

~~OFFICIAL~~  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

November 13, 2008

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Tr. Goto 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. 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 6:01 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Vickie Youhill, Principal of Sierra Gardens Elementary School, 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.

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Bernasconi, to remove Item 13.2, Report on District's Adherence to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Exiting Board  
Member

Mr. Pierucci presented Tr. Hirata with a plaque for his outstanding and dedicated service on the Roseville City School District Board of Education. Mr. Pierucci thanked Tr. Hirata for his dedication to the students of the district and for his efforts as a Board member for the past fourteen months.

Tr. McFadden commented that when the system of governance was set up, it was intended for certain people. Citizens that would put their lives aside for a brief period of time and dedicate their time for the good of the public. He stated that when he thinks of that, he pictures Tr. Hirata. He added that Tr. Hirata ran for all the right reasons, volunteered for all the right reasons, and that Tr. Hirata dedicated an enormous amount of time to the district, schools, and the community, which took him away from his own family. He went on to say that Tr. Hirata will always be a very dear friend and appreciates all the reasons why Tr. Hirata was a part of the district, which gives him hope. He expressed his thanks to Tr. Hirata.

Tr. Bernasconi stated she feels she speaks for the masses when she says she saw the results and couldn't believe it didn't go in Tr. Hirata's favor; however, trusts that Tr. Hirata will be succeeded by another member whose interests are in the right place and will do great things for the district. She shared that she was personally disappointed and enjoyed, professionally, getting to know Tr. Hirata. She added that his heart is in the right place in the diligence he made getting to know district staff and students and that the only silver lining is that Tr. Hirata will still be on the Roseville City School District Foundation Board as President and is doing an excellent job. She closed her remarks by sharing that she was very proud of Tr. Hirata and noted that he had absolutely made a difference.

Tr. Aguilera commented on Tr. Hirata's visitation of classrooms and school sites and noted that being a Board member is a very important job and Tr. Hirata took it very seriously. He added that there will still be five people on the Board that will be

doing great things that need to be done for all our children but Tr. Hirata will definitely be missed.

Tr. Goto noted she agrees with the previous comments and will miss Tr. Hirata's smiling face and the fact that he is always pleasant. She added that one of the things she is very happy about is that both she and Tr. Hirata serve on the Grants' Advisory Commission for the City of Roseville and is thankful that she will still get to see him at least once a month. She wished him good luck, stated the Board will miss him, and thanked him for all he has done.

On behalf of the Roseville Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC), Mr. John Matthias presented Tr. Hirata with a Certificate of Appreciation. He stated Tr. Hirata has meant a great deal to parents in the district and has done a commendable job during his time as a Board member.

Tr. Hirata shared that he was overwhelmed by all the kind statements and indicated that there were so many people he would like to acknowledge; however, that would take all night. He thanked the Board and stated that this has been a fantastic experience to serve with them, shared it had been a wonderful fourteen months, and noted he wouldn't trade it for the world. He shared that when he first started, it was as a parent being very involved at the school and doing what he could to be a part of his children's lives and education. Shortly thereafter, he found himself here, alongside fellow Board members, helping to further the goals of this district. He added that through this process, he had made some very close friends and has been able to meet some fantastic and wonderful people. He thanked everyone for their help through this journey, for their kindness, and for their support to help get him to this point. He went on to say that it has been an experience he will never forget, had enjoyed his time here, had no regrets, and will continue to do other things that help the district.

C.S.E.A. President's Report

On behalf of the California School Employees' Association, Chapter #475, Mr. Willie Baker, thanked Tr. Hirata for all he has done and welcomed back re-elected members of the Board. He reported on recent activities of the California School Employees' Association, Chapter #475 members, including assisting in the rebuilding of the Natomas playground structure, their work on the election, and the group's efforts at the state level.

R.T.A. President's Report

Mr. Mark Davis, President of the Roseville Teachers' Association (R.T.A.), congratulated candidates for a hard-fought campaign and indicated that R.T.A. is looking forward to working with the new Board once everyone is sworn in at the December meeting. He thanked Tr. Hirata for his dedication to the children of Roseville and stated that staff appreciates all the time and effort Tr. Hirata made to get out to the schools and how important that is to teachers that members of the Board visit schools to see what's going on.

