

OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 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. in the District Office Conference Room, 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

RECESS CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR MEETING

Tr. Bernasconi reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:01 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Spanger Teacher Raeanne Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Tr. Bernasconi reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Tr. Bernasconi asked if there were any changes, deletions, or additions to the agenda.

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

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS
School Site Report: Spanger

Ms. Jodi Westphal, Principal of Spanger Elementary School, provided an overview of the presentation to be given, which included an overview of the Lifeskills Program by First Grade Teacher Raeanne Garcia; a student presentation on problem-solving led by Fifth Grade Teacher Ray Harrington; an overview of County Programs at Spanger School by County Teacher Laura Smith, along with a disability awareness-activity; an overview of the school-wide writing program by Fourth Grade Teacher Terri Anderson, who also shared the writing binder developed by the site and student writing samples for each grade level; and a video of various events at Spanger School.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Tr. Bernasconi called a brief recess at 6:49 p.m. for exiting staff, parents, and students and reconvened the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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 with the Roseville Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) shared that several parents were in attendance who would like to address the Board on site specific issues relative to Diamond Creek Elementary School and the lack of support for their children who have learning disabilities and special needs. Diamond Creek parent, Acsa Welker, who was representing a concerned group of parents at Diamond Creek School, Vicky Sala, and Laura Bickford (whose son is now in a private school) shared their individual situations and the struggles their students have had; noted the best interest of their students had been ignored

continuously and parents' concerns discounted and dismissed; reiterated it was extremely difficult to get their children the services they needed in a timely manner, or in some cases, nothing was put in place to help at all; noted that the system should be one that works with parents and identifies problems with children and not one that has a "waiting to fail" mentality; and expressed their fear for parents that are not educated in the process or their rights. They also expressed their desire that these issues be referred to the Special Education Task Force so training can be done for Diamond Creek leadership and staff.

Tr. Miller thanked the parents for attending the meeting and for sharing their concerns with the Board, commented he understands how difficult it was to do so, and noted it is very clear that the parents are concerned about their children and appreciates hearing from them.

Tr. McFadden inquired what would happen now with the parents' concerns.

Mr. Pierucci stated that the parents' concerns will be looked into and noted administration will talk with staff and will be in contact with the parents.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Payment of Warrants (February 16, 2009 – February 28, 2009); Ratify Non-Public School/Agency Agreement (Duration of contract: 7/1/08 – 6/30/09, Pacific Autism Learning Services for Student 3.19.09.01, \$1,265.52); Certification of Athletic Coaches

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing: Flexibility Transfer Authority for District

Ms. Olson stated that in the 2009-2010 Budget Act, the state gave districts the authority to use the funds received from the state for restricted funds in the Tier III Programs for any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by Federal law. She mentioned that the flexibility to transfer funds from these programs is authorized for five years from the current year through 2012-13, and in order to exercise this transfer authority for the 08-09 fiscal year, the district is required to hold a public hearing. She shared that the funds the district is proposing to transfer from restricted to the Unrestricted General Fund are: Art and Music Block Grant, \$102,587; Gifted and Talented Education, \$392.00; and School and Library Improvement Block Grant, \$110,141; for a total of \$213,120.

Tr. Bernasconi opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

There being no comments from the public, Tr. Bernasconi closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

ACTION MATTERS

Authorization for the Roseville City School District to Exercise Flexibility Transfers

A motion was made by Tr. Goto, seconded by Tr. Miller, to approve Authorization for the Roseville City School District to Exercise Flexibility Transfers. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Approve Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application Form, Fiscal Year 2009-10

Ms. Carin Contreras, Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Intervention, shared that Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) is a program for English-language parent education that occurs at Sierra Gardens and Cirby Elementary Schools and noted that CBET funds are also used to pay for babysitting at all adult school classes held at Kaseberg, Sargeant, Woodbridge, and Cirby as well. She added

that the district applies for this funding annually.

A motion was made by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Goto, to approve Item 13.2, Approve Community-Based English-Tutoring (CBET) Program Application Form, Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Second Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2009

Ms. Olson provided the Board with a revised document entitled, "Multi-Year Projection Assumptions for Fiscal Years Ending 2009-2011," and pointed out a correction to the "California CPI" percentage on the document, as the "California CPI" for 2009-2010 had been incorrectly stated as 80.00% instead of 0.80%. She provided a summary of the Second Interim Financial Report for the Period ending January 31, 2009 (*copy attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes*), and reviewed revenue and expenditure revisions, projected ending fund balance, cash flow issues, multi-year projections, which reflect changes in the 2009-10 Budget Act, and projected ending fund balances for other funds (i.e., cafeteria fund, deferred maintenance, mitigation fees, state school facility funds, and the Foundation Trust Fund). She also provided a history of Deferred Maintenance expenses, revenues, and ending fund balances; developer fees collected; and ending fund balances for developer fees from 2004-05 to current. She requested that the Board approve the Second Interim Financial Report as presented with a positive certification. (*Summary information presented also attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.*)

A motion was made by Tr. Aguilera, seconded by Tr. Goto, to approve Item 13.3, Second Interim Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2009, approve revised budget as projected year totals, and declare a positive certification. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
BTSA Update

Ms. Karen McLaughlin, Director of Staff Development, provided a brief overview of the Beginning Teacher and Support Assessment Program (BTSA), which included the number of first year teachers (29), second year teachers (14), and coaches (15). She shared that the BTSA Program has been in California since 1988 and shared ways in which the BTSA Support Providers assist and support first and second year teachers including analyzing student work together, observance of classroom management, and working on different pieces of the curriculum.

