



## 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.

### OCTOBER 24, 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 6:01 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

##### **A Public Employee Appointment: Certificated, Classified**

###### **New Hires**

- 3 Secondary Teachers
- 3 Elementary Teachers
- 1 Special Service Specialist
- 26 Substitute Teachers

###### **Rehires**

- 1 Elementary Teacher

###### **Administrators**

None

###### **Transfers**

None

###### **Promotions**

- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 2 Lead Custodian I

###### **Extra Period Assignments**

- 4 Secondary Teachers

**Permanent Appointments**

- 5 Cafeteria Assistant
- 1 Campus Safety Coordinator
- 2 Computer Laboratory Assistant
- 2 Instructional Support Aide
- 5 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 2 Office Assistant II

**Additional Assignments**

- 5 Elementary Teachers

**B Extra Pay Assignment**

- 16 Department Chair Stipends
- 9 Athletic Stipends

**C Leave of Absences**

- 1 Accounting Specialist
- 1 Campus Safety Coordinator
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 2 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 8 Elementary Teachers
- 4 Secondary Teachers
- 1 Special Service Specialist
- 1 Adult Education Teacher

**D Denied Leave of Absences**

- 1 Administrator

**E Resignations/Retirements**

- 1 Administrator
- 1 Special Service Specialist
- 1 Elementary Teacher

**F Supplemental Service Agreements**

- 62 Teachers

**G Miscellaneous Action**

- 1 Attendance Specialist
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 1 Office Assistant II
- 1 Parent Education Specialist

**H Limited Term – Project**

- 1 Administrative Secretary I
- 1 Administrative Secretary II
- 1 Administrative Secretary III
- 13 Enrichment Specialist
- 1 Guidance Resource Technician
- 1 Guidance Specialist I
- 35 Instructional Support Aide
- 1 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 3 Instructional Support Specialist III
- 2 Office Assistant I
- 7 Office Assistant II
- 1 Office Manager – High School
- 1 Testing Specialist I

**I Limited Term - Substitute**

- 6 Cafeteria Assistant
- 4 Custodian I
- 1 District Receptionist
- 1 Health Services Assistant
- 5 Instructional Support Aide
- 2 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Library Media Technician
- 4 Office Assistant II

**J Provisional**

- 1 Campus Safety Coordinator
- 5 Instructional Support Aide
- 2 Instructional Support Specialist II
- 1 Office Assistant II

**K Exempt**

- 2 Babysitter
- 4 Special Projects-MEES
- 3 Special Projects-PUPILS
- 15 Yard Duty Supervisor
- 3 Instructional Support Aide
- 10 Yard Duty

**L Students**

- 26 Migrant OWE Student
- 7 Student Helper
- 5 Workability Student
- 17 Student Helper
- 2 Special Projects-PUPILS

**M Separations from Service**

- 2 Instructional Support Aide

**N Non-Reelects**

None

**O Tenures**

None

**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 Conference with Real Property Negotiator**

- **Ralph and Kathleen Edwards, New Millennium High School site.**
- **Property adjacent and near proposed Radcliff Elementary School project, parcel numbers: 018-231-23, 018-231-24, 018-231-25, 018-231-26, 018-231-27, 018-231-28, 018-231-30, 018-231-31.**

**2.6 Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 5456.9.**

- (a) Martes vs. PVUSD, Superior Court #134629, Appellate Court #H022371**
- (b) Bohegian vs. PVUSD**

**2.7 Superintendent's Evaluation**

**2.8 Expulsions**

6 Students

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

**3.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Nichols 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.

#### **4.0 ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Volpa reported the Board voted 5/0/2 to approve settlement recommendation from legal counsel on Martes vs. PVUSD.

