

OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2008

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Stanford Hirata

CALL TO ORDER Tr. Goto called the Regular Meeting of the Roseville City School District Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m., reported to the public on the items to be discussed in Closed Session, and recessed to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION Tr. Goto 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. Goto recessed Closed Session at 5:59 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING Tr. Goto reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Boy Scout Kyle Eller (son of Mrs. Heidi Eller, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION/ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION Tr. Goto reported that no action had been taken in Closed Session.

AGENDA APPROVAL Tr. Goto asked if there were any changes, deletions, or additions to the agenda.

Motion by Tr. Bernasconi, seconded by Tr. Aguilera, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tr. Hirata absent.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS Mr. Willie Baker, President of the California School Employees' Association, Chapter C.S.E.A., Chapter #475, President's Report #475, reported on CSEA's recent activities including phone banking, conferencing, meeting with Senator Cox and the recent 82nd Annual Conference, which had over 1,900 people in attendance and included a new Maintenance and Operations Program, which went very well. He also welcomed Mr. Peter Clark, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

R.T.A. President's Report Mr. Mark Davis, President of the Roseville Teachers' Association, reported on his attendance at the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Conference in San Diego and shared that he had come back with a couple of cool things he can put into use in his own classroom. He shared that one of the things of interest he learned at the conference is that students value their interactive notebooks and take them on to high school. He also shared the value of the use of Cornell notes, which contain a summary at the bottom of their papers and gives students some thought for discussion questions.

Tr. Goto asked Mr. Davis to encourage his AVID group to write grants to the City's Grants Commission for the school's AVID Program.

On behalf of the Roseville City Schools Foundation, Tr. Bernasconi presented Mrs. Eller with a gift certificate for her assistance with Foundation projects and events.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD Tr. Goto 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 City School District Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) thanked the Board and Superintendent for their time meeting with the SEPAC group after the last Board meeting; noted that the communication was terrific; and added that SEPAC members felt good about the direction the "whole community" is going with Roseville special education. He announced that SEPAC's first general meeting for the 08-09 school year is scheduled for September 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room and noted that everyone is invited. He also provided information on the upcoming Access to Care Expo, the largest disability fair in Placer County, at Bayside Church on August 22 (noon to 8:00 p.m.) and 23rd (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) where information on SEPAC and SELPA will be provided.

Tr. McFadden expressed his appreciation to SEPAC members and parents who attended the meeting and stated he looks forward to ongoing communication, as well as future steps the district might take with regards to that.

CONSENT AGENDA

Personnel Matters; Approve Payment of Warrants (June 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008); Ratify Proposal with Studio Stark, Miers, Scott, LLP, for One 24' X 40' Portable at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School; Ratify Non-Public School/Agency Master Agreement with Laguna Physical Therapy and Hand Rehabilitation; Ratification of Meal Service and Food Service Technology Agreement with Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District; Ratify Non-Public School/Agency Agreements; Declaration of Surplus Maintenance/Facilities Equipment; Declaration of Surplus Furniture/Equipment; Approve Amendment to Attendance Boundary for Buljan Middle School, Effective with the 2009-2010 School Year

Tr. Goto 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. Bernasconi requested that Item 10.3 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion by Tr. Aguilera, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item 10.3. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tr. Hirata absent.

AYES: Trs. Aguilera, Bernasconi, McFadden, Goto

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tr. Hirata

Item 10.3, Ratify Proposal with Studio Stark, Miers, Scott, LLP, for One 24' X 40' Portable at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School – Tr. Bernasconi had questions regarding this item, including if the portable had already been placed, was the item late coming to the Board, and inquired, with the cost and enrollment numbers going up, is it likely the district will need another portable or are there other ways to accommodate growth with the numbers projected for this fall.

Ms. Olson indicated that the portable at Jefferson is in place now and went in within the last six weeks, as the need was not apparent until July and was due to enrollment. She added that, it doesn't appear at this time that another portable will be needed; however, it won't be known for sure until after the start of school and enrollment is confirmed. She added this has occurred in the past where a portable was needed during the first week of school and stated it does take about six weeks to get one but does not anticipate needing another one.

Motion by Tr. Bernasconi, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to approve Item 10.3 as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tr. Hirata absent.

AYES: Trs. Aguilera, Bernasconi, McFadden, Goto

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tr. Hirata

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

ACTION MATTERS

Request for a Waiver for
Certificated Employment

Mr. Jerrold Jorgensen, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services, requested approval to employ Pam Campbell in a Pre/K SDC class servicing preschool age children on the basis of an Early Childhood Special Education credential waiver.

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Bernasconi, to approve Item 13.1, Request for a Waiver for Certificated Employment, as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tr. Hirata absent.

Award of Bid – Food
Products for the 2008-09
School Year

Ms. Rene Yamashiro, Director of Food Services, shared that three vendors had submitted bids for broad-line groceries and noted that the bid recap provided to the Board was not the award amounts but what was submitted by vendors. She requested award of bid for food products for the 2008-09 school year to two of the three vendors, SYSCO of Sacramento and Danielsens, and noted that the total purchases for these two vendors amounts to about \$700,000 for the year. She also shared that one other vendor is used, who is not on this bid list, as we also have a bid as a community co-op with about 100 school districts that does all of our processed USDA commodities. The bid prices will be effective August 11, 2008 through August 7, 2009.

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Bernasconi, to approve Item 13.2 as presented and award the bid for Food Products for the 2008-09 school year to SYSCO of Sacramento and Danielsens. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tr. Hirata absent.