DataWise Update

Ms. McLaughlin provided an overview of the DataWise Program, including the assessment process, sample benchmarks, and the use and benefits of the Item Analysis/Distribution of Answers Summaries. (*Copy of information presented attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.*)

Update on the Work of the Standards and Assessment Committee

Ms. Contreras provided an update on the work of the Standards and Assessment Committee via a PowerPoint presentation. She provided background on the make-up and formation of the committee, the purpose of the committee, examples of previous accomplishments, current work in progress, next steps, and acknowledgements to current and past members for laying a solid foundation from which to build upon. (*Copy of information presented attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.*)

COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Jorgensen had no comments.
- Ms. Olson had no comments.
- Mr. Pierucci shared that he plans to bring, to the next Board meeting, the concept relative to providing time for teachers, via minimum days on Mondays, to collaborate on evaluation and use of data. He also made reference to the budget situation and noted it had been a difficult situation for everybody involved, and mentioned the strategy to keep the district as whole as possible. He pointed out that the biggest component in the process was the employees of the district agreeing to three furlough days which resulted in less impact on the children. He

thanked all district employees, as well as the bargaining units for their support of the furlough days although it had not been easy and not a popular thing to do. He also acknowledged the leadership of Mark Davis and Donna Bengle as being instrumental and thanked them for their cooperation and leadership in tough times.

- Tr. Miller shared he always enjoys the reports given to the Board, as it gives him a better perspective on what is going on in the district, especially the three items under the information section on the agenda. He noted he appreciates the reports from schools, especially when the kids are here, and stated it is clear from staff and the students that they are very proud of their school.
- Tr. Miller expressed his appreciation on the employees' cooperation on the furlough situation. He stated he knows it is very difficult, especially when the cost of living goes up and then money gets taken away; however, this whole economic situation is worldwide and not just specific to the school district. He added that he is aware that the bargaining units got a lot of pressure, added they did the right thing, and stated he appreciated their support on that. He also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Olson and noted how thankful he was for the manner in which she presents on a subject that is not very easy to understand, referring to the district's financial situation. He added that she presents these problems and situations in a way in which everyone can understand them.
- Tr. Aguilera thanked Ms. Westphal and staff and students that came and for the Spanger Spartan Life Skill Award he received. He reported he will be attending the ELAC meeting at Woodbridge School tomorrow morning during his furlough day, as well as will be spending time at Cooley Middle School getting ready for the Cesar Chavez Youth Leadership Conference scheduled for this Saturday.
- Tr. Goto wanted to reiterate the previous comments made relative to the Spanger School presentation, thanked Spanger staff for her Life Skill Award, and commented that these teachers are twenty-first century teachers and noted she is really impressed with them.
- Tr. Goto also mentioned that she will be attending next Tuesday's R.T.A. (Roseville Teachers' Association) meeting at W. T. Eich Intermediate School; reported that she and Superintendent Pierucci had attended the CSBA (California School Boards' Association) Winter Conference for Region 4 in Yuba City earlier in the week; commented on the large number of students with perfect attendance at Sierra Gardens school in January, as noted in their newsletter; and indicated it means that students are very sincere about attending school and shows their love for their teachers and what they are learning. She also expressed her appreciation to those school sites which include Board meeting dates and times in their newsletters; reminded school sites to turn in their Centennial Pennies for the Parade to the District Office; as Roseville will be welcoming its 100th year in April; and thanked those who attended the meeting.
- Tr. McFadden had no comments.
- Tr. Bernasconi thanked Mrs. Westphal, Spanger staff, and students for attending and for their presentations; thanked Donna Bengle and Mark Davis for their leadership; and stated she trusts that Mr. Pierucci and the Special Education Department will follow-up on the issues brought forth from parents earlier in the evening. She also shared that a number of district staff and fellow Board members had attended the George Goto Park Dedication and noted that it is a phenomenal new park by Stoneridge Elementary School and added that the event was well attended. She also announced that the Mel Hamel park opening is scheduled for this coming Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and noted it is close to Diamond Creek Elementary School.

- Tr. Bernasconi also thanked Mr. Pierucci for attending the 7:00 a.m. breakfast yesterday morning on behalf of Placer County icon and education partner Sylvia Besana. She noted that money was raised to be able to fund several scholarships for graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in education and showing an interest in civic involvement.
- Tr. Goto added a final comment by sharing that the Tommy Apostolos Dinner is scheduled for April 4th and noted she has tickets if anyone is interested. She indicated her hope to see as many principals as possible at the event to help and commented it is a fun night and will be held at the Roseville Sports Center.

CLOSED SESSION (Continued if needed regarding Items under 2.0)

None needed

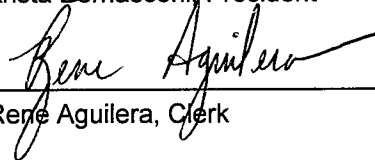
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tr. Bernasconi adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Krista Bernasconi, President



Rene Aguilera, Clerk

as approved April 2, 2009

Recorder: Heidi Eller