

OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 5, 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
- Student Matters/Expulsion, Educ. Codes §35146, §48918
Student Identification #213099, Student Reinstatement

RECESS CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR MEETING

Tr. Bernasconi reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kaseberg Principal Karen Quinlan 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.

A motion was made by Tr. Aguilera, seconded by Tr. Miller, to remove Item 12.3, Resolution 2008-09.16, Determining Criteria for Assignments for Certificated Layoff, and Item 12.4, Resolution 2008-09.17, Concerning Order of Seniority of Certificated Employees First Rendering Paid Services on the Same Date, from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Tr. Bernasconi made note that a revision had been made to the resolution for Item 12.2, Resolution 2008-09.15, Notice of Reducing or Discontinuing Particular Kinds of Service for the 2009-2010 School Year, and a revised copy of the resolution was available to the public at the table by the door.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS
C.S.E.A., Chapter #475,
President's Report

Mr. Willie Baker, President of California School Employees' Association, Chapter #475, was not in attendance.

R.T.A. President's Report

Mr. Mark Davis, President of the Roseville Teachers' Association, arrived late and his report can be found under "Recognition of Guests."

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.

Mr. John Matthias, Roseville Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) representative, announced the upcoming Roseville SEPAC Awards Dinner on Friday, May 22, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at Abundant Life Fellowship in Roseville. He noted that tickets are priced at \$25.00 and more information can be found on the SEPAC website at <http://www.rosevillesepac.org>. He also announced the upcoming Placer County Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on March 11th at 9:30 a.m., with a one-topic agenda, as Assemblyman Ted Gaines will be in attendance to address special education and what he sees as the government's role and what the State of California can do to better serve the children in Special Education. He also mentioned that on March 15th at 4:30 p.m., at

the Placer County Office of Education, Congressman Tom McClintock will be in attendance to address the same subject matter at the Federal level.

R.T.A. President's Report

Mr. Davis arrived late due to an emergency Executive Board Meeting of the Roseville Teachers' Association relative to the scenario that was brought to the association's attention yesterday and noted he will be calling an emergency general meeting on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at Buljan Middle School and feels positive and upbeat about resolving the scenario and moving on from there. He also made note of the upcoming special election in May and mentioned that if Initiatives A through F don't go through, everyone will be back to square one with regards to the budget crisis. He also commented how happy and pleased he is to be in the Roseville City School District, after attending the CTA (California Teachers' Association) dinner last night and hearing that a lot of other districts are having a lot more problems than our district. He also mentioned that any members of the Board who would like to attend the March 24th meeting in the Eich Library are welcome to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting: Regular Meeting, January 15, 2009 and Special Meeting, February 2, 2009; Personnel Matters; Approve Payment of Warrants for the Period of February 1 - 15, 2009; Ratify Non-Public School Agency Agreements (Center for Autism & Related Disorders, Inc., Laguna Physical Therapy, Jabbergym, Inc., Sierra School at Edison); Reinstatement of Student 213099 from Expulsion

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.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

ACTION MATTERS

Resolution 2008-09.14, Non-Reemployment of Temporary Certificated Employees for the 2009-10 School Year

Mr. Jerrold Jorgensen, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services, shared that every year the district has a number of employees who take leaves of absence due to various reasons including a growing family or shared contracts and, as a result, the district hires temporary employees to save those positions for regular employees. He mentioned that when we get to this time of year, we then send a notice of non-reemployment to those temporary employees. He noted in normal years when we have growth and changes in staffing like retirements, the district is able to bring back a majority of those temporary employees; however, this year may be a little different but remains hopeful to bring a majority back. He also shared that he held a meeting with all temporary employees and they are aware of the process.

Motion by Tr. Goto, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to adopt Resolution 2008-09.14, Non-Reemployment of Temporary Certificated Employees for the 2009-10 School Year. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution 2008-09.15, Notice of Reducing or Discontinuing Particular Kinds of Service for the 2009-10 School Year

Mr. Jorgensen explained that the resolution presented was for discontinuing particular kinds of service; specifically, three full-time equivalent counselors. He noted that adopting this resolution will allow the district some flexibility to continue looking at these positions for next year (i.e., how long, how much, or percentage for

next year), mentioned that he had met with counselors individually and talked about the process, and added that they are aware of this item. He added that upon adoption of this resolution, he would send formal notification to these counselors.

