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Governing Board Members

Mr. Shane Nielson, President ~ Mr. Ben Fobert, Clerk ~ Dr. Chris Cunningham ~ Dr. Atul Khanna ~ Dr. James Hiramoto

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

- I. Call to order at 6:10 P.M.
- II. Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:10P.M.
 - A. Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal/release (GC 54957)
 - B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (GC 54957.6)
- III. Reconvene to Open Session at 7:09P.M.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Shane Nielson, Board President lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Members Present: Chris Cunningham; Shane Nielson; Atul Khanna; Ben Fobert; James Hiramoto

Staff Present

Dale Hansen, Superintendent	Noel Balzarini, Executive Assistant
Debbie Burnette, Assist. Supt. Ed. Svcs.	Samy D'Amico, Principal – LES
Keri Buckley, Principal – BES	Roxanne Felver, Payroll/Benefits
Maria Bordanaro, Vice-Principal – BES	Lem Vergara, Principal – WES
Debbie Wingo, Vice-Principal – WES	Kim Parrott, Dir. Of Special Education
Alvina Keyser, Dir. Of Bus. Svcs.	Signe McIntire, Transportation Dept.
Traci Mitchell, Teacher – WES	Sandi Worrell, Special Day Tchr – WES
Tammy Hurst, Teacher – BES	Molly Lowe, Teacher – WES
Rose Boynton, Librarian – LES	Rebecca Maibes, Teacher – BES
Rebecca West, Teacher – WES	

Others Present: Members of the community were present.

- VI. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session, If Any: No Action to report from Closed Session.
 - VII. Approval and/or Corrections to the Agenda. No Additions or corrections to the agenda.
This Item had a Motion to approve by: C.Cunningham; SECOND BY: J.Hiramoto to approve the agenda as corrected with AYES: 5; NOES: 0; ABSENT: 0.
 - VIII. Receiving of Public Comments: No public comments were made.
 - IX. Consent Items for Consideration:
 - A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes:
 - 1. Regular Meeting – March 25, 2009
 - B. Approval of Warrants as Presented.
 - C. Approval of Budget Revisions.
 - D. Acceptance of Job Share Proposal for the 2009-2010 School Year – Cheryl Hansen and Andrea McGehee
 - E. Release of Probationary Classified Employees:
 - 1. Employee #123794
 - 2. Employee #123734
- Motion to Approve by: CCunningham, Seconded by: AKhanna to approve all consent items with no discussion by the following vote: AYES: 5 ; NOES: 0 ; ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Hansen requested to move the following item up on the agenda:

- XIII. A. Unification Timeline, Process, and Items to be considered in Petition to Initiate Unification. Superintendent Hansen announced that there will be a joint Board meeting tomorrow night at Tracy Unified. It is a public meeting held to discuss guidelines to go

through unification. The District unification lawyer, Mr. Harold Freiman, is present this evening to answer any questions the Board may have prior to meeting with TUSD. Mr. Freiman stated that there is no action to be taken at tomorrow's joint Board meeting. It is just a workshop to go through questions. If everything is worked out, not much information is needed if a joint resolution is signed by both districts and the county office of education. The main topics of discussion are: How to divide the developer fees; The location of Kimball and the boundaries; Property division; LESD students attending Kimball until the high school is built; Inter-district agreements.

