



**PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and global society

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2001
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ADOPTED MINUTES**

District Office Board Room
292 Green Valley Road
Watsonville, CA 95076

1.0 OPENING CEREMONY - MEETING OF THE BOARD IN PUBLIC - 6:00PM

1.1 Call to Order

President Hankemeier called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm at the District Office at 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

1.2 Public comments on closed session agenda.

None

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified

A Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified

New Hires

- 1 Lead Custodian II
- 2 Secondary Teachers
- 3 Elementary Teachers
- 16 Substitute Teachers

Rehires

None

Administrators

- 1 Interim Assistant Principal

Transfers

- 1 Elementary Teacher

Promotions

None

Extra Period Assignments

None

Permanent Appointments

- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 1 Computer Lab Assistant
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist I
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 2 Office Assistant II

Additional Assignments

- 1 Secondary Teacher

B Extra Pay Assignment

- 1 Rover

C Leave of Absences

- 1 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist I
- 4 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 1 Elementary Teacher
- 2 Special Service Specialists
- 1 Migrant Education Teacher

D Denied Leave of Absences

None

E Resignations/Retirements

- 2 Elementary Teachers
- 1 Secondary Teacher

F Supplemental Service Agreements

- 67 Teachers

G Miscellaneous Action

- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 2 Cafeteria Cook/Baker
- 1 Cafeteria Manager I
- 1 Cafeteria Manager II
- 2 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Lead Custodian I
- 1 Maintenance Specialist
- 1 Payroll Supervisor
- 1 Senior Accountant

H Limited Term – Project

- 1 Administrative Secretary I
- 1 Enrichment Specialist
- 9 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Library Media Technician
- 3 Office Assistant II
- 3 Testing Specialist

I Limited Term - Substitute

- 3 Cafeteria Assistant
- 2 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Office Assistant II

J Provisional

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

K Exempt

- 1 Crossing Guard
- 3 Instructional Support Aide
- 10 Yard Duty

L Students

- 17 Student Helper
- 2 Special Projects-PUPILS

M Separations from Service

- 2 Instructional Support Aide

2.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

2.3 Negotiations

- Bargaining Units: CSEA, PVFT
- District Negotiator: Clem Donaldson

2.4 Claims for Damages

2.5 Superintendent's Evaluation

2.6 Expulsions

- 4 Students

3.0 OPENING CEREMONY – MEETING OF THE BOARD IN PUBLIC – 7:00PM

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Garcia 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, and President Dan Hankemeier were present; Trustee Yahiro arrived to the meeting at 7:10 pm.

4.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

Action on Expulsions

01-02-01 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 6/1 (Trustee Yahiro had not yet arrived).

01-02-02 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 6/1 (Trustee Yahiro had not yet arrived).

01-02-03 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.

01-02-04 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.

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Gray made a move to approve the agenda with the following change: to pull Item 12.3. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/1 (Trustee Garcia)

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Gray moved to approve minutes for September 5, 2001. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Nichols moved to approve minutes for September 12, 2001 with the following addition to item 13.5: *As part of the presentation, Superintendent Casey stated that the Multipurpose Room, Building C, would not be built and has been removed from the plans at this time. He further said that the cafeteria, planned for the Multipurpose Room, would be relocated in the Library.* Trustee Volpa seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5/2/0 (Trustees Yahiro and Garcia).

7.0 SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND CONCERNS

7.1 Employee Organizations - PVFT, CSEA, and PVAM

PVFT – Rhea de Hart, Field Representative, reported on the PAR meeting she attended, on the forum to discuss proposed benefit changes, and she announced an upcoming Housing Fair.

7.2 Student(s) Trustee Report

Veronica Ruiz, Aptos High School Student Trustee, reported on a remembrance session for the recent terrorist attack victims and noted that students are working with the Red Cross and making donations at the site. She reported on Linkcrew preparations for events, and the upcoming parade.

Alexis Sales, Watsonville High School Student Trustee, reported on back to school night and other upcoming school events. She commented on the recent bomb threats received at WHS. She spoke of a motivational assembly that took place to deal with the recent

tragedy, and how the students are helping families of firefighters and police officers who died during the attack.

7.3 Governing Board Comments

Trustee Volpa requested a list of members in the Facilities Committee. She also reported she had received calls of people concerned with the lack of pledge of allegiance in some of our schools.

Trustee Nichols, reported she attended the Safety Committee meeting and they talked about a new habitat management program used to reduce pesticide use on school campuses, and informed the board of parent notification requirements. She also attended the DELAC meeting and said members of DELAC would attend the November 14 meeting of the Board.

Trustee Garcia announced he attended the “Goal D Collaborative” meeting which dealt primarily with preparing students to attend college.

