

**May 23, 2001
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES

Rolling Hills School
Multi Purpose Room

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

1.1 Call to Order

Vice President Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the multi-purpose room at Rolling Hills Middle School, 130 Herman Road, Watsonville.

1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

None.

2.0 Closed Session

2.1

A Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified

New Hires

- 2 Elementary Teachers
- 1 Secondary Teacher
- 1 Substitute Teacher
- 1 Secondary Assistant Principal
- 1 Elementary Principal
- 3 Substitute Teachers

Rehires

- 1 Preschool Teacher
- 1 Elementary Teacher

Permanent Appointments

- 1 Administrative Secretary
- 1 Office Assistant II

B Extra Pay Assignment

- 0 None

C Leave of Absences

- 3 Elementary Teachers
- 2 Secondary Teachers
- 1 Accounting Technician
- 2 Bus Drivers

- 1 Cafeteria Cook/Baker
- 1 Campus Safety Coordinator
- 1 Office Assistant II
- 1 Registrar
- 4 Elementary Teachers
- 3 Secondary Teachers
- D Denied Leave of Absences**
 - 0 None
- E Resignations/Retirements**
 - 1 Secondary Teacher
 - 1 Elementary Teacher
 - 2 Secondary Teachers
 - 1 Elementary Teacher
- F Supplemental Pay**
 - 5 Teachers

- G Miscellaneous Action**
 - 1 Office Manager
 - 1 Payroll Technician
- H Limited Term – Project**
 - 1 Cafeteria Cook/Baker
 - 1 Custodian I
 - 2 Instructional Support Aide
 - 1 Office Assistant I
 - 3 Office Assistant II
 - 1 Office Manager
 - 3 Registration Specialist I
 - 1 Registration Specialist II
- I Limited Term - Substitute**
 - 1 Administrative Secretary II
 - 1 Custodian I
 - 10 Instructional Support Aide
- J Provisional**
 - 1 Human Resources Technician
 - 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
 - 3 Office Assistant II

K Exempt

- 5 Instructional Support Aide – MEES
- 6 Special Projects- PUPILS
- 1 Yard Duty Supervisor

L Students

- 1 Migrant OWE Student
- 1 Student Helper

M Separation from Service

- 1 Administrative Secretary I
- 1 Bus Driver
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist I
- 1 Office Assistant II

N Non-Reelects

- 0 None

O Tenures

- 2 Secondary Teacher

P Rescinds

- 2 Elementary Teachers
- 3 Secondary Teachers

2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

2.3 Claims for Damages

2.4 Expulsions
3 Students

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

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

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Yahiro led 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 Dan Hankemeier were present. Trustee Gray left the meeting at 11:15 pm.

4.0 Action on Closed Session

Action on Expulsions

00-01-76

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.

00-01-77 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.

00-01-78 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Yahiro seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

A move to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Nichols. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

A move to approve the minutes for May 9, 2001 was made by Trustee Nichols. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed 6-1 (Trustee Volpa was absent for that meeting).

7.0 Students of the Week:

The Board honored the following Students of the Week:

Rene Hernandez – Amesti School

Natalie Spain – Aptos Junior High

Jennifer Kimura – MacQuiddy School

8.0 Suggestions, Comments, and Concerns

8.1 Employee Organizations

A. PVFT

Carol Savino, President, welcomed all and thanked everyone for their interested in our community. She said she appreciates the courage of the Board members, Fred Keeley, Henry Mello, and Dr. John Casey. She encouraged all to go forward and make this project happen.

B. CSEA

None

C. PVAM

Bob Rasmussen, President, commented about this community's struggles when they had to move to Aptos High School to relieve overcrowding at Watsonville High School, and the need to provide a stable attendance expectation for Freedom area students.

8.2 Student(s) Trustee Report

J'nell Thomas, student trustee for Aptos High School, spoke about the end of the year activities, the golden state exams in math and science, the upcoming prom, the senior trip to Disneyland, and Aptos production of Cabaret Café. She announced the valedictorians Allison Miller and Steven Mosley, who are both national merit scholars. She congratulated 118 students who received the governor scholarship award, awarded to students who scored in the top 10% of the State on the year 2000 STAR exams.

