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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, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

- I. Call to order at 6:35 P.M.
- II. Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:35P.M.
 - A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (GC 54956.9, 54957, 54957.6)
- III. Reconvene to Open Session at 7:09 P.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; James Hiramoto; Ben Fobert.

Staff Present

Dale Hansen, Superintendent	Noel Balzarini, Executive Assistant
Debbie Burnette, Assist. Supt. Ed. Svcs.	Alvina Keyser, Director of Business
Samy D’Amico, LES Principal	Keri Buckley, BES Principal
Lem Vergara, WES Principal	Chantell Tarver, BES Vice-Principal
Sandi Worrell, Teacher – WES	Debbie Wingo, WES Vice-Principal
Rose Boynton, Librarian – LES	Michael O’Loughlin, DMOT
Roxanne Felver, Payroll/Benefits	Tammy Hurst, Teacher – BES
Bernie Hill, Instructional Aide – WES	Traci Mitchell, Teacher – WES

Others Present: Members of the staff and community were present.

- VI. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session, If Any: No Board Action Taken.
- VII. Approval and/or Corrections to the Agenda. One change made to the Agenda: XIV. D. Consider/Approval of Occupational Therapy Contract with Jill Cox for the 2009-2010 school year.
This Item had a Motion to approve by: JHiramoto; SECOND BY: BFobert to approve the agenda as amended with AYES: 5; NOES: 0; ABSENT: 0.

VIII. Receiving of Public Comments: No Public Comments were made.

IX. Recognition and Presentations:

A. Foundation Presidents

1. Lammersville School Foundation President: Principal D’Amico presented information for LSF on behalf of Mrs. Jennifer Corliss. He reviewed the following fundraisers LSF currently has planned: Luau Auction and Dinner on 03/06/10 at the Elks Lodge; 10/24/09 is the Harvest Carnival at Lammersville; Cookie Dough sales and the Secret Santa Store will be in December; Mom’s and Muffins will be in January. Still to be scheduled are: Day out with Day – Hockey Night, and Sees Candy Sales. On Thursday, October 1st is the fundraiser at Cold Stone in Tracy. Staff from Lammersville School will be serving ice cream. The funds raised will be used for the Art program at LES, bringing in books to the school, new baseball field, planners/folders, and a movie projector.
2. Bethany School Foundation President: Sinha is the new BSF President this year. He reported that the last two meetings held had about 16 parents in attendance. He reported that they will be partnering with WSF for the carnival at Wicklund School this year. There will be a multicultural event in the spring.

Movie and dinner night out. Sinha explained that they are trying to recruit parents who are employed at corporations that provide funds to those that volunteer their time to schools.

- 3. Wicklund School Foundation President: Bernie Hill provided a hand out detailing the fundraisers for the year. They've received donations from families at the beginning of the school year. The following fundraisers are coming up: WSF/BSF carnival 10/20/09; Sees Candy Sale in Nov/Dec; Dinner/Auction on March 27, 2010 place TBD; Del Oso Farm ticket sales in Oct; Cartridges for Kids Program – Ongoing. We will host the multicultural potluck and talent show at WES on 1/30/09. Funds raised will be used for the BMX assembly; Red Ribbon Week activities & supplies; playground equipment; books & AR prizes; class set of Neo keyboards; CJSF dinner; laminating film; 8th grade plaque.

X. Consent Items for Consideration:

A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Regular Meeting – August 26, 2009
- 2. Special Meeting – September 14, 2009

B. Approval of Warrants as listed: (See attached List)

C. Approval of Budget Revisions: (See Attachment)

Motion by: JHiramoto, Seconded by: CCunningham to approve all consent items with no discussion by the following vote: AYES: 5 ; NOES: 0 ; ABSENT: 0 Motion carried.

XI. District Administrative Reports

A. District Facilities Report..... Mr. Michael O'Loughlin
 Superintendent Hansen introduced Mr. O'Loughlin as the District's new Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation. Mr. O'Loughlin reported he was working on fleet schedules, 30 day inspections, State bid pricing. Superintendent Hansen requested that he review current processes and come up with recommendations for improvements.

B. Educational Services Report..... Mrs. Debbie Burnette
 Mrs. Burnette invited the Board to attend the staff development day scheduled for Friday, September 25th. She provided a schedule for the day. Mrs. Burnette reported that the GATE committee met last week. There were new students who qualify. There are about 10% of students that qualify for GATE in our District. Many teachers are interested in teaching for the program in their areas of interest. The GATE plan has been approved through 2012 by the State. GATE parent's night will be on Thursday, October 1st. The District's API score is the highest in the county! We have come up over 100 points in the past 8 years. In the packet are the scores for the other districts in the county. Our Algebra scores have improved this year. Our new math curriculum, Holt, is in place this year. We held our first curriculum council meeting this year. Thank you to Chris for attending. The committee will be researching standards based grades vs. letter grades.

C. School Site Reports

1. Lammersville Elementary..... Mr. D'Amico
 Principal D'Amico thanked the Board in advance for the luncheon provided tomorrow to celebrate the API scores. He commended Mr. Vergara for sacrificing his golden locks of hair for the school. LSF is sponsoring a BMX assembly to talk about physical activity, being safe and healthy, and wearing helmets. On September 25th is District Science Night. Mr. D'Amico thanked the committee for all of their efforts to pull together this event. On March 27, 2010, we will hold the Whiz Kids competition. It will be the 25th anniversary of the program. We are inviting Mr. Olds and Mr. Lebo to attend.

