 Certificated/Classified Approval (See Closed Session agenda).

11.0 Deferred Consent Items

10.1 Purchase Orders

Trustee Gray registered concern and a no vote on C11215. She stated this is a bill on the clam shell which was closed by the Fire Marshall, Gary Smith, as unsafe prior to the administration of the high school exit exam at Aptos High School. She said this is an \$11,585 expense for a walkway connected with the clam shell and she does not want to put any more of the District's money into this.

Terry McHenry stated that initially the District is trying to provide interim housing for modernization projects. He said that working with the school administrators, it was decided two years ago to use the clam shell as interim housing. He further said that as the District scheduled the move of the clam shell to Aptos High School, questions were raised as to the levelness of the site, as Aptos High School wanted the site level for the shell to sit on, and part of the last cost was for that. He stated they also decided to utilize the wood floors so the floors were moved. He said that in terms of the safety of the facility, the clam shell itself is a safe building and the question is whether it has been certified by the state. He explained the District met all of Aptos Fire Department's conditions and concerns regarding fire safety and the question they had was in terms of the structure - whether it had approvals. He stated that at this point it didn't because the District hadn't gone through the DSA process for a temporary building and the District has agreed to go through the DSA process. He said it has been submitted,

11.0 Deferred Consent Items (continued)

they've done an initial review, and have asked for more details on it. He stated that as far as structure, the District doesn't anticipate any problem with that and the District will not use that for students until it gets a DSA final sign off that it is structurally safe. He said it should be approved within a couple of weeks and if the Board doesn't approve this purchase order, the District cannot use the clam shell. He explained that the walkway expense has also been to meet ADA requirements.

After an extensive discussion a motion was made to approve item 10.1 by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 3 (Trustee Gray, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Volpa voted 3 conditional yeses but a no on item C11215).

Sylvia Previtali said she learned from the DSA that this building is not approved and it is not earthquake proof.

12.0 Items for Report and Discussion

12.1 March School Attendance Awareness Month.

Ron Kinninger said March is School Attendance Awareness Month and that all of what we do in education starts with having the children in school. He stated tonight we have two distinguished guests who would like to make proclamations presented to the Board of Trustees and it's showing the support from the community, both the city and the county. He introduced Jenny Sarmiento, aide to Supervisor Tony Campos and, Chuck Carter, Mayor of Watsonville.

12.1a Acceptance of proclamations in support of School Attendance Awareness month from the County Board of Supervisors and the Watsonville City Council.

Jenny Sarmiento, representing Supervisor Tony Campos, stated that Mr. Campos regrets not being here personally to present this to you because he is definitely a strong supporter of education. She thanked, on behalf of Supervisor Campos, the teachers, counselors, administrators, attendance supervisors, as well as the parents and community people who make sure that students attend school and get an education.

Chuck Carter, Mayor of Watsonville, speaking on behalf of the City Council, thanked the Board for the opportunity to be here tonight. He said he was

12.0 Items for Report and Discussion (continued)

happy to bring this proclamation from the City Council declaring or proclaiming this month as School Attendance Awareness as it acknowledges the importance of regular school attendance on the part of the students. He stated there is a phrase in the proclamation about groups and the community working together with the school district, that really contributes to successful education - local government, the city, the county, law enforcement, and community based organizations. He told the Board how proud the City Council was of the collaborative arrangement that they've had through the years including working on the third high school, PVPSA, police officers on campus, and all the other programs. He said we have a commitment to continuing that and having said that he presented the Board with the proclamation.

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action

Trustee Volpa made a motion to move item 13.2 to before 13.1. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gray. The motion passed unanimously.

13.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Calendar for 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04.

Clem Donaldson stated that the calendar committee is a function of the PVFT contract. He explained that every two years the committee comes together to set the student calendar for the coming year. He said the committee has met five times, considered a number of issues, and basically used a consensus model to come to its decision. He further said the committee brings these recommendations to the Board of Trustees as the student calendar is a negotiable agreement between the bargaining unit and the District. He stated that the committee structured a process that allows input from the three zone administrators, both at District and at the site level, as well as parents on those committees in those areas. He introduced the members of the committee so they could be greeted and their work acknowledged. He stated the work of these people was tremendous and the three main issues they dealt with were: end of first semester, length of the winter break, and the location of the spring break.

Jose Banda addressed issue number one, end of first semester, by saying that this came down to what's going to be best for kids. He said that in terms of Watsonville students, he felt they are a mobile group and the committee felt it was key to end the first semester prior to the beginning of the winter break.

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action (continued)

Bob Rosengard, teacher, said this system works a lot better for the student and the teacher as it gives teachers a longer period to switch to a new semester. Also he said that if there is a student who needs a change of placement, the grades are in and this gives the counselors a chance to change the student's schedule. He stated this intercession also gives students a chance to get caught up or repeat.

Dan Hernandez speaking on issue number two, length of the winter break, said one of the things the committee did have consensus on is the four week winter break. He stated the committee found out if they extend it that extra week, the District can recover up to \$160,000 in ADA. He explained that now we have an opportunity to prepare and to enhance our winter institute and it is up to the sites to promote this.