7.4 President's Report

President Hankemeier spoke of his feelings about the bomb threats. He congratulated the district music program for obtaining funds from the Packard Foundation.

7.5 Zone Administrators' Reports

Ylda Nogueta, Assistant Superintendent, South Zone, spoke about back to school nights and the upcoming South Zone Site Council meeting. She said that the school's administration and staff have handled the recent bomb threats and disruptions very well. She noted that 7 of 8 schools in her zone qualify for II/USP. In closing she commented on how kindergartener teachers from every school in the district have been meeting regularly.

Christine Amato Quinn, Assistant Superintendent, North Zone, said that the update on the schools' communications infrastructure and back up plan would be provided on a Friday update. She said that the North zone advisory committee will be taking place soon. She reported on the College Forum and their networking with higher education to ensure kids get to college; she reported on the GATE program. She said she attended the remembrance event at Aptos High, that a Flag salute policy will be on North Zone principals' agenda, and updated the board on Back to school nights.

Catherine Hatch, Assistant Superintendent, Central Zone, spoke about how the schools are connecting with schools in New York to know where we can send our donations or letters of support. She congratulated Rolling Hills Middle School for having received the school-wide Title VII grant of \$300,000 per year for the next 5 years. She said that Starlight School is a semifinalist for the Golden Bell for their professional development school. She spoke about Back to school nights, the upcoming Central Zone Site Council meeting, and closed by complimenting Rick Desimone for the way he handled the recent bomb threats at Rolling Hills.

Dr. Nancy Bilicich, Assistant Superintendent for Alternative Education and Charter Schools, report that Charter Schools & Alternative programs are doing well.

7.6 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Casey spoke about the bomb threats and the disruptiveness they cause. He said that a protocol for bomb threats will be brought to the board on October 24th. He announced that there is a \$1,000 reward for the successful prosecution of whoever is making those threats.

8.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dan Hernandez spoke for Karen Jimenez, who recently suffered a stroke, and expressed her disbelief in having been a suspect for having called in the bomb threats. She was upset that her daughter was not released to her husband during the day while the students were in the designated evacuation area. She said that she will not take a chance with this bomb threat and would not send her daughter to school but she doesn't want her daughter to be penalized for being absent.

Dr. Casey clarified that for these instances, excused absences are flexible.

Dan Hernandez, community member, spoke about the open house at Watsonville High School, his concerns about the airplane crashes near the New Millennium High School site, and anthrax at the cattle feed lot, and peat bogs.

Tim Moore, community member, spoke about his feelings towards the person who asked the police to visit Karen Jimenez's home and about his feelings towards molesters who hurt students. He mentioned his concern for not having the most recent Alianza API scores.

Dr. Casey – replied that the State would provide API scores on October 10. He also said that he is the one who suggested the police visit Mrs. Jimenez.

Peter Nichols – GED Teacher at the downtown center for Watsonville/Aptos Adult School, said he spoke with Peter Douglas, from the Coastal Commission, with regard to the New Millennium High School site.

Sylvia Previtali, community member, referenced a 3-dimension leveler map noting that the district is trying to make a flat property from a hillside. She spoke of the potential growth of the airport. She asked if President Hankemeier has had a follow up on how people are hired, especially after the recent homicide case involving a district employee.

President Hankemeier replied that the district is scheduling a meeting to discuss the process for hiring people.

Kathy Guzman, parent, wanted to verify status of absence for a bomb threat.

Dr. Casey clarified that when a bomb threat is announced with a day's notice, parents of students have the option of keeping their children from attending school and make up work would be allowed as would be the case for an absence due to illness.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Trustee Volpa and a second by Trustee Garcia, the following items were unanimously approved, with the addition of blue sheeted items to item 9.7:

9.1 Purchase Orders – 08/31/01 to 09-20-01

9.2 Warrants – 08/31/01 to 09/21/01

9.3 Accepted anonymous donation of \$1,000 to Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education for their "Together in the Park" program.

9.4 Accepted donation of a Hewlett Packard Computer, an IBM Monitor, and an Apple printer from Catherine Sanders to the District, an estimated value of \$400.00.

- 9.5 **Approved School Plus Classroom Grants totaling \$5,749.00**
- 9.6 **Approved updated authorized district signatures on record.**
- 9.7 **Approved Certificated/Classified Approval (See Closed Session agenda).**

10.0 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS

None

11.0 ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

11.1 Report and discussion on Vocational Education.

Catherine Hatch introduced the item and members of the Vocational Education Team, composed of representatives from each high school, to give presentations on their respective programs to promote vocational education.

