

OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2009

Members Present:

Mrs. Krista Bernasconi, President
Mr. Rene Aguilera, Clerk
Mrs. Susan Goto
Mr. Brett McFadden
Mr. Gary Miller
Mr. Richard L. Pierucci, Superintendent

Members Absent:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Tr. Bernasconi called the Regular Meeting of the Roseville City School District Board of Education to order at 5:15 p.m., reported to the public on the items to be discussed in Closed Session, and recessed to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Tr. Bernasconi convened Closed Session for the purpose of:

- Conferencing with Labor Negotiators, Gov. Code §54957.6
California School Employees' Association, Chapter #475
Roseville Teachers' Association
- Conference with Legal Counsel/Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code §54956.9 (b)
Claimant: Erica Millard (Dated: 12/1/2008) for damages
Agency claimed against: Roseville City School District
- Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Gov. Code §54957
Title: Superintendent (Mid-Year Review)

RECESS CLOSED SESSION

Tr. Bernasconi recessed Closed Session at 5:59 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Tr. Bernasconi reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:03 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mark Murphy with the Roseville Utility Exploration Center led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN
CLOSED SESSION/ACTION
FROM CLOSED SESSION
DISCUSSION

Tr. Bernasconi reported that no action had been taken in Closed Session.

Item 12.2, Award of Bids for YR12 E-Rate Eligible Telecommunications Services, was removed from the agenda.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Independent Auditor's Report
for the Period ending June 30,
2008

Mr. Stephen Roatch with Stephen Roatch Accountancy briefly reviewed elements of the audit document including: Page 1, Independent Auditor's Opinions of the Financial Statements (Unqualified Opinion); Page 14, Statement of Net Assets (A government-wide balance sheet); Page 15, Statement of Activities; Page 53, Reconciliation of Annual Financial and Budget Report with Audited Financial Statements; Page 54, Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis; Page 66, Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (with one very minor financial statement finding related to student body this year, which is very typical and two state compliance findings, with no fiscal impacts); and Pages 72 and 73, Status of Prior Year Recommendations (of the four findings last year, all were either implemented or partially implemented). He concluded by stating that this is as good as one could hope for in an audit and noted that his manager is very pleased with all the assistance the Business Department gives throughout the audit process. *(Copy of document attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

Roseville Utility Exploration
Center Presentation

Mr. Bob Garrison, Director of the Roseville Utility Exploration Center, provided information on the center's mission to teach residents and children about environmental sustainability and grants available for schools so students can visit the center and learn about reducing solid waste and saving energy, made possible by grant funding secured through the California Department of Conservation and the City of Roseville's Environmental Utilities Department. He shared that

information was sent to principals and teachers prior to the holidays and noted that sites are taking advantage of the program, which is tailored to grades 1-3 and 4-6.

C.S.E.A.'s President's Report

Mr. Willie Baker, President of the California School Employees' Association, Chapter #475, updated the Board on CSEA's continued efforts to protect the interests of education at the state level, as well as shared that a new labor representative was in attendance at yesterday's negotiations for training, as the CSEA field office indicated that our district was a great district and nice to deal with.

R.T.A. President's Report

Mr. Mark Davis, President of the Roseville Teachers' Association (R.T.A.), shared that R.T.A. had sent four teachers to the Good Teaching Conference in Burlingame (one from Thomas Jefferson, one from Blue Oaks, and two from Cirby) and noted that two teachers represented the district as presenters (Steve and Donna Bengle). He noted that there were excellent workshops on reading, math, and classroom management. He also shared that the association had met last week and voted unanimously for the agreement presented this evening and added that 99% of the time, the association and the district are on the same side and that both are trying to make sure budget cuts and the financial crisis don't affect students, as well as protect programs and personnel.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
WISHING TO ADDRESS THE
BOARD

Tr. Bernasconi asked members of the audience if they wished to address the Board on any item not appearing on the agenda.

Christopher Estes, former district student, apologized for violating the rules of Cooley Middle School; shared that it was wrong; stated he regretted his actions, which could have hurt someone; thanked the Board for allowing him to apologize; and asked for the Board's forgiveness.

Tr. McFadden commented that Mr. Estes' apology shows a lot of maturity and courage on his part and noted it is very difficult to admit when something occurs and one is wrong and appreciates that very much. He added his hope that the district can work with Mr. Estes and his family through his principal to make sure he has a positive experience as he remains in our district and as he goes onto the high school district.