A motion was made by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Goto, to approve Item 12.2, Adopt Resolution 2008-09.15, Notice of Reducing or Discontinuing Particular Kinds of Service for the 2009-10 School Year. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution 2008-09.16,
Determining Criteria for
Assignments for Certificated
Layoff

No action was taken on this item, as it was removed from the agenda.

Resolution 2008-09.17,
Concerning Order of Seniority
of Certificated Employees First
Rendering Paid Services on the
Same Day

No action was taken on this item, as it was removed from the agenda.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Report on Williams
Uniform Complaints (For the
Period Ending June, 2008) and
Quarterly Report on Williams
Uniform Complaints (For the
Period Ending December, 2008)

The Board reviewed the quarterly reports on the Williams Uniform Complaints for the quarterly report submission dates of July, 2008 and January, 2009. Mr. Jorgensen shared that no complaints were filed with any school in the district during the quarters indicated.

Budget Process Update

Ms. Julie Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided an update on the Budget Stabilization Plan based on the First Interim Report and the effect on the district's budget for school years 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11. Items she reviewed included the projected beginning and ending fund balances and the net change in fund balances based on the original projection using the Governor's January proposal, along with the adjustments from the 2009-2010 Budget Act; 2008-09 budget adjustments by the district, which will allow the district to carry over a projected \$1,622,740 to help offset cuts for the 2009-2010 school year; 2009-2010 budget adjustments; and 2010-11 budget adjustments, which will still leave a projected budget shortfall of negative \$5,091,072.

She also presented projected excess or shortfall amounts for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years based upon various scenarios relative to K-3 class-size reduction (increased from 20:1 to 21:1 resulting in reduction of 10 FTE or 20:1 to 24:1 resulting in the reduction of 28 FTE), the elimination of supplemental secondary school counselors, and the effect of three furlough days for all staff versus no furlough days for staff in 2009-2010. She also shared risks to the budget, which included securitization of the state lottery and Proposition 1C on the special election ballot and the fact that if it fails, it will leave the state with a \$5 billion hole in the budget. She also pointed out the risk if state and national economies continue to fail; reviewed Federal Stimulus Funds; and elements related to the May Revise; and gave her opinion that the district will be in qualified status at the adopted budget; however, it would be up to the Board at Second Interim if they wanted to self-qualify. *(Copy of information presented attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

Tr. McFadden stated that this may be the year the Board might want to consider self-qualifying at the appropriate time and mentioned that the Placer County Office of Education may not believe the district is in qualified status at Second Interim. He noted that, historically, it has been viewed negatively; however, this year, the district is in good company with 600 plus districts in the state and the need to tell the state what they are doing, the effect it is having, and being a part of delivering that message to them that they are posing ramifications to us in terms of budget and financial viability in the future.

Ms. Olson stated that if the Board doesn't want to self-qualify at Second Interim, it can make a statement that the district is developing a plan on how to get out of qualified status and how to make that third year out viable.

Tr. McFadden shared his concerns relative to the implications of using some of the flexibility provisions and how it will affect instruction, as well as effects on employees not having cost of living increases over a period of time and shared priorities he feels the Board needs to set, from a policy perspective, including considering alternative revenue sources and would support staff's analysis on their proposal on a feasibility study for a parcel tax; firewalling Title I Schools (i.e., an analysis be given as to whether we have the ability to keep class-size reduction at 20:1 utilizing one-time Title 1 funds, maintaining professional development instructional tools at those sites); instruction and implications to professional development (i.e., the new schedule -- is that beneficial to make up for the loss of buy-back days); and the opportunity to ask questions on whether programs are working.