Nominations for California
School Boards' Association
Directors-at-Large,
Asian/Pacific Islander and
Hispanic

The Board did not make any nominations for the California School Boards' Association Asian/Pacific Islander nor Hispanic Directors-at-Large.

Review of Conflict of Interest
Code, Board Bylaw 9270

Mr. Pierucci pointed out that the Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code every two years to determine if it is accurate or, alternatively, that the code must be amended. He noted that administration has reviewed the code and it appears that the code is accurate and current and no amendments are necessary at this time.

Motion by Tr. Bernasconi, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to approve Item 13.4, with no amendments to Board Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest Code. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tr. Hirata absent.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF &
BOARD MEMBERS**

Tr. Goto welcomed and congratulated Mr. Clark and added it was wonderful to see him in the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services position.

- Mr. Clark noted he was happy to be in the new position, stated he felt fortunate to be working with the Educational Services team which included Ms. Ann Avelar, Ms. Carin Contreras, Ms. Teri Saenz, and Ms. Karen McLaughlin. He added that the Educational Services team is dedicated and he is looking forward to learning, growing, and contributing.
- Ms. Olson had no comments.
- Mr. Jorgensen commended the Food Services Department, specifically, Rene Yamashiro, Paul Ransom, and Sam Williams, for the "Destination Ten, Going from Good to Best" Workshop, relative to customer service and employee relations within the department. He also reported on his attendance at the Howard Glasser workshop at Cooley earlier in the day which focuses on a nurture approach to dealing with difficult children and utilizing a positive approach to dealing with all children. He also shared that there had been some good statistics about school districts he's worked with

where referrals to Special Education Departments went from 15% down to 1%, noted Cooley is receptive to the thoughts presented, and he is looking forward to them putting the program into action.

- Mr. Pierucci reported that schools are working very hard in order to get ready for the start of school next Tuesday. He shared he had visited roughly eight to nine campuses during the last two days and noted enrollment numbers look very healthy. He added that opening Junction School was the absolutely right decision, as there are currently 270 students on paper.
- Tr. Aguilera asked audience members to introduce themselves; noted schools open on Tuesday; and indicated his hope that enrollment is up, possibly over 9,000. He also shared that he had been invited to attend the Institute of Culture Change by the California Teachers' Association next weekend (August 29th – 30th) at Union Hall on Truxell, which will focus on dropout prevention. He also made note that the STAR test results had come out and it appears the district did very well. He also reported that, along with Tr. Goto and Tr. Bernasconi, he had attended the "State of the City" address at which Jim Gray spoke of all the jobs in Roseville and noted that education, technology, health care, and construction are the biggest jobs in Roseville. He also made note that the rendering and unveiling of Roseville's float entry into the Rose Parade had been made. He also shared that he will be volunteering at the upcoming SPLASH event on September 13th and invited everyone to picnic on the upcoming September 1st Labor Day. He concluded by stating that roughly 220,000 state workers are finding themselves in a very serious situation with regards to the lack of an adopted state budget, with none in sight.
- Tr. McFadden commented that the "School Warming" event at Junction Elementary School had been a great event. He noted that he, Tr. Goto, and Tr. Hirata had attended the event and mentioned there was a lot of positive energy among parents and staff. He also asked staff to research and report back to the Board on the Agenda Online Program by the California School Boards' Association and include some sort of analysis, for discussion, about the program and product in order to cut paper, as well as environmental, costs associated with the production of the agenda. He also requested that the Board and staff have a discussion on the district's STAR test results and include information on various student constituencies (Special Education, EL, school sites); a breakdown of how the district did; what progress has been made over time; as well as where future challenges are (i.e., Cirby in Program Improvement Status and possibly one more of our sites in possible No Child Left Behind Program Improvement Status); and strategies related to that.
- Mr. Pierucci indicated that a STAR report is provided to the Board on an annual basis and the Board can anticipate that at the next meeting.
- Tr. Bernasconi thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commented she looks forward to the opening of school on Tuesday.
- Tr. Goto shared recommendations by C.S.B.A. (California School Boards Association) that letters be written to Governor Schwarzenegger encouraging him to sign Assembly Bill 2115 relative to charter schools and conflict of interest restrictions applicable to public schools, as well as encourage Senator Dave Cox to oppose AB 2783 relative to the timeline for special education assessments for foster children in group homes.
- Tr. Goto also shared a personal story relative to her grandson and the naming of the Junction School mascot (Junction Jaguars); and asked Mr. Jorgensen if district eighth grade Algebra teachers are really qualified to

teach our students to meet that Algebra I testing by 2011. Mr. Jorgensen responded they were and Tr. Goto stated that the district does have highly motivated math teachers.

- Tr. McFadden commented that since the State Board took action requiring Algebra I now in eighth grade, it will require pretty significant curriculum and instructional changes not only in eighth grade but prior to eighth grade as well and, therefore, it might be worthwhile to have some sort of dialogue on this issue. He indicated he would be interested to hear what the teachers' perspectives are as the district gears up for this over the next couple of years, as well as management's concerns.
- Tr. Goto also shared a recent article on back-to-school safety by Roseville's Chief of Police Mike Blair.

Tr. Goto announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION (Continued if needed regarding Items under 2.0)

None needed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tr. Goto adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Goto, President


Krista Bernasconi, Clerk

as approved Oct. 2, 2008

Recorder: Heidi Eller