Ryan Roberts, student trustee for Watsonville High School, spoke about the bomb threat and commented positively on how WHS managed the situation. He reported on the spring fling court, the powder puff game, the success of the prom, the Catz Academy awards, the golden state exams, and principals' awards where co-valedictorians Megan Miller and Ryan Roberts were announced.

8.3 Governing Board Comments

Trustee Volpa spoke about the Aptos High School's "We Care" program and their first booklets; she thanked everyone for their participation.

Trustee Garcia spoke about a meeting with Rolling Hills Middle School parents he attended and commented about the students from that school who were honored for their leadership role.

8.4 President's Report

None

8.5 Zone Administrators' Reports

Christine Amato-Quinn, North Zone administrator, commented they are wrapping up classes in the north zone, that student achievement is still their goal, that Mar Vista will hold a celebration by teachers honoring parent volunteers. She concluded by saying she is proud of all the good work from the seniors.

Catherine Hatch, Central Zone administrator, commented they are in process of winding down for traditional year and winding up for year round schools. She noted that 120 students from Lakeview went on a trip to Stanford University; she thanked Rolling Hills Middle Schools for the parent participation during parent education program training; she noted that one hundred parents attended Starlight for a kinder parent education night, and that a \$40,000 tolerance grant was awarded to the district. She said that the District has a partnership with Watsonville Wetlands Watch (WWW) and that their education subcommittee is working with teachers to understand the proposed site for the New Millennium High School and its potential.

Ylda Nogueta, South Zone administrator, thanked the South Zone administration, teachers, and parents for their tremendous work. She reported on classified employees week, said she attended the migrant graduation celebration where about two hundred students participated, and invited everyone to the upcoming site council meeting.

8.6 Superintendent's Report

None

9.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alexis Sales, WHS ASB representative, spoke about the way WHS handled the bomb threat.

Francisco Rodriguez, President of the Association of Mexican American Educators, spoke in support of the NMHS.

Tim Moore, community resident, noted that the school would probably open in 2004 and commented of the process for purchasing property noting that the Harkins Slough property does not yet belong to the PVUSD.

Yolanda Ocampo, Freedom School site council member, spoke in support of the NMHS. She asked that the board reconsider having four-week winter break instead of three in the traditional year calendar.

Dan Hernandez, E. A. Hall School site council member, noted he is one of the most informed parents in the area, that we do need a third high school but he does not agree with the location, that

he has a son that has a tumor from pesticide poisoning, that there is a board member who should legally not be part of the board, and then concluded by speaking about two cases of insurance fraud committed by one of the board members.

Lowell Hurst, teacher at WHS, spoke of the difficult day at school due to the bomb threat hoax and how it interrupted the educational process. He commented that the situation was handled as adequately as possible.

Karen Jiménez, parent of a daughter at WHS, said she was not informed about the bomb threat, that the security at the schools is not adequate stating she was able to obtain some information without much difficulty, and then asked for an emergency board meeting to talk about a notification process for all schools.

Abel Mejia, educator and substitute teacher, spoke about the educational environment and how difficult it is to work and learn when there are so many students in one high school. He expressed his support for the present site for the NMHS.

Martha Vasquez, resident of Watsonville, spoke of her interest in seeing a new school for this community's students. She also noted that there is a need to see a foreign language in the UC system's A - G requirements throughout the middle schools.

Susan Brutschy, parent, said she appreciated the reconsideration of the traditional year calendar. She also spoke in support of the NMHS.

Yvonne Mares, parent, said that a new high school is needed, that over crowdedness is a large problem, and that Salsipuedes school is behind the board's efforts. She thanked Trustees Yahiro and Roberts for participating in the school's activities throughout the year.

Dr. Casey spoke about the bomb threat and he complimented students, staff and teachers for the way it was handled. He commented about a bomb threat at AHS and said that the administration was handling the situation.

10.0 Consent Agenda

Trustee Volpa moved to approve the consent agenda with the "blue sheet" changes to item 10.11. Trustee Gray noted that there should be some changes made in the wording of the document in item 10.3 and that she had already addressed those changes with appropriate staff. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed unanimously.