##### ***Action on Expulsions***

- 01-02-05 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 01-02-08 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 01-02-09 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 01-02-10 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel, but correcting it to read, "to be re-enrolled at an alternative program", was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 01-02-11 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel, but adding to be re-enrolled at an alternative program, was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 01-02-10 A move to approve the disciplinary action as recommended by the panel, but correcting it to read, "to be re-enrolled at an alternative program", was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Roberts moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Yahiro seconded the motion.

Trustee Nichols asked to pull items 13.1 and 13.2 until next board meeting. Trustee Gray noted that when she asked about at large vs. Trustee area election she was seeking a discussion on the pros and the cons of each option.

Trustee Roberts rescinded her motion.

Trustee Nichols moved to pull items 13.1 and 13.2 from agenda and to reschedule for next meeting as report and discussion items.

Trustee Gray seconded the motion with a stipulation to bring it as an action item to a subsequent board meeting.

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

## **6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the minutes for September 23, 2001 with a change to her comments on page 5 of the minutes. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the minutes for October 3, 2001, with a change to a voting number on page 2 of the minutes. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7.0 STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

The board honored the following students of the week:

*Abigail Woods – Hall District Elementary*

*Darlene Mijares – Starlight Elementary*

*Christina Connery – Valencia Elementary*

*Gina Geronimo – Adult Educational School*

## **8.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

President Hankemeier opened the public hearing.

### **8.1 Report on Compliance with Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials.**

Ylda Nogueta presented a brief report on compliance with pupil textbook and instructional materials.

### **8.2 Board President accepts comments from public.**

There were no public comments.

### **8.3 Board President closes hearing.**

President Hankemeier closed the public hearing and resumed regular board meeting.

## **9.0 SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND CONCERNS**

### **9.1 Employee Organizations - PVFT, CSEA, and PVAM**

CSEA – Robyn Butterworth, Chapter 132 representative, reported negotiations are ongoing. She commented that CSEA members are very interested in the outcome of these negotiations.

### **9.2 Student(s) Trustee Report**

None.

### **9.3 Governing Board Comments**

Trustee Garcia announced that Tuesdays prior to a scheduled Board meetings he is available at the Bagel Café to accept public comment.

Trustee Nichols said that she attended a facilities meeting and in reviewing the current plans for the New Millennium High School, it was discussed that the staff was considering having the cafeteria moved into an area near the area designated as the performing arts center, instead of converting the library to a cafeteria. She requested feedback to the administration from interested parties in the community regarding the project.

#### **9.4 President's Report**

President Hankemeier commented about the Coastal Commission meeting of October 10 to approve the coastal development permit, and said that all nine appeals were denied. He commended Speaker pro Tem Fred Keeley and Senator McPherson for their contribution to the District's presentation.

Trustee Volpa thanked the people who opposed the high school site and noted that it is critical to have alternative opinions voiced to improve a project.

#### **9.5 Zone Administrators' Reports**

Ylda Noguera, Assistant Superintendent, South Zone, reported on the parent teacher conference; she said that State will be visiting 8 schools and looking at the program for English Learners; she said that 4 schools in the south zone that qualify for the II/USP will be working with an external evaluator, and she invited everyone to the upcoming site council meeting.

Christine Amato-Quinn, Assistant Superintendent, North Zone, reported on the API results and said that they are disappointed but not defeated. She said that the advisory committee meeting is coming up and they will be looking at API and facilities. She reported that the French Ministry of Research and Education had visited Aptos High School looking at the technology program.

Catherine Hatch, Assistant Superintendent, Central Zone, gave a schedule of upcoming zone meetings. She said that the Watsonville Wetlands Watch Education Committee met and discussed a possible partnership with the district regarding the NMHS. She reported she will attend the Santa Cruz Gay and Lesbian upcoming conference.

Dr. Nancy Bilicich, Assistant Superintendent, Alternative Education and Charter Schools, commented that all schools are focusing on district goals, school goals, and working with safety and security. She provided updates on the Mello Center handicap accessibility project.

