

OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 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 (Rose 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

Mr. David Phillips, Principal of Woodbridge Elementary School, 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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, was not in attendance. However, the R.T.A. representative arrived later in the meeting and that report was given by R.T.A. Negotiating Chair, Donna Bengle. *(See Page 4 of these minutes for the R.T.A. Report.)*

Presentation from Godbe
Research Regarding Process and
Procedures for Conducting a
Community Survey for a Parcel
Tax

Representatives from the Godbe Research organization arrived late and their presentation was made later in the evening *(See Page 4 of these minutes for a summary of the presentation from Godbe Research.)*

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.

There were no members of the audience that wished to address the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Prior Board Meetings:
Regular Meeting, April 2, 2009 and
Regular Meeting, April 16, 2009;
Personnel Matters; Approve
Payment of Warrants for the

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.

Period of March 16 – April 16, 2009; Ratify Non-Public School Agency Agreements (Laguna Physical Therapy, Student 5.7.09.01, \$1,430 and Student 5.7.09.02, \$440.00); Accept the Placer County Treasurer's Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2009

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

Approval of Revised 2009-2010 School Year Calendar to Accommodate the Scheduling of One Minimum Day per Week for the 2009-2010 School Year to Provide for Professional Learning Communities Work

This item was acted upon later in the meeting in order that the R.T.A. representative could be present to comment. (See Page 4 of these minutes for this item.)

Resolution 2008-09.17, Ordering the Discontinuation of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Miller, to adopt Resolution 2008-09.17, Ordering the Discontinuation of Particular Kinds of Certificated Service. (Resolution attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes). Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution 2008-09.18, Authorizing the Issuance of 2009 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for Roseville City School District and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of Placer County to Issue Said Notes

Motion by Tr. Miller, seconded by Tr. Goto, to adopt Resolution 2008-09.18, Authorizing the Issuance of 2009 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for Roseville City School District and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of Placer County to Issue Said Notes. (Resolution attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes). Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Tr. McFadden pointed out that the district is operating according to acceptable financial and accounting principles and the cash flow situation is not because of anything this district has done, it is because of state action including deferrals of state apportionments.

Reschedule Regular Board Meeting Date of May 21, 2009, to Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Motion by Tr. Goto, seconded by Tr. Miller, to reschedule the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2009 to May 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Update on GATE Delivery Options in the Roseville City School District for the 2009-2010 school year

Mr. Clark provided a brief review of the district's GATE Program, including recommendations by the GATE Options Committee which had met for fifteen months, including improving and strengthening the program by consolidating the self-contained program at a single, central site in the district, along with the proposal to expand the self-contained offering to begin at the fourth grade. He stated that Cirby had been identified as a good site to implement the

recommendation and to revitalize the self-contained program and reviewed the advantages at Cirby, as well as the disadvantage that it is not a K-6 campus. He also reported on the open house nights held at Cirby School, noted the need to have a minimum commitment of 26 students in each grade level to be able to provide the program in a cost-effective way, and the results of the intent forms turned in on May 1st and 2nd which indicated the following interest in attending if the program is held at Cirby School for the 2009-2010 school year: 19 out of 44 current third grade parents expressed an interest (43%); 22 out of 61 current fourth grade parents expressed an interest (36%); and 1 out of 9 current fifth grade parents committed to Cirby for sixth grade for next year.

Based on the lack of commitment needed to have a viable program, Mr. Clark recommended that for the 2009-2010 school year, to serve GATE identified students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades (Stoneridge, Sierra Gardens, Crestmont, Sargeant for sixth grades) through a GATE cluster program at home schools in which the content, processes and products would be differentiated to meet their needs; provide increased support for GATE cluster teachers through professional development, resources, and planning time throughout the 2009-2010 school year; provide opportunity for GATE identified students districtwide to get together for educational and social activities; and continue to educate parents about advantages of the self-contained classroom experience for gifted students and make every effort to offer self-contained programs the following year to build-up interest and commitment for self-contained programs in 2010-2011.

Ms. Laurie Lauletta-Boshart, parent of GATE student, addressed the Board on this item and shared her belief that the main reasons that the GATE Program did not attain the necessary number of students is due to the fact that the district did not do a thorough job of informing parents of the existence of a GATE Program or in promoting the virtues of being involved in the program. She stated that in order for the GATE Program to be successful across grades fourth through sixth, the program must be at an appropriate school site that is also a K-6 school. She stated that most people that declined to participate in the GATE Program did so based on the school site, not on the teachers or the actual program.

She asked that the following alternatives be considered: Have the program at alternate available sites, such as Crestmont and Stoneridge where space is available, the sites are both K-6 sites, and administration at the sites are willing to house the program; continue self-contained GATE classes at Crestmont and Catheryn Gates Elementary Schools if the previous suggestion is not viable and the numbers needed for the program at Cirby are not there; and if the self-contained classes are not an option, have the budgeted GATE dollars be allocated to the home schools of those that are GATE identified and participating in a cluster program, with oversight and consistency so the cluster programs do provide more challenge to GATE students. She also suggested that the district do a much better job of advertising the GATE Program.

