

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING 2-17-09 #800
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Ms. Jan Iceland, called the regular meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. at Oak Park High School Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

Ms. Jan Iceland, President, Ms. Mary Rees, Vice President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, Clerk, Ms. Marie Panec, Member, and Ms. Cindy Vinson, Member.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:09 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Jan Iceland, reconvened the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Oak Park High School, Presentation Room, G9, 899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park.

BOARD PRESENT

Ms. Jan Iceland, President, Ms. Mary Rees, Vice President, Ms. Barbara Laifman, Clerk, Ms. Marie Panec, Member, Ms. Cindy Vinson, Member, and Ben Pyle, Student Board Representative.

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tony Knight, Superintendent, Mr. Martin Klauss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Mr. Cliff Moore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Ms. Laurel Ford, Director, Teaching and Learning, Ms. Jane Mintz, Director, Educational Technology, Ms. Cathy Skiba, Director, Pupil Services, and Ms. Linda Sheridan, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

Joyce Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

During Closed Session held this evening the Board took no action.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education adopted the agenda except to move item C.4.c after A. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sophia Fischer addressed the Board about the student teacher program at Oak Park High School.

Skip Jensen and Mike Garfinkel addressed the Board about the baseball program at Oak Park High School.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Marie Panec reported she attended the Curriculum Council and the SEAC meeting. She began her position as Secretary of the Ventura County Schools Boards Association. The County is

sponsoring a Brown Act Workshop and there is a VCSBA dinner meeting at the end of March. The big discussion at VCSBA was the State budget. Ms. Panec visited Oak Hills Elementary School and the Columbia Reading project which was fabulous. Board Member Mary Rees attended the Calendar Committee which has good parent involvement. In crafting the calendar we discussed the need for students to be in school. When parents take students out of school for long weekends we lose money. We are working on keeping the calendar simple. We provide the best education for our students by making the fewest budget cuts and we continue to work hard on keeping spending in check. Ms. Rees congratulated Oak Park High students who were named National Merit Finalists and Academic Decathlon medalists. Board Member Cindy Vinson reported she will be meeting with Diane Starzak and new MAC member Derek Ross to discuss a Teen CERT program and bring this information back to the Safe Kids Task Force. Ms. Vinson feels the community is relying on the Board to protect the heart of our education program from the cuts in the State budget. Board Member Barbara Laifman reported she attended the play at Oak Park High School which was great. She thanked Allan Hunt and band leaders for their leadership. Ms. Laifman attended the Oak Hills recognition assembly and the field trip where the conductor went beyond the music for the students. She participated in both the Medea Creek and Oak Hills walk to school day which stressed both the health and environmental benefits to the students. Ms. Laifman has received positive feedback from parents about the budget information meeting held at her home with requests for more meetings about this subject. She attended the EEAC meeting who are looking for grants for recycling. Board Member Jan Iceland also attended the Columbia Reading program at Oak Hills. She thanked Laurel and the teachers at Oak Hills. Ms. Iceland attended the Friends meeting and the Technology meeting. She thanked Barbara for hosting the budget meeting at her home and also thanked Martin and Tony for their presentations. Ms. Iceland thanked Laurel Goins for the tour of the school cafeterias. She also attended the Finance committee last week and attended a webinar on the state budget crisis at the Ventura County Office of Education presented by CSBA and School Services. CSBA will also be sponsoring a webinar on the Reduction in Force process if any Board members are interested. Ms. Iceland also congratulated the Oak Park High School Academic Decathlon winners.

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Pyle reported the winter sports rally will be held on Friday and video announcements will be made on Thursday. The hypnagogic fundraiser is Thursday and the ASB is involved in the Relay for Life for cancer awareness.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Knight reported this is the 800th meeting of the Oak Park school board. We are still waiting for a state budget. He distributed a list of the roof leaks from the recent rain storm. Dr. Knight congratulated Ben on being named a National Merit Finalist along with six other Oak Park seniors and also congratulated members of the Academic Decathlon team for their hard work.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL REPORTS

Oak View High School and Oak Park Independent School – Lou Tabone reported the School Site Councils had not met this month.

Oak Park High School – Doug Orens reported the School Site Council approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement. They discussed the graduation plans and their plan to have it be self-funded by selling tickets. They discussed the 2010 cum laude program and PFC has agreed to sponsor the programs. They received a facilities update and continued to look at priorities for the school. The tennis courts will be resurfaced through a joint effort with the Recreation & Parks Department and hopefully the parking lots will be repaved over the summer with the bond funds. ASB is looking at planting trees and gardens and cleaning up the campus and ways to continue to keep the campus clean. The school will receive their California Distinguished School visit on March 12. The Site Council continued their discussion about traffic safety especially the Kanan and Doubletree intersection. One of the ideas is to possibly request a

traffic cop. ASB reported on upcoming fundraisers such as the Miami Vice dance on March 7. They have lost money this year due to not being able to sell food especially candy due to the Wellness Policy.