Catalina Martinez, President of the Migrant Parent Association, said she would like to ask the School Board members who are making the decision to please use your minds and your hearts. She stated all of us that are involved in education are concerned primarily with the students. She asked the Board, as a representative of the migrant parent community where the parents need to go back to Mexico during the winter time, to please consider the needs of our students as you're making this decision.

Faris Sabbah, Director of Migrant Education, stated that after sharing their opinions the committee asked what kind of data was needed to make an appropriate decision. He said the committee gathered the data and talked about implications of the data before making proposals. He stated they looked at teacher surveys done by the teacher's union, discussed research on how students lose their ability to learn if their winter break is too long, impact on winter institute, ADA, and data on migrant students.

Dan Young discussed issue number three, the location of the spring break. He said this was a non-adversarial environment and the committee got things done. He stated spring break was tied to Easter break because so many parents keep their students out on Good Friday and the school loses ADA money.

Roland Hedgpeth stated he has seen good evidence for ending the semester before the break.

Clem Donaldson summarized the decision points: 1) the first semester for each school year be completed before winter break; 2) that the winter break be four weeks in length; and 3) that spring break be attached to Easter and that it fall

either before or after Easter. He said the committee took a look at information

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action (continued)

regarding test patterns, length of the first and second semesters, Thanksgiving break, and Presidents' holidays. He stated the schedule was structured so that the last student day of the year would fall on Friday to facilitate graduation and finals. He ended by saying this recommendation is for a traditional three year series of calendars.

Juan-Carlos Fonseca congratulated Mr. Donaldson and all the people on the committee and said he is dedicated to the students and not to vacations. He stated we need to raise our test scores, more time to teach, and to maximize our teaching time. He said the idea for a Christmas or winter institute is a fantastic idea but he would take it one step further: any student below a C or D grade, it would be mandatory that that student attend the winter institute. He stated he would like to see Christmas cut by a little bit and added on to the Easter break as this gives teachers a breathing space. He also said he would like to see a continuation of our great summer school program. He ended by saying the new schedule looks good, has a lot of potential, and maybe the calendar should be reassessed after one year. He stated he strongly recommends ending the semester before Christmas.

Ron Airey said he disapproves because the break is too long. He asked "What are you going to do with the kids that don't need extra help? Are you going to offer advanced classes, AP classes during winter break, or just for a special group?" He stated the District should go back to two weeks as Santa Cruz just has two weeks. He said he doesn't agree with it and it shouldn't happen. He asked why parents weren't surveyed.

Mark McLaughlin stated there is compromise in the act of give and take. He said he would like to see a two week break instead of three and a half weeks which he said is actually a four and one-half week break. He stated we are taking this time off because of ADA money and said don't sell out our children's future for this year's budget. He asked the District to look at the other students in Santa Cruz County and Monterey County and compare their API scores. He said if it's student achievement, let's go for a two week break. He stated the Board has to think of unity. He further said we will have monetary issues come up soon, bond issues and the parents, the voters are going to look to the Board tonight and say, how did they compromise. He stated if a bond passes, I want all the money to go to my child's school, but in the spirit of compromise I realize it has to be distributed district-wide in fairness, in need. He further stated if he sees the Board tonight responding just to the desires of one vocal group, a powerful group, how are they going to think that it was in the spirit of compromise? He urged the

Board to vote no and show that they represent all of the parents. He ended by saying the Board is a voice for all the parents, not just one group.

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action (continued)

Mas Hashimoto congratulated Clem Donaldson on a job well done. He said when the District first came up with this calendar years ago, there were five things that were important: 1) it had to be educationally sound, 2) reducing costs, 3) increase ADA funds; 4) benefit to teachers; and 5) intersession. He stated the sixth item he could add has to do with parents - parents like it because they can take their entire family on vacation during January for a reasonable cost. He said this calendar was submitted to a vote of the parents - this calendar won. He ended by saying it is a good calendar.

Ray Matteis, parent of students in junior high and high school, said he had a couple of quick questions for the Board. "Why is it 42% of students dictate what the other 58% are doing for their time?" He said for the 42% the Board is putting the other 58% into something that the parents don't want and students don't want. He stated in terms of money, so far the Board has wasted \$8 million dollars on the new high school and you are losing \$100,000 per year over these students over this two weeks. He asked "How much of that money that the Board has wasted would it take to make up the difference?" He said he was not impressed with the Board and he is not at all in favor of the schedule.

Lisa Burgstrom said she was concerned with a four week winter break. She stated that as she was listening to the arguments that students were never one of the issues and she doesn't think students benefit from a four week break as they lose track of everything. She said she has two children and they forget everything in a few days. She further said four weeks is ridiculous. She stated the speakers were talking about winter institute, how students of poor achievement should be attending these things and need it to get ahead, and at the same time she said she heard that students in the South Zone need it to go on their breaks. She asked "How are they getting those students into the winter institute, then?" She said we are also talking about a \$160,000 revenue loss; not a big deal as we are spending it all on the clam shell, and we are not even sure we will be able to use it ever for anything. She stated this is a disaster and asked the Board to reconsider. She ended by saying that North County has working parents and it is a huge, huge problem for them to get daycare.