Ms. Karen Calkins, Principal of Cooley Middle School, attested to the character of Mr. Estes (who is now a freshman in the high school district) and shared she is proud of the young man he is becoming.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Prior Board Meetings: Organizational Meeting, December 11, 2008, Regular Meeting, December 11, 2008; Personnel Matters; Reject Claim Against District (Erica Millard dated December 1, 2008, for damages); Accept the Placer County Treasurer's Investment Report for the Period ending November 30, 2008; Ratify Non-Public School/Agency Agreements (Laguna Physical Therapy, Student 1.15.09.01 for \$440.00 and Student 1.15.09.02 for \$3,300.00); Accept Donations Received by Various Sites (The following to Woodbridge Giving Tree

Tr. Bernasconi explained that items under the Consent Agenda were routine matters to be enacted by one motion unless a member of the Board or audience requests that items be removed for further discussion.

Tr. McFadden stated that he strongly supports and will vote in favor of Item 9.8, (*Approve Attendance of Out-of-State Conference in Tucson, Arizona: The Nurtured Heart Advanced Training, January 18 – 23, 2009, for Three Cooley Staff Members*) and will always support professional development; however, in light of the current budget situation asked staff to make a very clear nexus between professional development and objective (educational) outcomes that want to be achieved out of that.

Mr. Pierucci indicated that the plans for going forward with this conference were discussed in early December and pointed out that the district recently froze all categorical expenditures; however, this is directly in line with the school's site plan.

Ms. Calkins, Principal of Cooley Middle School, provided the nexus for the Nurtured Heart Program, which included allowing data to support student achievement and shared that in 2006 there were 1,666 office referrals, which was reduced to under 150 students out of class just last year supported by Nurtured Heart; provided the Board with a copy of the Nurtured Heart Workbook; and noted the program's use of positive energy (supporting that intensity) as opposed to negative energy; and

Program: \$1,100 from Diamond K Recreation Club, \$2,000 from NEC Recreation Committee; \$1,000 from Rotary Club of Roseville Foundation, and \$1,000 from Judy & Roy Lovell); Ratify Non-Public School/Agency Master Agreement with Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc., for non-public school/agency services; Approve Attendance of Out-of-State Conference in Tucson, Arizona: The Nurtured Heart Advanced Training, January 18 – 23, 2009 for three Cooley staff members; Declaration of Surplus Technology Equipment for Schools: Eich, Spanger, Sargeant, Crestmont, and Sierra Gardens.

briefly reported on the program's implementation and use in Yuba and Placer Counties. She also made note that once staff receives this advanced training, making it available to other schools and departments in the district to support student achievement.

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Aguilera, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

AYES: Trs. Aguilera, Goto, McFadden, Miller, Bernasconi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

ACTION MATTERS

Independent Auditor's Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2008

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Goto, to accept Item 12.1, 2007-08 Independent Audit as submitted by Stephen Roatch Accountancy Group. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Award of Bids for Year12 E-Rate Eligible Telecommunications Services

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and no action was taken.

Disclosure and Approval of 2008-09 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Roseville Teachers' Association (RTA)

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Goto, to approve Item 12.3, Publicly Disclose and Approve the Cost and Funding Sources of the Proposed Negotiated Agreement with the Roseville Teachers' Association. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Approval of Roseville Teachers' Association Contract Modifications (*Article XVIII, Leave: Personal Necessity and Compelling Personal Importance; Article XXVI, Salary and Salary Advancement*)

Motion by Tr. Goto, seconded by Tr. Miller, to approve modifications to the contract with the Roseville Teachers' Association. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. (Copies of contract modifications attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)

Resolution 2008-09.09, Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims

Motion by Tr. Goto, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-09.09, Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

AYES: Trs. Aguilera, Goto, McFadden, Miller, Bernasconi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Adoption of 2009-2010 School
Year Calendar

Motion by Tr. Miller, seconded by Tr. Aguilera, to adopt the 2009-2010 school year calendar. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Budget Update – 2009-2010
Budget

