

OFFICIAL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

October 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 5:30 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 6:04 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Karen Quinlan, Principal of Kaseberg 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. Goto, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to approve the Agenda as posted.  
Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS  
School Site Report

Ms. Quinlan introduced Mr. Richard Hartshorn, Kaseberg Teacher and Student Council Advisor. Mr. Hartshorn introduced officers of the Student Council in attendance, shared the duties and responsibilities for their positions, and the two Student Council Co-Presidents shared Student Council activities.

Ms. Quinlan provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Who We Are" relative to Kaseberg Elementary School. She shared that the site is a school-wide Title 1 school that has increased 86 API points in five years and is an 852 API school. She noted that the school is 440 students strong with the following distinctions: 63% free-reduced lunch, 51% White, 36% Hispanic, 17% English Learners, and 13% students with disabilities. She also shared the percentages of students proficient or advanced in English Language Arts and Math for the various subgroups; shared excerpts from student letters on the important things they are learning at the site; and mentioned that the school has a strong philosophy of helping all students' behavioral and academic needs through RTI.

She also shared the various partnerships with community organizations and noted that the site is committed to the belief that genuine connections with students make the difference. She went on to share the following school foundations: the site is committed to the belief that respectful relationships with each other serve the Kaseberg students as a model for their interactions with others; is a school that incorporates love and logic strategies; is goal oriented and teaches students to be goal oriented; is willing to look outside the box when it comes to problem solving; gives students the opportunity to take leadership roles and make decisions, and is not just a Professional Learning Community but is also a caring community. (*Copy of presentation attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.*)

RECESS/RECONVENE

Tr. Bernasconi called a brief recess at 6:30 p.m. for exiting audience visitors and reconvened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Report by Student Representative from Buljan Middle School

Daniel Wetter, a student at Buljan Middle School, provided a report on events and programs at Buljan Middle School including the school's designation as a California Distinguished School, the fact that the site accommodates all learning abilities and includes advanced classes that let many students express their creativity and includes Honors Algebra and Pre-Algebra classes, sixth grade GATE Math and Language Arts classes, Geometry, and Honors 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts classes. He also shared information on after-school intervention classes beginning on Monday, which will teach core curriculum subjects to electives.

He also shared information on the site's focus on physical education and Speed Strength Training (SST), which implements fitness and healthy habits by teaching various effective exercises and is a circuit-based fitness program held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He also provided details on the site's Woodshop Rocks Program, which is in its fifth year and has been expanded to five other schools with five more planned for next year. He mentioned that a guitar from the program had been given to Governor Schwarzenegger, which was later passed on to Tony Blair as a gift from the State of California. He also shared information on the upcoming Concert in the Quad fundraiser for the program scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at Buljan. He also shared information on Buljan's focus on reaching out to the community via the site's Builders' Club, a Kiwanis-based organization, which will be donating to the Placer SPCA, will participate in the Adopt-a-Family Program during the holidays, and will also focus this year on interacting with the elderly community, going green, and improving school and community efforts.

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

Declaration of Surplus Furniture/Equipment/Light Bulbs; Ratify Non-Public School/Agency Agreements: Lovass Institute, Student 10.15.09.01, \$1,298.00; Center for Autism & Related Disorders, Inc., Student 10.15.09.02, \$30,645.00; Sierra School at Edison, Student 10.15.09.03, \$33,992.70; Extended Field Trip to Old Sierra Historical Camp for Fourth Grade Students From Sierra Gardens Elementary School, March 4, 2010 – March 5, 2010; Ratify Agreement Between Sierra Gardens Elementary School and Old Sierra Historical Ranch

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. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Goto, 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

Public Hearing –Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Mr. Peter Clark stated that education code requires school districts that receive funds for instructional materials from the state hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution determining whether students, including English Learners in the district, have sufficient textbooks and instructional materials for that year. He added that the purpose of the hearing is to access any public information that might apply to the resolution that the Board will be asked to pass tonight.

Tr. Bernasconi opened the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m. There being no comments from the public, Tr. Bernasconi closed the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

**ACTION MATTERS**

Adopt Resolution 2009-10.11, Certifying Compliance With Requirements for Implementation & Funding of Class-Size Reduction

A motion was made by Tr. McFadden and seconded by Tr. Miller to adopt Resolution 2009-10.11, Certifying Compliance With Requirements for Implementation & Funding of Class-Size Reduction. *(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

Adopt Resolution 2009-10.12, Authorizing the Omni Group to Take all Steps necessary with Respect to Checks Which May be Issued by Putnam Investments and Sent to OMNI as a Result of the United States Securities and Exchange Commissions, among Other Lawsuits Against Putnam Investments, and Settlement with the Same.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Adopt Resolution 2009-10.13, Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

A motion was made by Tr. Goto and seconded by Tr. McFadden to adopt Resolution 2009-10.13, Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials. *(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

Committee Nominations to Placer County Committee on School District Organization

No nominations were made to the open supervisorial seats on the Placer County Committee on School District Organization.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Informational Briefing on the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Assessment Program