X. District Administrative Reports

- A. Report on District Facilities..... Mr. Dale Hansen
Superintendent Hansen reported that the trailer that was falling apart at Lammersville School was removed over spring break. The stage was replaced at Lammersville and looks beautiful.
- B. District Enrollment Report..... Mr. Dale Hansen
Superintendent Hansen reported that this month we have had a drop in overall student enrollment by four students. We are paying close attention to our numbers to plan for the classes next year.
- C. District Business & Cafeteria Report.....Mrs. Alvina Keyser
Mrs. Keyser reported that the cafeteria account has been self supporting and doing well. The District received a \$20,000 check from the Federal Government for reimbursement of free and reduced lunches for March 09. There should be no problem with this account to fund salaries through June. On the budget, we are hoping they will allow us to use our enrollment numbers from January of 2009 instead of prior year numbers. Our audit is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, next week. MAA numbers were taken last week. Our P2 is 1689.67 which is 1.51 higher than P1. Should we start to lose students we could use 1689 for next year. The county office is migrating to a new finance system since the current system is 17 years old. It will help the office become paperless. Training will begin in September of this year. We will then train the teachers on how to use the system for purchase requisitions. We will have to see what happens with the Budget after the May election.
- D. District Special Education Report..... Mrs. Kim Parrott
Mrs. Parrott reported the correction of numbers on the chart in the board packet and passed out a sheet with updated speech only numbers. She reported that she has joined the psychologists with assessments to get them done by May. Some have not be returned to the District from parents. Mrs. Parrott handed the Board the newsletter that went home in Mrs. Worrell's class. She announced that they welcomed two new students today.
- E. District Educational Services Report..... Mrs. Debbie Burnette
Assistant Superintendent Burnette thanked everyone who helped with the Whiz Kids competition last weekend. She especially thanked Mr. D'Amico for the great job announcing the event. Mr. D'Amico will provide a more detailed report on Whiz Kids. Mrs. Burnette reported that the math adoption has been taking place since January 2008. 20 teachers put their heart and soul into this pilot. Mrs. Lowe gave her summary on why she was recommending the adoption of the Harcourt math curriculum. Mrs. Mitchell summarized her positive feedback on piloting Holt for the district's math curriculum. The basic cost for K-5th grades is \$78,543 and 6th-8th grades is \$47,550 totaling \$126,094 which will be funded from the restricted monies set aside for instructional materials.
- F. School Site Reports
 - 1. Bethany School..... Mrs. Keri Buckley
Principal Buckley reported that there is common theme to the site reports this month. Everyone is focusing on STAR testing. Today was the last official day of testing. Everyone did a great job! Many students ate breakfast that the district provided and they chewed gum during testing again this year. She is proud of the staff on how they focused on the standards. Some students had to make up the tests, maybe because of the flu scare last week. Two teachers from Bethany received the county's Golden Apple Award for their achievements as new educators: Miss Devin Jursco and Miss Jenna Anstey. Tomorrow evening Vice-Principal Mrs. Bordanaro will have a celebration for all the students that have been reclassified from the EL program. On Friday, May 1st, is multi-cultural day, all students will create a passport to learn as they visit each classroom to learn about other countries. Also, the Bethany School Foundation will be hosting a Luau from 6:30pm-8:30pm. There will be dancing and food (roast pig, rice, salad)
 - 2. Lammersville School..... Mr. Samy D'Amico
Principal D'Amico reported that it is very rare for Lammersville School to gain students when Wicklund and Bethany both had a decline in enrollment. The LSF sponsored "Dads and Dogs" event has been postponed until May 16th. The new front door to the

school office was installed. New wireless light switches were added to rooms 1 and 2 to allow entrance from both doors to safely turn on the lights; this was very appreciated! Four students applied for the Ken Olds/LSF scholarship award. During STAR testing the students were here on time. He is proud of the students for stepping up. Mr. D'Amico provided a handout to the Board regarding Whiz Kids. 52 students participated.

- 3. Wicklund School..... Mr. Lem Vergara Principal Vergara reported that a STAR testing kick off rally was last Monday with all students, K-8th grades. He is proud of the student's and teacher's effort. The spring musical "Grease" is being put on by Mrs. Haro and Ms. Hendrix. On May 15th and 16th the production will be performed in the multipurpose room at Wicklund. The WSF Spring auction was held a few weeks ago, and he was the auctioneer for the 1st time. Tomorrow evening is the high tech crime information night at Wicklund. On May 8th is the 8th grade Cotillion; May 19th will be the choir and advanced band concert. On May 1st the 1st grade classes will perform some dances for Cinco de Mayo.

XI. Governing Board Reports: Trustee Khanna reported that a school in Texas was closed due to the H1N1 flu. If someone visited Mexico or Texas recently and have flu like symptoms they should stay home. The medicine that is given for the H1N1 virus does not work as a preventative measure.