Ms. Olson provided an overview of the state's cash crisis relative to education and its possible effects on the district. Items she shared included the current size and duration of the budget shortfall (estimated at \$40 billion over two years); a comparison of 2008-09 mid-year cuts based upon the Governor's January proposal and the legislative proposal; and the 2009-2010 budget proposal, including possible flexibilities, special education considerations, and the impact of the Governor's budget proposal on the Roseville City School District and the result if reserve levels get too low (intervention would come from the Placer County Office of Education unless the district runs out of cash and cannot pay back local borrowing, then outside intervention would come directly from the state and the district would lose control). She also reviewed the 2008-09 district cash flow relative to deferment of the February 2009 principal apportionments and K-3 class-size reduction payments; multi-year projections using the 08-09 First Interim Report (which shows a shortfall of roughly \$4,005,000 for 2009-2010 and \$10,005,000 for 2010-2011); and the possibility of the district having a "Qualified Certification" at Second Interim based on current projections. She stated the county will not qualify a district if they see evidence that the district is establishing a Fiscal Stabilization Plan; however, if the district does not take action, the Placer County Office of Education will certify the district as "qualified" and begin intervention.

She also reviewed the actions the district has already taken (including freezing funds, eliminating the deferred maintenance transfer, and convening the Energy Conservation Committee) and actions the district can consider including eliminating or increasing the ratio above 20:1 for class-size reduction; Option 2 for class-size reduction for Kindergarten; increasing class sizes; freezing step and column (must be negotiated); reducing the school year; eliminating or reducing staff development buy-back days (must be negotiated); and reducing the work year for all employees (must be negotiated). She added that the district will not know what flexibility options remain open until the legislature has adopted the state budget and the district will need to keep its mission of educating students a priority in facing this challenge and will need the cooperation of all stakeholders to overcome this crisis. *(Copy of presentation attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

Mr. Pierucci shared information on the idea to, over the next six weeks, identify and inform all stakeholders (Board, leadership, bargaining units, upper level management, District Office staff, school site staff, P.T.C. and S.S.C. and parent leaders at school sites, and the community as a whole) of the current budget situation and to gather input, as well as possibly scheduling a Board workshop on the budget towards the end of February, to share the information gathered and possible recommendations.

Tr. McFadden shared items he would like staff to work on, as well as get input on which included scenarios and/or game plans for the best and worst case scenarios; identification of high priority items to protect instruction and classroom services; the importance of communication with employee groups; and the need for principals to have a firm grasp of the situation in order to be able to communicate the necessary information with school site councils and P.T.C. representatives; and communication with the larger community, especially the fact that the district has been thrust into this situation and this is not the district's fault, as the Roseville City School District is a well-run district.

Response to Intervention (Rtl)
Update

Ms. Carin Contreras, Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Intervention, provided a detailed overview of Response to Intervention (Rtl), a problem-solving process which enables staff to understand how to meet students' needs in a better way (more systematic and proactive). She provided an overview of the essential components; the multi-tiered levels of support (Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III); the three organizational components of the process; program implementation timeline at

sites; aspects of the process that staff has had to continue to build capacity and consensus around; systems implementation; and an overview of the screening assessment tool, DIBELS; results, and next steps. (*Copy of presentation attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.*)

School and Library
Improvement Plans

Ms. Contreras shared the process for the development of, and the purpose for, the School Library and Improvement Plans, formerly known as Single Plans for Student Achievement and School Improvement Plans. She shared that in order to reduce copy and energy costs, the plans were accessible for the Board's review via the internet and also shared that hard copies of the plans are available in the Superintendent's Office for review.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF &
BOARD MEMBERS

•Mr. Peter Clark, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided a short overview of the Spelling Bee process and noted that the district is in the final stages of the county scoring those tests to determine the students who will advance to the county's oral spelling Bee, scheduled for March 4th. Mr. Clark also shared that starting on February 1st art work from district students (from the Art Docent Program) will be on display at the main and Maidu libraries until the end of the school year.

•Ms. Olson reported on the district's Energy Conservation Committee and the intent to not only come up with ways the district can save money, but to also become a more responsible member of the community. She noted the timeliness of Mr. Garrison's presentation and the goal to also get students involved in energy conservation.

•Mr. Jorgensen reported that on Tuesday he had attended a workshop free to the district regarding the interactive process for ADA and workers comp and noted it was a good workshop.

•Mr. Pierucci made reference to the upcoming task force meeting with the district's local SEPAC group and Tr. McFadden noted he would participate via conference call. Mr. Pierucci also shared that the district had been notified that Buljan is in the finals for the California Distinguished Schools Award and shared that the county will be doing a validation visit in the next few weeks.