Ms. Carin Contreras, Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Intervention, provided information on the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Program, a reading assessment tool which is used to periodically screen all students in kindergarten through third grades to determine which students are not meeting critical milestones in early literacy and noted that some schools have elected to use the program in the fourth through fifth grades. She shared that the program also provides for data-informed intervention instruction in small groups when a student's score on the screening indicate that he or she is at risk for future reading difficulties or already experiencing difficulty; and is used to continually monitor at-risk students to ensure that the instruction is helping and that the struggling student stays on track once he or she reaches benchmark. She also shared the mCLASS system which drives the cycle of improvement via assessing students, understanding assessment results, using results to plan instruction, managing and tracking instruction, and building staff skills and capacity. She also provided information on the handheld device; reports and tools that help teachers interpret assessment results, class, detailed student summary reports; and DIBELS data for the district for 08-09 and 09-10. *(Copy of presentation attached to minutes.)*

#### Budget Update

Superintendent Pierucci provided a PowerPoint presentation on the projected budget shortfall for the 2010-2011 school year, which at this year's adopted budget was projected at \$3.4 million. He stressed that the items being presented were not recommended cuts but only potential areas that can be looked at. He shared potential adjustments to the budget in the following three areas equating to \$3,040,400: non-personnel items, certificated personnel, and classified personnel and other ideas, such as additional 2009-10 and 2010-2011 furlough days (\$493,400). *(Copy of presentation attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

#### COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Clark commented that the Board and staff have learned a lot about what works and will continue those things despite the current economic environment. He indicated that great examples were provided this evening via Ms. Quinlan's presentation including: the art and science of teaching, how kids are excited, the work being done with RTI, how relationship counts for so much, and how teachers make decisions every day that affect the lives of students and their families without cost. He added that he is very proud of everything the Educational Services Department is doing, as well as principals, teachers, and classified support, and stated that a great success story is underway here in the district even in these times.
- Ms. Olson reported on the business and operations side of this district and shared the following information for this month: almost 1,300 paychecks were issued, 80,000 meals were served to students, almost 1,200 students were transported, over 1 million square feet of building space was cleaned and maintained, 200 acres of grounds were maintained, and over 500 bills were paid for the district this month. She added that this is all done by classified staff that work in the background supporting schools and added that most people don't even see or know these staff members are there because they are doing a really good job.
- Mr. Jorgensen congratulated Ms. Quinlan and noted he appreciates her leadership and how she and her staff don't categorize students, but look at students as students that can learn and want to learn.
- Mr. Pierucci thanked Ms. Quinlan for her presentation, commented that it was wonderful, and added she did a good job in her short time at Kaseberg Elementary School turning the school into a school of learning.
- Mr. Pierucci shared that earlier in the day the district hosted the Roseville Chamber of Commerce Leadership class. He also shared that Roseville City School District Teacher Ms. Kimberli Maytanés had been selected as the News 10 Teacher of the Month, added that she would now be in the running for the News 10 Teacher of the Year, and mentioned he would invite her to the next Board meeting for recognition. He added that it is going to be a challenge (with regards to the budget situation), but we will get through this by working together and added that the district is doing a great job educating students.
- Tr. Miller thanked Kaseberg staff for their report, which had been very informative, stated he really enjoyed it, and added that he was really impressed and very pleased with the presentation by the Buljan student.
- Tr. Aguilera shared that the Buljan student who made the presentation reminded him of himself when he was in eighth grade, as he wanted to be a news photographer when he was that age and noted that perhaps the Board could get Daniel to come back and videotape Board meetings. He extended a thank you to the student body and for the teachers that came out, as well as the parents. He added that he had spoken with one of the

Kaseberg parents, who was very pleased with the open communication now occurring at Kaseberg School. He added that Daniel was a great representative, as well as a great example of how our students are learning in our schools.

- Tr. Aguilera reported that he, along with fellow California Leadership Program members, attended the California School Wellness Conference sponsored by the California Department of Public Health and the Department of Education and mentioned that Ms. Rene Yamashiro, the district's Director of Food Services, was also in attendance. He also shared that he will be representing the district at the BECOME luncheon tomorrow, shared information on the upcoming event at the Blue Line Gallery in conjunction with Dia de los Muertos, and made reference to the Blue Star Mothers' organization with regards to the upcoming Veterans' Day.
- Tr. Goto congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen on their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary. She also mentioned that the Foundation's Dine and Dash event was successful and thanked the committee for their work and the two host families, the Mourier's and the Garcia's. She also thanked the Kaseberg staff and everyone in the audience for attending.
- Tr. McFadden stated his appreciation for the fact that the Roseville City School District is a well-managed district and that everyone has kids as their number one agenda. He thanked everyone for all they do and commented that the district will weather this storm (in regards to the budget situation).
- Tr. Bernasconi thanked Ms. Quinlan and her staff for being in attendance. She commented that ways to address morale that don't cost anything for staff will need to be figured out (with regards to the budget situation). She also shared that she did enjoy seeing a tour of the new media/warehouse center, congratulated those employees who have a new facility, and added that the new facility is something worth celebrating.
- Tr. Bernasconi announced that the next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 12, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

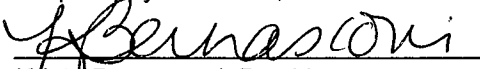
CLOSED SESSION (Continued if needed regarding Items under 2.0)

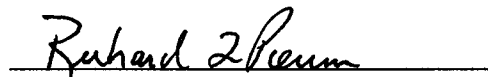
None needed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tr. Bernasconi adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Krista Bernasconi, President

  
~~Rene Aguilera~~ Secretary

as approved  Nov. 12, 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.)*