



## **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

### **JUNE 19, 2002 BOARD WORKSHOP ON SCHOOL BOND FEASIBILITY EFFORT ADOPTED MINUTES**

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

#### **1.0 OPENING CEREMONY**

##### **1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Casey lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### **1.2 Welcome by Board President**

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

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Nichols moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Volpa seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0/3 (Gray absent, Hankemeier and Yahiro had not arrived yet).

#### **3.0 WORKSHOP 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

Terry McHenry introduced Catherine Lew, of Lew Edwards Group, to report on the Facilities Committee School Bond Feasibility Efforts.

Facility Committee Members in Attendance: Jane Barr, Doug Kaplan, Gwen Kaplan, Mike Vasser, Rodney Brooks, Peggy Brooks, Mary Dickson, Dan Hernandez, Catherine Lew, and Bill Wyland.

Catherine Lew began stating that it was a difficult process of consensus and compromise. She provided background on past history on PVUSD bonds where, although both had a support rate of over 60%, the bonds did not pass due to the 2/3-majority vote requirement. She added that Proposition 39 is now in place and that this requires only 55% votes. She spoke about the challenges and opportunities for the PVUSD, noting that a recent public opinion research shows potential for success, that high school bonds are traditionally more difficult to pass, and that controversy among Board members affects any bond. Ms. Lew explained the composition and role of the Facility Committee. She provided the consensus reached by the committee on the needs of local schools: 1) finishing Aptos High School, 2) Improving South and Central Zone schools, and 3) Constructing a permanent cafeteria at the Third High School. Ms. Lew spoke of the outcomes of the March 2002 Public Opinion Research. She stated that to be successful in a bond, the District needs a clear bond project plan, consensus from the Facility Committee, unanimous support from the Board, and a non-partisan community education on needs. The following are the Facility Committee Bond Structure Recommendation: 1) One district-wide bond, \$58.25 Million (cost taxpayers \$32.89 per \$100K), 2)

COP's must be retired with no new COP's issued for two years following bond's passage, 3) Structure ballot resolution to ensure funds are spent as proposed and promised, and 4) pre-approved Citizens Oversight Committee composition and process. The Facilities Committee Bond Project Recommendations are: 1) Aptos High School \$24.036 Million, 2) Watsonville-Area School \$20.714, 3) New Millennium High School \$2.5 Million, and 4) COP retirement \$11 Million. Ms. Lew concluded her presentation talking about the next steps, which include 1) Board deliberation/discussion, 2) Nonpartisan public and stakeholder communications, and 3) Board action.

Sylvia Previtali, Visitor to the Facilities Committee meetings, stated that she believed the new high school would cost well above \$60 million. In addition, she noted her preference for a bond for distinct geographical areas of the district, where homeowners in that particular area would put up a bond for school facilities in their own area.

The Board and Facilities Committee participated in the lengthy discussion.

#### **4.0 UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

**4.1 June 26, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA, 6:00 pm Closed Session, 7:00 pm Open Session. (Budget action required.)**

**4.2 July 10, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 292 Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA, 7:00 pm. (Bond action required.)**

**4.3 Items for Subsequent Board Meeting Agendas**  
Trustee Garcia requested a report on safety and monitoring.

#### **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the workshop was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Secretary