•Tr. Miller stated that it was definitely sad news with regards to the budget report presented this evening and shared that earlier in the afternoon he had watched a two-hour webcast sponsored by the California School Boards Association, which included various people who are knowledgeable, experts in the field, and who know exactly what's happening with the economy in general, and it gave him an idea of what families and people are facing.

•Tr. Miller also reported on recent district activities he participated in including Stoneridge's Home for the Holidays Concert, which was very popular, as he had to park five to six blocks away from the event. He added that he was surprised and pleased that so many parents wanted to attend and see the concert, which was really nice. He also shared that he had attended the holiday concert at W. T. Eich, which was very nice as well and commented it was nice to see district musical programs.

•Tr. Miller also thanked district senior staff for meeting with him and providing an overall picture of what each department in the district does; and mentioned that he had also attended the barbeque that the warehouse had put on, which was a wonderful event and an opportunity to meet staff and visit. He also shared that he had asked the Superintendent and his secretary to assist him in scheduling visits to school sites in order to meet principals, learn the challenges, as well as the things people are proud of, at their school sites.

•Tr. Aguilera thanked the student who addressed the Board earlier in the evening to apologize for violating Cooley's rules and stated it was nice to hear that he was on to a great career at his respective high school. He also congratulated Tr. Bernasconi for her position on the Roseville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He also wished everyone a great day off on Martin Luther King Day on Monday and mentioned that President-Elect Barack Obama is asking everyone to make Monday a National Day of Service and shared that people can visit the Obama website to see the National Day of Service events.

•Tr. Aguilera also shared upcoming dates for the GATE (Gifted and Talented Educational Program) identification process and testing, as provided in one of the recent school newsletters provided to the Board.

•Tr. Goto reported that she had attended the Rose Parade, had pictures if anyone wanted to view them, shared that Roseville's float had received the Governor's trophy, and commented on her passion for the bands in the parade.

•Tr. Goto indicated her hope that principals had put out their Pennies for the Parade jars; requested that someone at the site count, total, and send their pennies to the District Office; and mentioned that she or someone from the city will pick up the jars.

•Tr. Goto also reported that she had been invited to visit Buljan last week, mentioned that students from Japan were visiting (not from Maesawa), and shared she was pleased on the possibility of Buljan receiving the Distinguished School Award. She also commented that, at Mr. Clark's invitation, she had the opportunity to see the Houghton-Mifflin training for teachers earlier in the day at the District Office. She also commented that fit kids get better grades, especially in the primary grades, and added that exercise helps improve test scores.

•Tr. McFadden shared that he had sent an e-mail to P.T.C. Presidents to request a meet and greet and will be doing the same next week to school S.S.C. people. He also briefly reported on recent district activities he had attended including the Eich event in December and noted that the Christmas celebration was very good.

•Tr. Bernasconi thanked David Kingsbury, the Director of Maintenance and Facilities, and his staff for the Polar Bear BBQ and noted it had been a very fun event. She also thanked Mr. Baker and Mr. Davis for their leadership with their respective groups. She also shared that she will be participating in the SEPAC meeting coming up on Wednesday and noted she and Tr. McFadden will be the Board's representatives for the district.

•Tr. Bernasconi also commented, in relation to Mrs. Olson's budget presentation, that when one sees things on the news, one often thinks this is not our problem; however, this is everyone's problem and we should be thankful for what we do have, as she tries to be thankful for what she has and to focus on that. She shared that if one focuses on what they do not have, one will never overcome that. She went on to point out good things in the district to stress her point including Rtl, the Nurtured Heart Program, the various things the Educational Foundation is doing, the Art Docent Program, and the Spelling Bee, etc., She stated that a lot of things come down to money and stressed the importance of everyone sticking together during this disaster.

•Tr. Bernasconi announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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CLOSED SESSION (Continued if
needed regarding Items under 2.0)

None needed

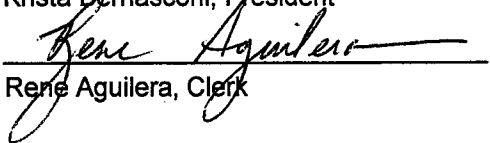
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tr. Bernasconi adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Krista Bernasconi, President



Rene Aguilera, Clerk

as approved March 5, 2009

Recorder: Heidi Eller

(Please note that additional information distributed to the Board before or during the meeting and not included in the agenda packet can be obtained by calling the District Office at (916) 771-1600.)