#### **9.6 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Casey reported that Ellen Prairie, from Board of Supervisors, discussed with him having a skate park built in Aptos, and the possibility of building it on the Aptos High School campus, with insurance covered by the County. Another possibility that is being considered for that area is employee housing. He alerted the Board to the fact that he was still hearing the sentiment that the reorganization report needs to be completed. He reported that safety notices on anthrax have gone out to the district staff. He spoke about the new millennium high school project and detailed how the acreage will be used for play fields, classrooms, an administration building, a library, a gymnasium, and the possible site for a cafeteria and covered eating area.

#### **10.0 VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Dan Hernandez and Sylvia Previtali, community members, presented the video they played during the Coastal Commission as part of their appeal to the new millennium high school project.

Sylvia Previtali, community member reminded the board that there are 36 pages of conditions set by the Coastal Commission and the City to be met.

Mary Ann Gomez, member of CSEA, asked Board members to tell negotiators from district to negotiate with CSEA and commented it was ludicrous to change the benefits plan to what the district is suggesting when 95% of CSEA members said no to changes when the survey was sent out.

Karen Jimenez, community member, said that she was glad the perpetrator of the bomb threat at Watsonville High was found, but expressed dismay that she had initially been a suspect and felt she had been poorly treated.

Rodney Brooks, community member, announced that the reward fund to support the \$1000 reward for anyone who leads officers to the successful prosecution of the perpetrator of a bomb threat was raised to \$1750 to augment the district's \$1000. He commented he had attended the Coastal Commission meeting and was happy to see the district's many supporters but was disappointed to see the district spending so much money in paying those supporters' way to the meeting.

Trustees Nichols and Yahiro clarified that they attended completely at their own expense.

## **11.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

A move to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Gray. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion with the following changes: blue sheet additions to item 11.9. The motion passed unanimously.

### **11.1 Purchase Orders – 09/21/01 to 10/18/01**

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

### **11.2 Warrants – 09/21/01 to 10/18/01**

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

### **11.3 Accepted donation to the district from Ms. Lucy Ahrens and Watsonville Press of 3 pallets of miscellaneous paper, valued estimated at \$500.**

### **11.4 Accepted donation to the district from Ms. Daneve Forman of a computer C.P.U. and keyboard, valued estimated at \$500.**

### **11.5 Approved District Office Bottled Water Bid, CE-92701.**

### **11.6 Approved Food Services Paper Product Bid, B-001-01/02.**

### **11.7 Approved budget for District's Workability Program.**

### **11.8 Approved Migrant head Start Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Funding Proposal for 2001-2002.**

### **11.9 Approved Certificated/Classified Approval.**

## **12.0 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS**

None



### **13.0 ITEMS FOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

**13.1 Report and discussion on Attorney Costs. *Report by Dr. John Casey.***  
Pulled from the agenda.

**13.2 Report and discussion on the benefits and problems associated with at-large vs. trustee area elections.**  
Pulled from the agenda.

### **14.0 ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**14.1 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Bridge Funding Option for the Landmark Elementary School Project. *Report by Dr. John Casey.***

**14.2 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Bridge Funding Option for the Radcliff Elementary School Project. *Report by Dr. John Casey.***

**14.3 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution #01-02-18, authorizing and directing the preparation and execution of certain lease financing documents, authorizing the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement in connection with the offering and sale of certificates of participation relating thereto, authorizing the sale of such certificates of participation and authorizing and directing certain actions with respect thereto. *Report by Dr. John Casey.***

Dr. Casey spoke about items 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, and noted they were agendaized separately to find out if there are any particular action to follow with individual projects but they would all be related. He proceeded to give brief comments about the two projects and on the COP process.

Sylvia Previtali, community member, commented on Landmark, on contracts that were written, and on all the money that has been spent on the project.

Trustee Volpa spoke of the potential cut in State education funds, funding for the 2001-02 school year, and the need to be sure this is a responsible financial decision. She spoke of her concern about the COP due to lack of information on a future State bond, and said the board is taking a risk without enough information. She moved to table this item until there is more information.