Annual Report on the Labor Compliance Program (Period of March 1, 2007 through February 28, 2008)

Ms. Julie Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Annual Report on the Labor Compliance Program and stated that there was basically nothing to report. *(Copy of report attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

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. Karl Dyer, Co-Chair with the Roseville SEPAC and parent of a child in the district's Special Education Program, and Ms. Laura Sullivan, Vice-Chair of SEPAC, addressed the Board on behalf of the group of SEPAC parents in attendance. Mr. Dyer indicated that the group wanted to follow-up on the meeting held ten weeks ago, which had been a great start for working collaboratively to address some issues in special education and to make the program the best it can be for all kids participating in the program. He shared that, from that meeting, the idea to form a

workgroup was discussed and there had been a sense of accomplishment and hope when the group left the meeting. He went on to say that it was his understanding that the Board would follow-up with Superintendent Pierucci to select two representatives from the Board to meet with them to form a workgroup. However, since then, there has been no progress from the Board or Superintendent Pierucci in appointing representatives. He added that some Board members communicated a desire to get this topic on the agenda but were unsuccessful in doing so. He asked if there was any reason that hasn't been done or if there was something the group could do to get this to happen and the item on the next agenda where newly elected school board members can address the issue. He added that this is a great opportunity for the new school board to make a significant impact on the way special education services are administered at the Roseville City School District.

Mr. Pierucci responded that he had made an attempt to communicate with Mr. Matthias via e-mail; however, for whatever reason that communication didn't happen. He noted there is an interest, stated that the structure of the task force needs to be discussed, as no more than two board members can serve on the task force due to Brown Act regulations, and indicated he will follow-up on that. He thanked the group for coming tonight and for expressing themselves.

Tr. McFadden thanked the SEPAC organization and for the way in which they came to the Board in a good and professional manner. He added that in any democracy one has to make a little bit of noise to get something to happen and he encouraged district administration, as well as the rest of the Board, to move on this item with due diligence, as verbal agreement was given to this group.

Tr. Hirata stated he was at the meeting as well and encouraged fellow Board members to continue the efforts and work closely with SEPAC to improve the process to help make life easier for these children and parents and to make the district the best it can be with respect to special education and education as a whole.

Tr. Goto stated she shares the same feelings expressed by Tr. McFadden and Tr. Hirata and noted that the main emphasis is keeping parents in the loop and keeping them informed.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Prior Board Meetings: Regular Meeting, September 18, 2008; Regular Meeting, October 2, 2008; Regular Meeting, October 16, 2008; Personnel Matters; Approve Payment of Warrants for the Period of September 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008; Accept the Placer County Treasurer's Investment Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2008; Ratify Non-Public School/Agency Agreements with Pacific Autism Learning Services, Jabbergym (2), Laguna Physical Therapy, Therapeutic Pathways; Accept Donations Received by Various Sites: Monetary donation in the amount of \$2,500 to

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.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Woodbridge School – Audrey Nobori-Burke Memorial Fund from Mr. & Mrs. Vince Suryasmita; Extended Field Trip to Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds for Sixth Grade Students from Cooley Middle School, February 10, 2009 – February 13, 2009; Extended Field Trip to San Francisco Exploratorium and the Headlands for Sierra Gardens Fifth Graders, May 14, 2009 – May 15, 2009; Ratify Agreement with Ray Morgan Company

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comments on the Initial Proposal of the Roseville Teachers' Association and the Roseville City School District

Tr. Goto opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the initial proposal of the Roseville Teachers' Association and the Roseville City School District. There being no comments from the public, Tr. Goto closed the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

#### ACTION MATTERS

Board Adoption of the Roseville Teachers' Association and the Roseville City School District Joint Initial Proposal

Mr. Pierucci requested the Board's adoption of the joint initial proposal of the Roseville Teachers' Association and the Roseville City School District. *(Copy of proposal attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Bernasconi, to adopt the joint initial proposal of the Roseville Teachers' Association and the Roseville City School District as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 2008-09.07, Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions

Ms. Olson shared that in 1999, the district, through the collective bargaining agreement, had agreed to do the PERS pick-up for classified employees. She noted that PERS is doing a little bit of clean-up to make sure all districts are in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service rulings and has asked districts who have PERS pick-up to send in documentation. She shared that staff had researched district files and was unable to locate documentation. Therefore, as per the CalPers Circular (Letter #200-049-08), districts have until December 31, 2008, in order to produce documentation. She requested adoption of the resolution presented so that the district is in IRS compliance with the PERS pick-up.

Motion by Tr. Hirata, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to adopt Resolution 2008-09.07, Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution 2008-09.08, Certifying Compliance with Requirements for Implementation and Funding of Class-Size Reduction

Ms. Olson stated that this is an annual resolution required for the district's participation in the Class-Size Reduction Program, noted that this resolution shows the district's estimated enrollment for grades K-3, and requested adoption of Resolution 2008-09.08, Certifying Compliance with Requirements for Implementation and Funding of Class-Size Reduction.