10.1 Purchase Orders – 05/04/01 to 05/17/01

10.2 Warrants – 05/04/01 to 05/17/01

10.3 Approval of application for California Reading Excellence Act Grant.

10.4 Approval of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives for 2001-02 school year.

10.5 Approve facility improvements at Migrant Head Start Centers.

10.6 Approve Calabasas Elementary Plan to use Governors Performance Award and School Site performance bonus award.

- 10.7 Approve 2001-02 consolidated application for funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part 1).**
- 10.8 Approve Educational Technology Staff Development Program for grades 4-8.**
- 10.9 Approve Donation from Ms. Deb Reid of tackable wall panels to Mar Vista School.**
- 10.10 Approve donation from Ms. Elizabeth Sparks of \$100 to Mar Vista School's Library.**
- 10.11 Certificated/Classified Approval (See Closed Session agenda).**

11.0 Deferred Consent Items

None

12.0 Items for Report and Discussion

None

13.0 Items Scheduled for Possible Action

13.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve donation for Amesti Elementary School's from the Good Tidings Foundation Art Room.

Dr. Casey spoke about the effort to build an art room at Amesti School with support of the Good Tidings Foundation saying that this building would promote and support the arts. The foundation will donate approximately \$100,000 for this project.

Elaine Brutschy, Assistant Principal for Amesti School, said that they are thankful for having this opportunity for the students.

Ulli Kummerow, Principal for Amesti School, commented that it is wonderful to watch the students get in front of an audience and really perform. She added that a recent survey taken by the school revealed that parents of the Amesti community really support the arts.

Terry McHenry – spoke of the process to have this project completed.

Trustee Volpa moved to approve this project.

Trustee Gray noted that there is a great need for art room in that school.

Trustee Garcia seconded the move and noted that this is a great way to enrich our children in the arts.

The motion passed unanimously.

13.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to certify Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR).

Community speakers to the issue were: Ryan Roberst (pro), Jerry Thomas (con), Mickie Solorio Luna (pro), Peter Nichols (con), Ed Davidson (pro), Jim VanHouten (pro), Susan Young (con), Scotty Correa-Mickel (pro), Jessy Cadenas (con), Dan Hernandez (con), Dick Bernard (pro), Maria Torres (pro), Juan Rosillo (pro), Anastacio Andrade (pro), Catalina Martinez (pro), Elias Alonzo (pro), Sylvia Previtali (con), Norma Ellis (pro), Nita Gydyck (pro), Manuel Benjamin (pro), Tomas Alejo III (pro), Tomas Alejo (pro), Dave

Bolick (pro), Ann Soldo (pro), Erica Padilla (pro), Ana Ventura Phares (pro), Marcia Hashimoto (pro), Adrian Reynoso (pro), Aurum Alejo (pro), Hector Chaves (pro), Luis de la Cruz (pro), Rodney Brooks (pro), Marisol Hermosillo (pro), Donna Schipper (pro), Alexis Sales (pro), Jose Sanchez Vargas (pro), Mary Lou Alejo (pro).

Board comments followed. Trustee Volpa moved to continue the meeting passed 11 p.m., the move was seconded, the motion passed 6-1 (Trustee Gray voted no as she had to leave).

After a lengthy discussion from the board, Trustee Garcia moved to approve the certification of the SEIR under resolution # 20-01-36, as well as the master schedule of mitigation measures, and to reapprove the third high school at the Harkins Slough Road site. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed 5-2 (Trustee Gray and Trustee Nichols).

The record of public and board comments is on file in the Superintendent's office located at 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, California.

13.3 Report, discussion, and possible action for the Approval of Construction Managing Service for the New Millennium High School.

Trustee Garcia moved to approve the Construction Managing Service for the NMHS. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1(Trustee Nichols)-1(trustee Gray had left the meeting).

13.4 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve job description for Extended Learning Department Instructional Technology Coordinator. First reading.

Trustee Garcia moved to approve the first reading of the job description for Instructional Technology Coordinator. Trustee Volpa seconded the move. The motion passed 6-0-1(Trustee Gray had left the meeting).

13.5 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve textbook selection for Aptos High School.

Trustee Volpa moved to approve the textbook selection for Aptos High School. Trustee Garcia seconded the move. The motion passed 6-0-1(Trustee Gray left the meeting).

14.0 Upcoming Board Meetings

14.1 June 5, 2001, Special Board Meeting, Closed Session on Expulsions, Personnel Conference Room, 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville. Time: 5:30 pm.