Mr. Pierucci commented that the district will continue to analyze its practices and procedures and changes that can be made to save revenue. In regards to Tr. McFadden's comments to a feasibility study for a parcel tax, Mr. Pierucci shared that staff had met with some groups with regards to that and the possibility of sharing some information at the April meeting. He added the possibility of generating \$1.7 million in revenue by only charging \$50 a year per parcel, which works out to \$4.50 per month or \$1 per week, and the need to plan a year ahead.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF &
BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Clark reported on the GATE Parent Night at Thomas Jefferson, in partnership with the Rocklin School District, and mentioned that the Roseville Joint Union High School District had also been invited to attend and presented information on the International Baccalaureate Program, from which he had written information on the program should any members of the Board be interested in that. He also reported on the GATE test held at Crestmont on Saturday, noted there were over 500 GATE referrals, mentioned the completion of part of the STAR writing assessment test for fourth through seventh grade students yesterday and today, commented that tomorrow is the end of the second trimester, and made note that the Placer County Spelling Bee had been postponed until later in March.
- Ms. Olson reported that the Business Department continues to keep the schools running, the bills paid, students fed, and buses running so the school sites can concentrate on students.
- Mr. Jorgensen had no comments.
- Mr. Pierucci reported that the Tommy Apostolos organization was only having one shopping spree this year for needy students (in December) and mentioned that the Fundraising Dinner Dance is scheduled for April 4th and he has tickets if anyone should like to purchase one.
- Tr. Miller commented that he was very pleased with the two articles in the Press Tribune regarding Blue Oaks Elementary School and the wax museum where kids looked at historical figures and read about them and

noted he was saddened he was not able to attend that event. He also commented on the nice article about the upcoming Goto Park Dedication, a recognition Mr. Goto deserves, and noted he was sorry that he would be unable to attend that event.

- Tr. Aguilera reported that he would take the opportunity to utilize his third of seventeen furlough days tomorrow to visit Eich Intermediate School and Cooley and Buljan Middle Schools, which will give him the opportunity to speak to some of the Spanish-speaking students, as well as all students, and invite them to the upcoming Cesar Chavez Youth Leadership Conference on Saturday, March 21st at Cooley Middle School. He shared that Cirby Elementary School will be sending their Fifth Grade Leadership class. He also reported that he had been invited to attend, on Monday, Kevin Johnson's Education Summit at the State Controller's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and shared that discussion on closing the achievement gap will occur.
- Tr. Goto recognized Ms. Olson's stamina and thanked her for all the work she is doing with regards to the budget, indicated she knows it is very difficult, and stated that Ms. Olson is doing a terrific job. She also reported that Tommy Apostolos tickets are also available at the Roseville Chamber of Commerce and noted that the ticket price is \$35 and the event will take place at the Mahany Sport Center. She also expressed her appreciation to Bud's Cleaners for cleaning all the donated jackets for free.
- Tr. McFadden expressed how much he, and the rest of the Board, appreciates the work of staff, not only Cabinet, but all staff including teachers, principals, etc. He shared how he was at a district last week where no one got along, and when you try to deal with these types of difficult issues, there needs to be some level of camaraderie and respect for all different stakeholder groups. He commented he appreciates everyone's willingness to deal with this problem, noted it is extremely challenging, and added that the district is going about it the right way.
- Tr. Bernasconi congratulated Tr. Goto and her family on the George Goto Park Dedication; thanked Ms. Olson and staff for their presentation and for including all the different scenarios; and thanked Mark Davis and Willie Baker for their leadership with the bargaining units. She also mentioned she had the opportunity to visit with Mr. Dominguez at Cirby Elementary School last week and visited a number of classes and was able to see the SMART boards in action. She thanked Mr. Dominguez for his time and for showing her around and for making introductions. She also announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.


CLOSED SESSION (Continued if needed regarding Items under 2.0)

None needed

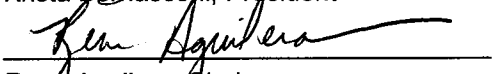
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tr. Bernasconi adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Krista Bernasconi, President



Rene Aguilera, Clerk

as approved April 2, 2009