2. Bethany Elementary..... Mrs. Buckley
 Principal Buckley thanked Mr. Sinha for his commitment to the BES committee. The sports program has taken off and the first game was today. Wicklund defeated Bethany at the volleyball game. The student newspaper club, yearbook, homework club will all begin next week. Character counts elective will be taught by Mrs. Borncamp. The students will learn skits to teach the pillars to the whole school. They will perform at assemblies for the staff and students. Green tickets are given to any student who is seen displaying a character trait. Principal Buckley mentioned the API score BES has achieved this year. The staff is very excited and there is lots of pride with achieving this growth in two years.

3. Wicklund Elementary..... Mr. Vergara

Principal Vergara reported that the API score of 852 is huge. The past couple of years there was only 1 point in growth. This year we've targeted the EL group that needed improvement and gave them the tools they needed. They realized that Algebra is an area that needs help so we pulled together the 8th grade teachers and focused on this area of improvement. Principal Vergara thanked the Board for the luncheon they provided to congratulate the Wicklund staff for the API scores achieved. The student of the month assembly was today. Respect was the trait of the month. The back to school dance was held. After school sports began. The 5th graders have started the DARE program. Mrs. Mitchell's students were published in the anthology of Poetry book "To Be Free".

- D. District Enrollment Report..... Mr. Dale Hansen
Superintendent Hansen reported on the District enrollment spreadsheet. With today's numbers there are 307 Altamont and Questa students attending school in our District. More slabs are being poured at the Questa School site.
- E. District Business Report & Cafeteria Closing 2008-09..... Mrs. Alvina Keyser
Mrs. Keyser reported that the Class Size Reduction Application came out for 08-09 and 09-10. We can only apply for classes based on 10/2007 numbers. We can only submit for 41 classes instead of 43. This year 2 classes can not apply for funding. We are trying to get the most funding that we can for this program. Mrs. Keyser reported that at the last meeting Trustee Hiramoto requested information on where our county was investing our funds. Included is a sheet provided by the county indicating where the funds are being invested. Mrs. Keyser reported that the cafeteria fund shows about \$2500 in repairs needed. There is only 2 weeks of revenue to account for August but it should level off this month.

XII. Governing Board Reports: No Governing Board reports.

XIII. Governing Board Unfinished Business:

- A. **Consider/Approval of District Goals, Objectives, and Responsibilities for the 2009-2010 School Year.**

Superintendent Hansen reviewed the goals of the District with the Board. These goals were created at the special Governing Board Goal Setting Session. This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: SNielson; SECOND BY: CCUNNINGHAM with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried

XIV. Governing Board Action Items:

- A. **Consider/Approval to Hire a Special Education Program Specialist:** Mrs. Allise Kamauu
This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: CCunningham; SECOND BY: AKhanna with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried
- B. **Consider/Approval of Agreement to Participate in the San Joaquin County Outdoor Education Program: 1. Bethany School: 11/2/09 – 11/6/09; 2. Lammersville School: 11/30/09 – 12/4/09; 3. Wicklund School: 3/29/10 – 4/2/10.**
This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: JHiramoto; SECOND BY: CCunningham with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried
- C. **Consider/Approval of School Fundraisers for the 2009-2010 School Year.**
This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: CCunningham; SECOND BY: AKhanna 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 Occupational Therapy Contract with Jill Cox for the 2009-2010 School Year.**
This item had a MOTION TO APPROVE BY: AKhanna; SECOND BY: SNielson with no discussion. This item was approved with the following vote: AYES:5; NOES:0; ABSENT:0. ABSTAIN:0 Motion carried.

XV. Information and Discussion Items Reviewed:

- A. Construction of Questa Elementary – Superintendent Hansen reported that there was a gas leak. A 4" gas line was nicked. The Tracy Fire Department monitored air quality. The project is on the fast track for building. Steel for the project is currently being inspected at the factory and will be delivered soon.
- B. Design of Altamont Elementary – Superintendent Hansen included notes from NM&R in the board packet. The architects are very organized and they are trying to meet the needs of the district.

- C. District Unification Process – Superintendent Hansen reported that the mitigation agreement hurdle has been passed and the next step is at the county level. On 10/13/09 there will be a public hearing at TUSD and in our District on 10/28/09.
- D. Update on District Grading System – Superintendent Hansen reported that there is a grading committee being formed and will research a new grading system.
- E. School Wellness Conference, Marriott Anaheim – October 6th-7th, 2009
- F. CSBA Workshop – December 3rd – 5th, 2009

XVI. Calendar of Events Were Reviewed:

- A. Friday, September 25th..... Staff Development Day – No School for Students
District Science Night – Lammersville School, 6:00 P.M.
- B. Wednesday, October 14th.....Questa School Groundbreaking Ceremony, 10:00 A.M.
- C. Monday, October 19th..... District/Board Members Picture Day, Wicklund School 8:00 A.M.
- D. Wednesday, October 28th..... Regular Governing Board Meeting
- E. Thursday, November 19thSJC School Board Dinner

XVII. Closed Session was not needed.

XVIII. Reconvene to Open Session: __ P.M.

XIX. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting, September 23, 2009, at 8:40 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary

Approved and ordered entered into the
Proceedings of the District on October 28, 2009.

_____, Clerk