14.2 June 13, 2001, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm Closed Session, 7:00 pm Open Session, District Board Room, 294 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

14.3 Effective Governing Workshop. Possible dates: August 1 or August 29. Time: 5-8:30 pm.

14.4 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas

15.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Secretary

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13.2 (get transcript from Harold Freidman)

Ryan Roberts – asked that all students in favor made their presence known.

Jerry Thomas – 3 reviews by the Aeronautics division; first evaluation was not approved; 2nd evaluation, done by a young engineer, was approved. The third review had the same results as the second. Spoke a bit about the previous school site that was voted down. The problem here is not the school but the site.

Dr. Casey – the 1980 evaluation of the area was declined because the top part of the site was in an area that could not be approved.

Micky Solorio Luna – Cal State director of LULAC; neighbor from San Benito County. Voiced her support for the proposed NMHS. Addressed the problem of class overcrowding. She hopes the board makes the right decision because the children of this community deserve the best education.

Peter Nichols – Teaches GED preparation. Sang a song which noted his non-support for the school site.

Ed Davidson – Santa Cruz resident; has followed the process carefully and spoke in support for the HS.

Jim VanHauten – on behalf of the WWW and in support of the NHMS project.

Susan Young – former resident near the proposed site; spoke against the project.

Scotty Correa-Mickel – AP at MacQuiddy, spoke in support of the site of the NMHS by saying how important this environment will be for students as they will become protectors of this environment.

Jessy Cardenas – Advocate of the Sierra Club presented the board clerk with a letter from Sierra Club's attorney. She spoke against the site speaking about the nearby landfills. 2 legal and 2 illegal.

Dr. Casey informed the public that

Dan Hernandez – spoke against the site bringing up items that make the site inadequate.

Dick Bernard – spoke in support of the project. Stand fast, stay on target, keep the faith.

Maria Torres – representative of the migrant parent association. Thanked Fred Keeley and everyone for doing supporting this project. We as a community have worked hard to build the new high school.

Juan Rosillo– we are dealing with an important issue for our children; in all community there are always 3 groups of people: positive, negative and those that don't care.

Anastacio Andrade – parent in this community; spoke in support of the construction of the new high school.

Catalina Martinez – president of migrant parent association. Spoke in support of this project.

Elias Alonso – Spoke in support for the NMHS evoking the past 14 years of struggle to get to the point that we are at now.

Sylvia Previtali – Read from a newspaper article from 1991 where it stated that residents united against the building of the high school site selected then. Some board members did not approve the site so that is why this new high school has been delayed. Spoke about pathogens emanating from the landfill.

Norma Ellis – works for the Santa Cruz City planning. Addressed the issue of overcrowding at schools and how that affects the children's education.

Nida Gistich – President of the Farm Bureau, spoke in support of the project from the Farm Bureau. We need the high school for our children now.

Manuel Berjamine – spoke in support for the project; this could be the “last chance high school.” Addressed the high prices in the area and how that will be the obstacle to building a high school in the future.

Thomas Alejo – member of the brown burettes – spoke in support of the new high school.

Young Alejo – representing the young people who are not getting the proper education because of the lack of proper space.

Mr. Tom Alejo – Chairman for Latino Oversight Committee – spoke in support of the site.

Mary Lou Alejo – spoke in support of the school project.

Dave Bollie - Rep PV Ch of C – read a brief letter from the chairman in support of the project.

Ann Soldo – resident of this area – spoke in favor of educating our children. Related history of building of HS's, not one since 1980. Hopes the board approves the certification of the SEIR.

Erika Padilla – Pres of SCZ LULAC; spoke in support of the school. LULAC is backing up this project 101%.

Ana Ventura Phares – mother of two young children; spoke in favor of the site.

Marcia Hashimoto – teacher of WHS and president of JACL; JACL continues its support for the construction of the third hs.

Adrian Reynoso – spoke in support of the new hs and spoke about the poor education he has received at the overcrowded school.

Luis de la Cruz – Latino Chamber of Commerce, Pres CEO – the organization supports the efforts of the new hs.

Rodney Brooks – asked the board to certify the SEIR – move the labor out of the board room on the

Maricel Horosio – WHS student; we need a new hs; every student there agrees to that.

Donna Schipper – spoke about vision and hope for the new high school at its beginning;