XII. Governing Board Action Items:

A. **Consider/Approval of Single Plan for student Achievement for:**

- 1. **Bethany**
- 2. **Lammersville**
- 3. **Wicklund**

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: BRobert; SECOND BY: SNielson with no discussion and approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES: 0; ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: .; Motion carried

B. **Consider/Approval of Math Textbook Adoption for Grades Kindergarten-8th Grade. K-5th Grade: Harcourt; 6th-8th Grade: Holt.**

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AKhanna; SECOND BY: BRobert with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. . ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried

C. **Consider/Approval to Eliminate the Summer School Program for the 2008-09 School Year with the Exception of an Extended School Year Program for Special Education from June 1, 2009 – June 26, 2009. If State Funding is Available, it will be used to Support an After School Tutoring Program for the 2009-10 School Year.**

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AKhanna; SECOND BY: JHiramoto with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. . ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried.

D. **Consider/Approval of Governing Board Resolution 08-09-13 Identifying District Representatives to Certify and Act as Liaisons with the State Allocation Board (SAB), Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), and the Department of State Architect (DSA): Mr. Dale Hansen, Superintendent and Mrs. Alvina Keyser, Business Manager.**

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: CCunningham; SECOND BY: BRobert with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. . ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried

E. **Consider/Approval to Direct Superintendent Hansen to Proceed with Screening Contractors and Prepare for Bidding of Questa Elementary School.**

Superintendent Hansen explained the funding from the 50-04 SAB appeal funds to use towards Altamont School (Matching funds for Bethany School). State bonding money is gone. The next election for state funding bonds will be November of 2010. Funding needed for Altamont will not be determined until November of 2010, all the paperwork will be done in February of 2011. In the meantime, the District decided to design Questa. It is already approved by the State. It was a tough decision made by the Board. The good news is the District won the appeal to allow us to design Altamont school. The District's intention is to keep Altamont funding for use only in Altamont. Trustee Cunningham thanks Superintendent Hansen for his hard work and effort in obtaining matching funds for the District.

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: JHiramoto; SECOND BY: CCunningham with no following discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES: 0; ABSENT:0; ABSTAIN: 0 Motion carried.

F. **Consider/Approval of Full Day Kindergarten Pilot Program at Lammersville Elementary School for the 2009-2010 School Year.**

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: CCunningham; SECOND BY: JHiramoto with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. . ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried

G. Consider/Approval of Governing Board Resolution 08-09-14 of Final Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employees.

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: BFobert; SECOND BY: CCunningham with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. . ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried

H. Consider/Approval of the Proposed 2009-2010 School Calendar.

This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: BFobert; SECOND BY: JHiramoto with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. . ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried

XIII. Information and Discussion Items Reviewed:

- A. Unification Timeline, Process, and Items to be considered in Petition to Initiate Unification. – Moved up on the Agenda.
- B. Request for Proposal for Architect to Design Altamont Elementary School – Due Date is May 15, 2009.
- C. CDE Approval on Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions – January 5, 2009 – Lammersville School.
- D. Review Proposed Changes in Classified Staffing Reductions for the 2009-2010 School Year. Superintendent Hansen reviewed the budget loss to our District and possible classified staffing reductions for the 2009-10 school year. He reported that no mid-year cuts were made this school year and that will not be the case for next year. The final report of classified cuts will be made at the May regular board meeting.

XIV. Calendar of Events Were Reviewed:

- A. Thursday, April 30thJoint Board Meeting – TUSD, 7:00 PM – P. 129
- B. Wednesday, May 6thLammersville School – Open House
- C. Tuesday, May 12th Bethany School – Open House
- D. Wednesday, May 13th Wicklund School – Open House
- E. Friday, May 15th..... Unification Meeting with TUSD
- F. Wednesday, May 20th..... Regular Governing Board Meeting
- G. Thursday, May 28th..... Bethany School 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – 6:30 PM
- H. Friday, May 29th.....Lammersville School 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – 7:00 PM
Wicklund School 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – 7:00 PM

XV. Friday, May 29th Last Day of School

XVI. Adjourn to Closed Session. Not Needed.

XVII. Reconvene to Open Session: Not Needed

XVIII. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting, April 29, 2009, at 9:32 P.M.

MOTION BY: CCunningham ; SECOND BY: BFobert; AYES: 5 ;NOES: 0 ; ABSENT: 0

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary

Approved and ordered entered into the

Proceedings of the District on May 20, 2009.

_____, Clerk