

APRIL 25, 2001
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

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

1.0 Opening Ceremony

1.1 Call to Order

Vice President/Clerk Carol Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the District Office at 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

1.2 Public Comments on Closed Sessions Items

None

2.0 Closed Session

2.1 A. Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified Promotions

- 1 Administrative Secretary IV
- 1 Data Entry Specialist

Administrative

- 1 Interim Assistant Principal

New Hires

- 1 Bus Driver
- 1 Cafeteria Assistant
- 1 Food Services Supervisor
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist I
- 2 Office Assistant I
- 1 School Site Network Technician
- 1 Elementary Teacher
- 1 College Bound Facilitator
- 2 Substitute Teachers

Rehires

- 39 Migrant Head Start Teachers
- 2 Substitute Teacher

Additional Assignments

- 3 Teachers on Special Assignment

B. Extra Pay Assignments

- 0 None

C. Leave of Absences

- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Office Assistant II

Leaves of Absences for 2000-2001

- 3 Elementary Teachers

2 Special Service Specialists
4 Secondary Teachers

D. Denied Leave of Absences

0 None

E. Resignations/Retirements

1 Elementary Teacher
2 Special Service Specialists
1 Adult Education Teacher
5 Elementary Teachers
1 Secondary Teacher
1 Special Service Specialist
1 Adult Education Teacher

F. Supplemental Pay

11 Teachers

G. Miscellaneous Action

1 Director of Transportation
1 Groundskeeper II
1 Lead Custodian II

H. Limited Term – Project

1 Administrative Secretary I
1 Administrative Secretary II
1 Data Entry Specialist
1 Guided Resource Technician
7 Instructional Support Aide
1 Instructional Support Specialist I
16 Instructional Support Specialist II
6 Instructional Support Specialist III
4 Office Assistant II
1 Registration Specialist I

I. Limited Term-Substitute

1 Cafeteria Assistant
1 Custodian I
2 Groundskeeper I
1 Instructional Support Specialist I
1 Office Assistant II

J. Provisional

1 Instructional Support Aide
1 Instructional Support Specialist II
2 Office Assistant II

K. Exempt

15 Special Projects-PUPILS
1 Yard Duty Supervisor

- L. Students**
 - 3 Migrant OWE Student

- M. Separations from Service**
 - 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
 - 1 Office Assistant II

2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

None

2.3 Claims for Damages

2.4 Expulsions

5 Students

3.0 Opening Ceremony

President Hankemeier called the meeting of the Board in public to order at 7:05 pm.

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Willie Yahiro Lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.2 Welcome by Board President

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

4.0 Action on Closed Session

Trustee Gray moved to reject claim from *Unigard Insurance Company (Sumir Eid, In Re) v. Pajaro Valley USD*. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

Action on Expulsions

00-01-64 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-65 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-70 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-71 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

00-01-72 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Yahiro moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

A move to approve the minutes for March 14, 2001 and March 28, 2001 with a few corrections to their form was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 Students of the Week

The Board honored the following Students of the Week:

Erin Loftin of Aptos High School

Carlos Barba of Ann Soldo Elementary School

Gonzalo Ortiz of H.A. Hyde Elementary School

8.0 Suggestions, Comments, and Concerns

8.1 Employee Organizations

A. PVFT

Rhea de Hart, field representative, spoke about the approaching Black and Gold celebration to honor former Watsonville High School graduates. She commented on the upcoming Career Fair.

B. CSEA

Dennis Carter, President of CSEA, spoke about the approaching CFIRE negotiations.

C. PVAM

None.

8.2 Student(s) Trustee Report

J'nell Thomas from Aptos High School reported about the ASB student elections and its new format, the night rally, and the coming Cinco de Mayo and club assembly. She reported that the AHS choir is in Washington, D.C. representing California in the National Choir Festival.

Ryan Roberts from Watsonville High School reported about the ASB and their upcoming class elections, about the new "block scheduling" for WHS students, about the preparations for the Cinco de Mayo celebration, and about the prom.

8.3 Governing Board Comments

Trustee Volpa spoke about her support for bilingual education.