Following questions by the Board, Mr. Pierucci committed to revisit the issue at Cabinet on Monday to evaluate whether there are any other options that might be valuable and worth pursuing and if any other options are available, present those options, see where the numbers fall, and make a decision.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Tr. Bernasconi recessed the meeting for a brief break at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Ms. Ann Jordan, parent with two GATE identified children at Crestmont Elementary School, commended Mr. Clark for the amount of information on the GATE Program that is now available since he has taken over the program. She pointed out that under Mr. Clark's direction, current information on how a child gets GATE identified has been placed on the district's website and prior to that the only way to obtain information was to take the initiative and to contact Ms. Saenz at the District Office.

Approval of Revised 2009-2010 School Year Calendar to Accommodate the Scheduling of One Minimum Day per Week for the 2009-2010 School Year to Provide for Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Work

Mr. Pierucci reviewed the revised 2009-2010 school year calendar, pointed out the change in spring break, which is now in concert with the high school district and equates to a cost savings of roughly \$12,000 related to transportation to have the same break as the high school district and noted the change to minimum days on Mondays, referenced as PLC Mondays. He briefly shared some of the issues yet to be resolved relative to the kindergarten program on Mondays, teachers with shared contracts, and elementary music and physical education schedules. He shared one sentence of the PLC purpose statement which captures the essence of what the district is trying to accomplish which states, "*The vision is one of professional educators at school sites operating as collaborative teams given time during the regular work day to work together on specific issues that directly impact student learning.*"

Ms. Donna Bengle, Negotiating Chair with the Roseville Teachers' Association, noted that the association and the district are in agreement that PLC Mondays are a good thing, as there is a need for more time to do these types of activities; however, there are a few items that need to be addressed including: physical education class size and scheduling, the overlap in the Kindergarten classrooms on Mondays, the need to protect report card prep time; and the need for language relative to PLC Mondays and the protection of grade-level planning time.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of a majority of the Board to move forward with approving the calendar and direct staff to work with the teachers association to develop appropriate language or an understating that adequately addresses the issues noted.

A motion was made by Tr. McFadden and seconded by Tr. Goto to approve the revised 2009-2010 school year calendar to accommodate the scheduling of one minimum day per week for the 2009-2010 school year to provide for Professional Learning Communities Work. Motion carried, 4-1-0. Ayes: Trs. Bernasconi, Goto, McFadden, Miller; Noes: Tr. Aguilera.

Tr. Aguilera explained his support for teachers and the work of Professional Learning Communities but indicated his need to vote "no" on the item due to the hardship it creates for working families, particularly at Title I schools.

Tr. McFadden suggested that staff look at what other districts have done around the state to address this issue and explore ways this concern can be adequately addressed.

R.T.A. President's Report

Ms. Donna Bengle, Roseville Teachers' Association Negotiating Chair, thanked Tr. Goto for attending the association's recent meeting and noted Tr. Goto was able to hear the report from the Health Care Committee, which is dedicated to helping save money on health care issues. She also reported that schools are in the midst of finishing up testing, noted that the Teachers Who Make a Difference Awards Ceremony was very nice, and also mentioned that the R.T.A. Retirement Dinner is scheduled for May 28, 2009.

Presentation from Godbe Research Regarding Process and Procedures for Conducting a Community Survey for a Parcel Tax

Mr. Bryan Godbe, President, and Mr. Charles Hester, Director of Business Development, with Godbe Research, presented information on the process for conducting a community survey for a parcel tax including their firm's background, key team members in their firm, methodological experiences relative to quantitative and qualitative processes, past and current clients, the process from beginning to end of the research objectives, reasons that polling is vital to revenue measure success; essential parcel tax feasibility survey components, and election timing considerations. *(Copy of information presented in PowerPoint presentation attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