Dee Pretzer, Assistant Principal at Aptos High School, noted it was positive to have invited middle school counselors to the recent College Forum. She spoke of the on-campus program offerings, the counseling availability, and guidance department offerings.

Tom Hiltz, Assistant Principal at Watsonville High School, spoke of the process counselors follow to inform students and parents of the various sources of information and opportunities, and stated that College night is key at WHS. He spoke of on-site and off-site opportunities.

Larry Lane, Associate Principal at Watsonville High School, addressed the site-specific vocational educational plans at the school. He said that they continue to identify more sources and make them available to parents and students.

Robb Mayeda, Principal at Renaissance High School, gave an overview of the school's vocational offerings. He said students are required to enroll in an ROP class, or other organization to learn of options. He said that next steps include recruitment and articulation agreements.

Suzanne Smith, Coordinator for Academic Vocational Charter Institute, gave an overview of the program. She said that next steps in the program include recruitment. She concluded by stating that the school is currently working with local colleges to offer more program choices and options.

Robin Butterworth spoke of the Workability/Vocational program through SELPA program.

Leslie True provided an overview of the SELPA Vocational Goals by grade level.

Zenaida Castillo of SELPA's Career Development Program, spoke of how students and parents have access to the programs they offer.

Patty Bryant, Vocational Resource Specialist, explained what the next steps in the program are as well as program accountability.

Catherine Hatch closed the presentation by addressing the next steps the Vocational Education team will be taking, including an evaluation component.

After a question and answer session, president Hankemeier moved on to action items.

12.0 ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

12.1 Report and discussion on goal accomplishment for the 2000-01 school year, and the possible action to find that a majority of the district's goals were met.

Dr. Casey spoke to the board briefly about the goals attained in 2000-2001. He said that many were met, some were not, and others were carried over to this year. He commented that quarterly reports of goal attainment will begin this year.

Trustee Gray reminded the board that there are two prime directives when board members are elected, one is to ensure student achievement and the second is to have a solid financial plan. After her statement, Trustee Gray moved to approve the goals.

Trustee Garcia seconded the motion and offered an explanation for the process of setting and achieving those goals. He commended the administration and faculty for their work in meeting those goals.

The motion passed unanimously.

12.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Alternative Education Accountability Model.

Trustee Gray moved to approve the Alternative Education Accountability Model. Trustee Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12.3 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Master Plan for the Education of English Learners. First Reading.

This item was removed from the agenda.

12.4 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve resolution # 01-02-15, contract between the PVUSD and the California Department of Rehabilitation.

Trustee Volpa moved to approve resolution #01-02-15. Trustee Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12.5 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution #01-02-14, PVUSD Interim Financing for School Facilities Bridge Fund Program.

Trustee Yahiro moved to approve resolution #01-02-14. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion.

Trustee Volpa noted her concern in the wording of the resolution as the overview reads there is an intent to participate in a COP. She commented that the resolution previously approved was just to proceed with an investigation on the funding choices.

Terry McHenry clarified that the resolution approved in the previous meeting was an intent to issue a COP. He said that the district is looking at the option of issuing a COP and that we want to know that our costs will be reimbursed. OPSC will need this resolution to determine whether or not there will be reimbursement.

Dr. Casey commented that the COP issuance cost is not reimburable.

Trustee Gray reminded the board that the issuance cost for the past COP was close to \$800,000.

Terry McHenry said that a 2% issuance rate is guaranteed because it is a pool.

Dr. Casey reminded the board the resolution before them was not final and that the final approval would be presented to the board at a later meeting.

Terry McHenry said that the cost of issuance and the ongoing cost of administration would be presented to the board at the upcoming meeting.

Trustee Nichols suggested the addition to the resolution that the district intends to investigate the "possibility", etc. as the resolution is currently worded in a troublesome way.

Trustee Yahiro commented that the best way to build a high school now is to adopt the bridge fund program.

Dr. Casey said that consultants who work with the State Allocation Board say that if an assurance is wanted, this resolution should be passed.

President Hankemeier called for a roll call vote.

Roll call: 4/3/0 (Trustees Volpa, Gray, Nichols)

12.6 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve resolution #01-02-08, compliance with Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act.

Trustee Volpa move to approve resolution #01-02-08. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

13.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

13.1 Special Board Meeting/Effective Governance Workshop, Wednesday, October 3, 2001, 5 - 8:30 pm.

Dr. Casey noted that major issues will be discussed at the meeting, including bids for the New Millennium High School project.

13.2 October 10, 2001, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting, Cancelled.

13.3 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas

Trustee Gray requested an agenda item that would include a discussion with someone who is knowledgeable on the subject of how we select our board: at large vs. trustee areas.

14.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the board meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Secretary