Trustee Nichols commented positively about the safe roads to schools. She spoke about the migrant program effort to improve coordination between our schools and schools in Mexico; she reported about a visit made to the Porter building and its lighting problems which are being resolved. She further commented about three different meetings she had attended and how they had a common agenda item related to pesticides. Concluding, she spoke about her support for the anti-harassment program “Don’t Laugh at Me.”

Trustee Garcia commented about the Radcliff School and the need to clean up the glass that was broken in that campus; he addressed and clarified a concern previously brought up by a member of the community regarding his permanent residence at 58 Oakridge St. stating that it was indeed his place of residence.

Trustee Roberts thanked the calendar committee for revisiting the traditional year calendar item.

Trustee Yahiro congratulated Grace Pattino, who was honored by the California Chamber of Commerce as Teacher of the Year.

8.4 President’s Report

President Hankemeier complimented Aptos High School on their Choir’s achievement.

8.5 Zone Administrator’s Report

Ylda Nogueta, South Zone administrator, informed the board of the upcoming Ohlone School action plan meeting, Hall Elementary School parent meeting, and the South Zone Council Network meeting.

Christine Amato-Quinn, North Zone administrator, spoke about increasing healthy choices for students, the intention of implementing the “Don’t Laugh at Me” program at Valencia School, and the upcoming open houses.

Catherine Hatch, Central Zone administrator, spoke about their Zone meetings the open houses, the approaching graduations of the traditional, year-round, and alternative schools, and the Gay Youth Award Ceremony where a student, Zachary Davenport, will be an award recipient.

8.6 Superintendent’s Report

None

9.0 Visitor Non-Agenda Item

Keely Floegel, PVUSD teacher, spoke about Children's Day and gave brief background information about the activities surrounding the Week of the Child. She commented on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the New Community Center and introduced Joshua Figueroa, who won a drawing competition for the new center.

Karin Wigren, PVUSD Teacher, spoke about the accomplishments of Joshua Figueroa and how he has become a role model for Alianza students.

Joshua Figueroa, Alianza student, spoke about the meaning of his artwork for him.

Rodney Brooks, member of the community, spoke about the sadness the previous board meeting left in him, and his support for the third high school.

Tim Moore, member of the community, commented negatively about an article in the Register Pajaronian showing Alianza School students decorating grocery bags, and his understanding about the SAT-9 scores at Alianza for 1999-2000. He asked the board to consider placing a formal board meeting item to discuss the scores.

Sylvia Previtali, member of the community, spoke about her feelings of distress after each board meeting; her concern for the NMHS project invoices; and her support for trustee Nichols.

10.0 Consent Agenda

Trustee Gray moved to approve consent agenda with the following changes: removal from item 10.1 of Purchase Order # 105768, as individual receiving pay under this PO is no longer working for the district, and additions to item 10.5 as blue sheeted: 40 rehires, 8 resignations, and 6 teachers' supplemental pay. Trustee Yahiro seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

10.1 Purchase Orders dated April 4, 2001 to April 18, 2001

10.2 Warrants

10.3 Approve lease of 10 relocatable classrooms for Watsonville High School.

10.4 Approve Block Grants.

10.5 Certificated/Classified Approval (See Closed Session agenda)

11.0 Deferred Consent Items

None.

12.0 Items for Report and Discussion

12.1 Report and Discussion on Peer Assistance and Review (PAR)

Clem Donaldson, spoke about the Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program.

Rhea de Hart, PVFT field representative, spoke about her support for the program and the partnerships that have been developed in the past decade, including the Union, and the New Teacher Project. She commented on the revisions of the teacher evaluation program. She spoke of the three intents as the PAR program was developed: (1) that the plan be developed collaboratively; (2) that members involved were of a voluntary strand of new teachers and teachers with new assignments; and (3) that all involved had to have training. She noted that this exceptional program has been developed because of the relationship the district has had with UCSC.

Clem distributed a binder with information about PAR for the board to review, including the trust agreement. He gave the board an overhead presentation of PAR's established processes addressing the role of the Governance Panel, a support group; the Consulting Teacher, a training group; and the Referring Administrator. He addressed the Consulting Teacher's interaction with the Board of Trustees.