Trustee Roberts seconded the motion.

Dr. Casey said that if this item was not approved tonight, the individuals the district is in escrow with will have to decide what to do, cancel the escrows and perhaps start at a later date or extend the escrow timelines. He clarified that both school projects would remain on the hardship fund list until the project is funded. If we pull our application then Senate Bill 50 will stay in effect until the new funding mechanism comes into play, and if it does, the district could lose all hardship funds.

Trustee Yahiro asked what the worst-case scenario would be if this item is passed tonight and we don't get reimbursed.

Dr. Casey said that the worst-case scenario would be that the district would not get State funding, the district would own the property and without state funding the district would be responsible for paying the COP back for the next 30 years.

Trustee Nichols clarified the motion and highlighted this was not a final decision for the COP.

Richard Anderson, property owner, spoke of the adverse situation the property owners have endured for over 2 years. He said if the board cannot decide what to do to acquire the properties, they should be able to walk away from the project and be on their own without any responsibility to the district. He asked the district to make a formal statement noting the project has been abandoned.

Dr. Casey responded the district could not make that statement because the project is not being abandoned.

A roll call vote was taken to table items 14.2 and 14.2 until more information was obtained from the State. The motion passed 4/3/0 (Trustees Yahiro, Garcia, and President Hankemeier).

Trustee Volpa apologized to the landowners for the delay.

Richard Anderson, property owner, said that as a result of the decision tonight, the board should stop pursuing the acquisition of their property.

Dr. Casey clarified the board could not do that because there is an application with the State.

Joe Borba, property owner, spoke of how an article in the newspaper saying the school Board was trying to gather money to buy the property had caused him to lose 3 potential buyers.

Al King, property owner, said that it was difficult to hang on as they had been doing for 2 or 3 years, and that pretty soon the lawyers would get involved and it would be very expensive to settle.

**14.4 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Bomb Threat Protocol. First Reading. Report by Dr. John Casey.**

Trustee Gray moved to approve the Bomb Threat Protocol as a first reading. Trustee Roberts seconded the motion.

Dr. Casey added that the district had a call tracing system in progress now, and that the \$1000 reward system to deal with bomb threats is ongoing.

John McCann, Safety and Environmental Compliance Coordinator, addressed the concern of radio communication.

Karen Jimenez, community member, spoke about her involvement with the bomb threat protocol, and said that in the recent incident, she was not able to get her child and she wants to make sure she can have access to her child when such situations occur.

Dan Hernandez, community member, said he had a meeting with Manny Solano of the Watsonville Police about threats, and he wanted to make the horrendous consequences of these type of terrorist acts known to students and parents.

Trustee Yahiro recommended a penalty phase to the protocol be added.

After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**14.5 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution #01-02-16, Adopting “GANN” Limit (Pursuant to G.C. 7902.1). Report by Mary Hart.**

Trustee Gray moved to adopt resolution # 01-02-16. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**14.6 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution # 01-02-08, Compliance with Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act. Report by Ylda Nogueta.**

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

**14.7 Report, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution #01-02-17, 2001-2002 Class Size Reduction Program (K-3) Operations Application. Report by Mary Hart.**

Trustee Nichols moved to approve resolution #01-02-17. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**15.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

**15.1 October 31, 2001, Special Board Meeting on Expulsions. Superintendent’s Office, 12:00 noon.**

**15.2 November 14, 2001, Regular Schedule Board Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA, 6:00 pm.**

**15.3 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas**

Trustee Garcia requested a presentation on field trip policy.

Trustee Yahiro requested a plan of where the youngsters who are supposed to go to Landmark will be going so that schools that will be affected by it be prepared.

Sylvia Previtali, community member, requested that on the next governing workshop a presentation of items that have been voted on be made.

**16.0 Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

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Secretary