Motion by Tr. McFadden, seconded by Tr. Aguilera, to adopt Resolution 2008-09.08, Certifying Compliance with Requirements for Implementation and Funding of Class-Size Reduction. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Establish Date for  
Organizational Meeting

Mr. Pierucci stated that this is the time for the Board to designate when the Organizational Meeting will be for the swearing in of new Board members and for also electing new officers of the Board and recommended that meeting take place on December 11<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m. at the District Office).

Motion by Tr. Bernasconi, seconded by Tr. McFadden, to approve Item 12.4 -- Establish the date for the Organizational Meeting for December 11, 2008. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

2007-2008 Accounting for  
Developer Fees

Ms. Olson stated that the 2007-2008 Accounting for Developer Fees is another annual reporting requirement for developer fees and noted that the district receives three kinds of developer fees: Level I, Level II, and mitigation fees. She pointed out that this report shows expenditures for the last five years, more detailed expenditures for the 07-08 school year, and an ending balance of \$23 million dollars. She stated that out of that, there was still a future COPS payment of \$14 million (as of June 30<sup>th</sup>) and noted that the district was not quite done paying for the new preschool building (\$1.7 million) and is building the new district warehouse facility (\$3 million), which leaves a little over \$4 million in developer fees for any future district needs as of June 30, 2008. She requested approval of the findings set forth in the report.

Motion by Tr. Hirata, seconded by Tr. Aguilera, to approve the findings set forth in this report accounting for developer fees. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Report on Williams  
Uniform Complaints

Mr. Jerrold Jorgensen, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services, reported that there was nothing to report for this quarter (the period ending September, 2008).

Report on District's Adherence  
to the Children's Internet  
Protection Act (CIPA)

This item was removed from the agenda.

English Language  
Development Program, 2008-  
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Ms. Carin Contreras, Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Intervention, provided a detailed overview of the English Language Development Program. Her report included information on the process utilized to develop the program during the summer of 2008; the English Learner Profile as of November 3, 2008; the five predominant languages represented; EL student achievement data and targets; the criteria for a high-quality ELD Program which will result in continuous improvement in EL student achievement; the three tiers of support; the purpose of the ELD District Task Force; the establishment of site ELAC committees, site representative selection for the DELAC Committee, and the current work in progress. *(Copy of presentation attached hereto and made part of permanent minutes.)*

#### COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS

•Mr. Peter Clark, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, thanked Ms. Contreras for the report she provided and which highlighted some of the challenges the district faces. He mentioned that the Educational Services team is interested in understanding and considering different models to address those challenges. He also reported on the following:

- The Standards and Assessment Committee continues to make progress to develop and pilot standards-based assessments;
- Working collaboratively with principals and staff to improve student achievement through goal setting, consistent use of data, and through understanding what it means to work as a professional learning community;
- Meetings with GATE parents, teachers, and AVID teachers to address the needs of specific students who we feel can do better and explore options;
- Support of first and second year teachers through a strong BTSA Program;
- Library/Media Specialists receiving a lot of services this year in the form of staff development from a credentialed librarian who the district has contracted with to oversee the Library Program;
- The Math piloting underway for sixth through eighth grades and poised to begin pilot of MacMillan and Houghton Mifflin on December 1<sup>st</sup>, with anticipated recommendation for K-5 math materials in the spring;
- Visitation of school sites to better understand what the needs of the school sites are, as well as their strengths, including Brown, Crestmont, Cooley, Buljan, and GLAD training at Sierra Gardens

Mr. Clark concluded his comments by stating it was great to see students happy and enthusiastic about learning, as well as seeing teachers doing a great job motivating kids to be involved and engaged in learning. He mentioned an interest in more resources to serve district students and noted, however, that wise decisions are necessary on how to proceed, as well as working with all stakeholders to understand and develop those resources.

•Ms. Olson shared that the Energy Conservation Committee will begin meeting in December, with the hope to establish some best practices and change some behaviors in school sites in order to save money on district energy costs. She also shared that the Business Department has been working hard to complete the First Interim; however, was struggling because of the new financial software (ESCAPE) the Placer County Office of Education has implemented. She also shared that the Business Department is trying to stay abreast of the state budget situation, which doesn't look good.

•Mr. Jorgensen stated that he visited with principals to talk about the goals and visions for their schools and thanked Tr. Hirata for his passion, which is greatly appreciated, and for everything he has done for the district.

•Mr. Pierucci commented that staff is very concerned about the budget and, internally, has already been taking a hard look at some of the areas the district might be able to make adjustments due to predictions of mid-year cuts. He also announced that the Tommy Apostolos Shopping Spree will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Kohl's due to the closing of Mervyn's.