COMMENTS FROM STAFF &
BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Olson and Mr. Jorgensen had no comments.
- Mr. Peter Clark, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided a brief update on the development of this year's Intervention Programs; Special Education Summer School, which is scheduled at Kaseberg School from June 24th to July 22nd; noted that recommendations for K-5 and 6-8 math materials will be presented to the Board at the May 19th meeting; shared that STAR testing runs through May 18th; and reported on the recent Beginning Teachers Support and Assessment (BTSA) Program colloquium held on May 5th.
- Mr. Pierucci commented that it was a very busy time of year with a lot of different things going on including plays, open houses, employee recognition events, and retirement functions, and noted that staff really appreciates it when members of the Board attend school activities. He also shared that the district does intend to work with the association to get the word out on PLC Mondays.
- Tr. Miller reported that several weeks ago he had attended open house at one of the schools, added that one of the teachers was showing him the SMART board, and had video recorded her students reciting poetry, which was done on the SMART board, and noted he was so impressed. He added that he had also attended the Foundation presentation and saw how much more these SMART boards can do and was even more impressed. He added that at the Roseville City School District Foundation meeting they outlined their goal to buy as many SMART boards as possible for as many classrooms as possible and commented he looks forward to working with them as much as he can to meet that goal.
- Tr. Miller noted that at the last meeting it was mentioned that Jack O'Connell had visited Buljan and Tr. Miller had noticed there was a good write-up in the Press Tribune about the visit. He also mentioned an article about the Eureka School District and one of their board members who was touring Egypt at the time of the board meeting who wanted to be at the meeting and was able to be there via SKYPE technology and noted he thought it was an interesting story.
- Tr. Miller reported that he had attended the state convention of the Democratic Party and both CSEA and CTA had booths at the event. He noted that CTA was recommending Yes on 1A and B.
- Tr. Miller reported he had attended the program for parents regarding the GATE Program at Cirby Elementary School. He also mentioned that he was still attempting to visit every school and reported that since the last Board meeting, he had visited Cooley, Junction, Woodbridge, Jefferson, Spanger, Sierra Gardens, Sargeant, and Crestmont Schools. He reported that while at Cooley, he was very impressed with the broadcast program and shared he was also impressed with the library at Woodbridge, as although Woodbridge has a small space, they have more books per child than any other school. He also commented that while at Spanger, he had the chance to talk with Physical Education teacher Cheryl Gladwill, who was honored for her work in nutrition a few meetings back. He also mentioned that he was especially impressed with the kindergarten class at Sierra Gardens School, as they were very excited about learning and knew more than he would ever expect for kindergarten students. He also mentioned that he is looking forward to seeing the "Guys and Dolls" performance at Sierra Gardens School tomorrow night. He added that while he was at Crestmont School, he was able to talk with both teachers who teach the GATE children.

- Tr. Aguilera thanked the parents in attendance for their presentation and for providing a good understanding of what is going on with the GATE Program, reported on his attendance at the SMART board presentation held at Cirby School and stressed the importance to raise money for the Foundation, pointed out the Foundation is having a Fun Run on June 5th, and thanked Tr. Bernasconi and Roseville City School District Foundation President Stanford Hirata for their support and passion.
- Tr. Aguilera also reported on his attendance at events held at Cirby School including the Charleston play, as well as the Baile Folklorico performance, which also performed at the ELAC 's Cinco de Mayo celebration and is again performing tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at Cirby School, and reminded everyone to vote on May 19th.
- Tr. Goto reported on her visits to school events, including the Buljan spring concert on April 24th and the Cooley concert on May 1st; reported on the seventh grade band student who plays the drums and trumpet and was awarded the Susan Goto Performing Arts Scholarship and will be spending time at the Sacramento State Jazz Club for one week; and noted she will be attending the May 14th Eich concert. She also reported that yesterday she had attended the "Guys and Dolls" practice performance at Sierra Gardens School and added she will be attending the "Annie" musical at Vencil Brown Elementary School on May 13th.
- Tr. Goto also thanked everyone who attended the Apostolos fundraiser, noted it was very successful, indicated she had sold a lot of tickets, and mentioned that the only shopping spree this year will be in December at Kohl's.
- Tr. Goto commented that she was an advocate for physical education and referenced an article in the Sacramento Bee relative to the Dry Creek School District where it says that physical education is essential education and middle schools are coming back to the concept of once again taking physical education seriously. She noted that the district currently has eight physical education teachers, plus one 60% person, and noted her goal one day to have five more to cover all elementary schools.
- Tr. McFadden thanked staff for all their work to put systems in place, such as the intervention programs and Professional Learning Communities. He commended Mr. Clark, stated his staff is outstanding, and carries the cause and shares best practices statewide. He also expressed his appreciation to all staff in the district, as well as for the student-centered agenda this district has as part of its culture and continues to exhibit in very difficult times.
- Tr. Bernasconi thanked Ms. Bengle for stepping in for Mr. Davis and indicated her appreciation for Mrs. Bengle's comments about Professional Learning Communities. She added that it is important for the district to continue to communicate as much as possible and suggested Mr. Pierucci utilize podcasts on this topic. She also thanked the parents, particularly Laurie Lauletta-Boshart, for attending the meeting and noted Laurie did an excellent job representing students and shared that the district will work hard to find something that works. She also stated that she is looking forward to attending the dress rehearsal of the "Annie" performance.
- Tr. Bernasconi also reported on the Foundation's work with principals to get information out on the Fun Run, shared that pledges are going back to the schools, while sponsorships are going back to the Foundation. She noted that the Foundation's focus is on technology and has been able to get a number of technology items into classrooms.

- Tr. McFadden shared that he had spoken to the Foundation's President and the Chair of the Fundraising Committee and had volunteered to go to specific businesses to meet with them for the purpose of getting commitments for SMART boards. He noted he will e-mail fellow board members if they would like to attend those appointments with him.
- Tr. Bernasconi reported that the City's Grants Commission will be voting next Tuesday on the grant the Foundation applied for and encouraged contacting grant members in support of the application.
- Tr. Bernasconi reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

CLOSED SESSION (Continued if needed regarding Items under 2.0)

None needed.

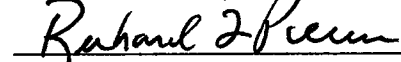
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tr. Bernasconi adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Krista Bernasconi, President



~~Rene Aguilera, Clerk~~

Richard L. Pierucci, Secretary

as approved June 25, 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.)