Medea Creek Middle School – Brad Benioff reported the School Site Council had not met yet this month but will be discussing traffic safety, will be receiving budget updates, and will be discussing use of cell phones and ipods based on the Board Policy which is on the Agenda tonight. Medea Creek will also be having a California Distinguished School visit on March 6.

Oak Hills Elementary School – Leslie Heilbron reported the School Site Council reviewed the presentation given at the Ventura County Office of Education, approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement, and discussed traffic safety. Teachers were excited by the visits by Board members to their Columbia Reading program and felt very acknowledged by these visits.

Brookside Elementary School – Debbie Burgher reported the School Site Council had a School Wires presentation and talked about the continuing dog problem on campus and traffic safety. \$500 was raised for new playground equipment and there was a promotion for the Great Race and fitness this week at the school.

Red Oak Elementary School – Jon Duim reported the School Site Council approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement, discussed the dog problem on campus, adding onto the Kindergarten playground and prioritizing projects for Measure R funds.

Oak Park Neighborhood School – Preschool held their winter carnival which raised \$2,500. They have an enrollment of 59 students and they are working with The Tree People on a project to plant trees.

Facilities Planning Committee – Tom Wulf reported the full Committee met two weeks ago and a sub-committee has also met. They are setting priorities and identifying projects to be done as soon as the funds become available. The Construction Project Manager process netted 19 firms who expressed an interest, 8 returned bids and three were selected for interviews to be held this week. The choice will be brought to the Board for approval on March 3.

DISCUSSION

School Wires presentation was given by Jay Greenlinger and Jane Mintz. They showed the Board different school sites on the new District web site and the Board Policies which are now on the web site.

Special Education presentation was given by Cathy Skiba and Martin Klauss. Ms. Skiba presented an overview of the Special Education program and Mr. Klauss presented an overview of financial picture of the program.

C.1. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve Special Closed Session and Board Meeting of January 13, 2009 Minutes, Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009 and Board Study Session Minutes of February 3, 2009
- b. Public Employee/Employment Changes 01CL1969-01CL1984 & 01CE04156–01CE04193
- c. Approve Purchase Orders – January 1 – January 31, 2009
- d. Approve Donations

ACTION

2. CURRICULUM

a. Public Hearing and Approve Specific Waiver Request – Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program – Math K-5

Public Hearing opened at 9:02 p.m.

No Public Comments

Public Hearing closed at 9:08 p.m.

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the Specific Waiver Request – Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program – Math K-5. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Public Hearing and Approve Specific Waiver Request – Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program – Language Arts

Public Hearing opened at 9:09 p.m.

No Public Comments

Public Hearing closed at 9:10 p.m.

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved the Specific Waiver Request – Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program – Language Arts. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approve 2008-2009 School Single Plans for Student Achievement

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Barbara Laifman, the Board of Education approved the 2008-2009 School Single Plans for Student Achievement. Motion carried 5-0.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES

a. Approve Resolution #09-02 Determination of Seniority Among Certificated Employees with the Same Seniority Date (“Tie-Breaker Resolution”)

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-02 Determination of Seniority Among Certificated Employees with the Same Seniority Date (“Tie-Breaker Resolution”). Motion carried 5-0.

4. BOARD

a. Approve 2009 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election of Candidates

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved voting for Suzanne Kitchens and Christina Urias as the 2009 CSBA Delegate Assembly Candidates for Region 11B. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Resolution #09-03 – On Solving the Budget Crisis

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-03-On Solving the Budget Crisis. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approve Amendment of Administrative Regulation 5030 – School Wellness

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Administrative Regulation 5030 – School Wellness. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approve Resolution #09-05, Participation in CSBA California School Cash Reserve Program

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Mary Rees, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-05, Participation in CSBA California School Cash Reserve Program. Motion carried 5-0.

5. PUPIL SERVICES

a. Approve Resolution #09-04 Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved Resolution #09-04 Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims. Motion carried 5-0.

6. BOARD POLICIES

a. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3100 – Budget – First Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 3100 – Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 3460 – Financial Report and Accountability – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 3460 – Financial Report and Accountability. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4112.2 – Certification – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 4112.2 – Certification. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4112.21 – Interns – First Reading

On motion of Mary Rees, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 4112.21 – Interns. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4118 – Suspension/Disciplinary Action – First Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 4118 – Suspension/Disciplinary Action. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 4131 – Staff Development – First Reading

On motion of Marie Panec, seconded by Cindy Vinson, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 4131 – Staff Development. Motion carried 5-0.

g. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5131 – Conduct – First Reading

On motion of Cindy Vinson, seconded by Marie Panec, the Board of Education approved amendment of Board Policy 5131 – Conduct. Motion carried 5-0.

h. Approve Amendment of Board Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure – First Reading

Approval was tabled for more information.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Pavilion Seating Update
2. Monthly Budget Report

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Board asked staff to look into student teacher program at high school.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this Board, the meeting is declared adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board