•Tr. Aguilera reported on his attendance at the Cirby Harvest Festival, as well as the Woodbridge Harvest Festival, which raised roughly \$1,040; reported on his visits to Junction and Chilton Schools; and commented it was good to see both schools up and running. He also shared that most school board members will be attending the Placer County Office of Education County Committee Meeting on School District Organization on Monday and stated it will be nice to see all the Placer County elected officials there. He also shared that he will be attending the Sylvia Besana Parade on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at which Cirby Elementary School will have a float. He concluded by telling Tr. Hirata that he will be missed.

•Tr. McFadden wished Tr. Hirata good luck.

•Tr. Bernasconi commended Willie Baker on his extra-curricular activities regarding the rebuilding of the Natomas playground; recognized SEPAC's efforts tonight and commented that she has tremendous respect for the work they do for the district and the challenges they deal with daily with their own children. She added that they absolutely had a point and made it this evening and were heard loud and clear that

for whatever reason, contact had not been made like it should have been. She indicated that she would like to be a part of that workgroup. In reference to the comments made earlier by Ms. Olson and energy conservation, she indicated that, perhaps starting with the next calendar year, the district can work towards a paperless or "less paper" meetings, as the district has the technology to do so. She noted that the agenda can be posted to the website, as members of the Board all have monitors in front on them and this would cut down on all kinds of costs. She indicated that she would like the district to look into that. She also thanked everyone who was in attendance.

•Tr. Hirata reported on his visit to Spanger Elementary School several weeks ago and noted he had taught math in Raeanne Garcia's class. He also shared that Principal Jodi Westphal has done a great job at the school. He personally thanked district staff that he had worked with during the past fourteen months including Ms. Olson for her knowledge and for making sure the district runs as "ship-shape" as it does with finances being as difficult as they are; Mr. Jorgensen for all the things he brings to the table and his always present smile; Mrs. Eller, the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; and Mr. Pierucci for being so knowledgeable and for caring a great deal about everyone in the district and their children. He shared that the district is very fortunate to have Mr. Pierucci as the Superintendent and noted he feels such great pride, as a parent, knowing Mr. Pierucci is here and that his children will benefit from Mr. Pierucci's knowledge and experience. He thanked Mr. Pierucci and noted it had been a wonderful experience working with him and stated that the friendship will continue.

•Tr. Hirata also acknowledged Mr. Clark for being his mentor and who, originally, was the Principal at his children's school. He shared how Mr. Clark was able to sit down with him on many occasions and give him great advice on how to participate in this process (i.e., how to be a good Board member, a good parent involved in the school, and how to reach out to people) which is why he has been attending schools, visiting classrooms, meeting teachers, and spending time with principals. He indicated that he is proud that Mr. Clark is at the district level and is an instructional leader, as he is a great role model for everyone in this district. He thanked Mr. Clark for his friendship and mentorship.

•Tr. Hirata also thanked teachers and stated they have been a core part of why he served on the Board because of what they do in the classroom and how they impact all of our children. He also thanked Mr. Baker for all his participation, help, and enthusiasm every time he addressed the Board from the podium. He also thanked principals for allowing him to be in their schools and for taking the time to take him through the classrooms and helping him to understand the needs of schools.

•Tr. Goto stated that Tr. Hirata has done a great job of getting to know people and having people get to know him and he will be missed. She thanked all the principals that attended the meeting and thanked them for the newsletters they send out to parents, which includes important dates, encourages reading, learning, and handling life skills. She also reported that she had attended Cooley's Halloween Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser and concert, which was wonderful. She also shared that she would be visiting Sierra Gardens in the near future, as she had been invited by one of the Sierra Gardens' teachers. She also congratulated Sierra Gardens Principal, Mrs. Vickie Youhill, on her recent marriage to Mr. Will Youhill, the district's Director of Fiscal Services, and commented on the nice picture of them in the school's newsletter.

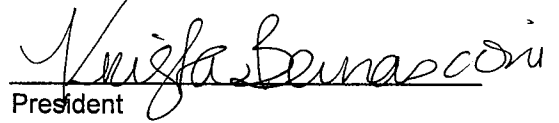
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needed regarding Items under 2.0)

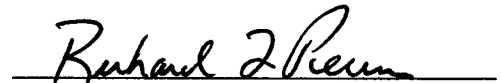
None needed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tr. Goto adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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President

  
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Clerk/Secretary

as approved Dec. 11, 2008

Recorder: Heidi Eller