Roseanne Prevost-Morgan, parent of a high schooler, said she really wanted to keep her child out of drugs, out of trouble, off the streets, and busy and productive. She further said she didn't want him hanging out for four whole weeks during the winter break. She stated this is ridiculous. She said the speaker before her told her to speak from the heart and show some emotion. She further

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action (continued)

said she wanted to say the word “hate” this break is not too strong and she wanted all the Board to know that she has been struggling with this year after year, and it’s really a problem for her. She stated she is a single parent who works hard, she’s hand to mouth, and it’s a big, big problem. She ended by saying if the Board could really feel that in their hearts, she would appreciate it.

Ron Airey asked “Where are you getting the teachers for the winter institute? Why can’t the regular school year begin? He said that they keep getting students at Aptos because the Board keeps moving the boundary lines and pretty soon it is all going to be Aptos. He stated he was really mad about the way the Board is doing things. He was upset that parents didn’t even get to vote on the four week calendar and it was just laid on them.

After a very extensive discussion a motion to approve Calendar for 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04 was made by Trustee Yahiro. The motion was seconded by Trustee Garcia. The motion passed with a vote of 4-3 (Trustee Gray, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Volpa voted no).

13.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Bilingual Waiver 4-5 textbooks. First Reading.

Ray Blute said he was there to bring to the Board a first reading for an adoption of a Spanish language arts textbook for grades 4-5 and that it is for bilingual classes. He stated there are 800 4-5 students across the District in 28 classrooms. He said the committee met on numerous occasions with textbook publishers, looked through the textbooks methodically, were impressed by the Latin-American authors, and the literature presented. He said that they are trying to provide the resources to have students achieve the student achievement goals and if the District is expecting to achieve Goal A, they need better textbooks.

A motion to approve Bilingual Waiver 4-5 textbooks, first reading, was made by Trustee Yahiro. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nichols. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2 (Trustee Volpa and Trustee Gray voted no).

13.3 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve possible lease amendment at the District Office.

Terry McHenry said that this refers to two of our categorical programs: Migrant

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action (continued)

Head Start and after school extended year programs. He stated the two groups are contributing to the constructions cost of the modifications necessary and assuming the responsibility for their lease and they can fully cover the cost of renovations and the cost of their lease. He said the District is proposing a lease amendment to add some 8,000 square feet on the second floor to be paid for by the two categorical programs and this cost is currently built into the MHS budget. He stated the lease is good for ten years and if the District didn't need the space, they can sublease it back to the owner or sublease it themselves.

A motion to approve possible lease amendment at the District Office was made by Trustee Yahiro. The motion was seconded by Trustee Garcia. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2 (Trustee Gray and Trustee Volpa voted no).

13.4 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve change in bylaws on election of officers.

Item pulled from the agenda.

13.5 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve second interim report.

A motion to approve second interim report was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.

13.6 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Preliminary Environment Assessments (PEA).

Terry McHenry said we have two parts of the Radcliff project: 1) the current school site plus the parking lot that we sold to the city is called the addition; and 2) the eight parcels that were purchased are called the expansion. He stated they are dealing with them separately because they have different kinds of issues.

13.6a Resolution #20-01-30: To approve final draft of PEA report for proposed Radcliff Elementary School Addition.

A motion to approve final draft of PEA report for proposed Radcliff Elementary School addition was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action (continued)

13.6b Resolution #20-01-31: To approve final draft of PEA report for proposed Radcliff Elementary School Expansion.

A motion to approve final draft of PEA report for proposed Radcliff Elementary School Expansion was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.

13.7 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve STAR program policies. First Reading.

A motion to approve STAR program policies, first reading, was made by Trustee Gray. The motion was seconded by Trustee Volpa. The motion passed unanimously.

14.0 Upcoming Board Meetings

14.1 March 21, 2001, Facilities Study Session, 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Board Room.

Sylvia Previtali thanked Dr. Casey for allowing discussion on Alianza High School to be turned into a satellite of Watsonville High School or a temporary high school on the agenda at your study session on facilities next week. Also thanked him for putting the Bergstrom property offer for a high school and methyl bromide use around Harkins Sough site and other school sites on the agenda. She said she hoped it would be publicized as she thinks it will be an important study session. She also hoped that people would come to the meeting and speak.

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

14.3 April 10, Optional Study Session on College Preparation - Superintendent's Office. Two sessions: 12 - 1:30 and 5 - 6:30. Lunch will be offered in the early session; cookies, tea and coffee will be available in the evening session.

14.4 May 2, Effective Governing Workshop - District office, Conference Room C, Adult Education, 5 - 8:30.

14.5 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas

15.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.

Secretary