12.2 Report and Discussion on Reestablishing Trustee Areas

Terry McHenry addressed the adjustments of Trustee Boundaries areas and the legal requirements which need to be completed by March 2002. He spoke about the items needed, a map of the program, a map with trustee areas, a map with census tracts, and census data. He addressed the process for establishing the boundaries. In the brief discussion that followed Trustee Gray suggested that the unknown costs of this reestablishment might be avoided and a sense of unity brought to the district if the board went back to electing trustees at large. She asked staff to check it out. Dr. Casey recommended that the process for completing this task be addressed during goal-setting efforts fro the 2001-02 school year. Trustee Nichols distributed information for staff and for distribution to all trustees.

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action

13.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve changes to traditional year calendar.

Dr. Casey spoke about the proposed changes to the length of winter break in the Traditional year calendar for 2001-2002; he stated that the reason for revisiting the decision made on March 28 was due to voiced concerns from some community members, teachers, and staff. The change would also benefit the length of the summer by extending it one week. He suggested that the 3-week break be limited to one to allow the issue to be revisited. He addressed the first semester's length and recommended that no changes be made to its previously approved format (ending semester before winter break). He stated that a Winter

Institute would be held with the three-week winter break, and that it would be 8 days long.

Roseanne Provost-Morgan, parent, spoke in support for a two-week winter break.

Rhea de Hart, union field representative, spoke in support of the four-week winter break to the calendar. She addressed the Winter Intersession and the positive response from the community.

Mark McLaughlin, parent, addressed the migrant program and the requirement to be in this category and his support for a two week winter break.

Dan Hernandez, community member, spoke in support of the doing “what is right.”

Susan Solano, parent and North Zone representative, spoke about the lack of information going out to parents regarding the programs offered by the district, such as winter institute.

After an extended discussion by trustees, President Hankemeier moved to approve the calendar with the change of making it for three years (2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04) instead of the proposed one year. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed 5-2 (Gray, Volpa)-0. (Trustee Gray questioned this item, as it would make the board seem weak by re-voting on an issue.)

13.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve year round calendar for 2001-01.

Clem Donaldson explained the proposed year round calendar: it proposes common SBC days; tracks end at different days, and winter break is only one week and two days.

Trustee Yahiro noted that the YR calendar provides the childcare problem that has been expressed to exist within the traditional calendar.

After a brief discussion by Trustees, Trustee Gray moved to approve the calendar. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Trustee Volpa left board meeting at 9:50pm.)

13.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve resolution # 20-01-33, in the matter of selection of architects for construction and modernization projects.

Terry McHenry gave the board a presentation on selection of architects and related professionals. He spoke about the professional services required, education code 4525 (to get 1A funds). He stated that the government code process for selection of professionals includes demonstrated competence, qualifications, and fair and reasonable price. Resolution uses these criteria for the selection of architects and related professionals.

Sylvia Previtali – spoke about her concern about the language in the resolution, and the lack of involvement from the community in the selection process. Suggested to bring in experts from our own community to enhance the resolution.

Trustee Gray and Trustee Nichols voiced their concern about the lack of information provided in the back up to fully understand this issue. Terry offered to provide information of the government code and Senate bill 50 on the following Friday Update.

After a moderate discussion, the item was withdrawn to be presented at the next board meeting.

13.4 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Watsonville High School Courses.

Larry Lane, Assistant Principal at Watsonville High School, spoke briefly about two of the new course proposals: Biotechnology and Anatomy/Physiology.

Mr. Jacob Russo – Biotechnical teacher at Watsonville High School spoke excitedly about his efforts to put together this program and the future plans to work with MESA to further enhance its potential.

Sylvia Previtali, community member, spoke in support to the Digital Media Arts course.

After a brief informational discussion, a move to approve the First Reading of the three new high school courses as presented was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Trustee Volpa was absent.).

13.5 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Textbooks for Watsonville High School.

Trustee Gray move to move to approve the First Reading on the textbooks, Comparative Politics Today and Molecular Biology Made Simple and Fun, for Watsonville High School. Trustee Roberts seconded the move. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Trustee Volpa was absent.).

14.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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

14.2 May 9, 2001, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm Closed Session,7:00pm Open Session, District Board Room, 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

14.3 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas

Trustee Garcia suggested an update on the College Preparatory study session held on 4/10/01. Trustee Garcia requested that a draft action plan (with time frame) be submitted to the board by July 1001.

15.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Secretary