

BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Of the BYRON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Location:**  
**EXCELSIOR**  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**  
14301 Byron Highway • Byron, CA

Byron Union School District



**Wednesday, April 14, 2010**

**Public Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**A. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. The meeting was called to order at **7:02 p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Jill Sprenkel, President; Karri Murayama, Clerk  
Bobbi Nugent, Elaine Landro Kenneth Silman  
Others: Eric Prater, Superintendent
3. Flag Salute
4. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Elaine Landro to approve the agenda.
5. Showcases:
  - a. Elementary School Spelling Bee Winners: Hannah Brooker (Discovery Bay) and Malia Bonte (Timber Point)
  - b. Discovery Bay School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade President Reports – Samantha and Alexis
  - c. Presentation of \$500 donation to CJSF from Discovery Bay Chamber of Commerce: Chris Steele presented check to the board.

**B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Karri Murayama: May 15 Bridge Program is hosting Parent University; there will be 10-12 classes held at Excelsior 10 am to 2 pm; promote culture of care in community; help support kids for their educational needs; attended the Monday Huddle where students presented their personal stories to promote culture of care of what district is trying to promote; was very touched by all 3 speeches.

Bobbi Nugent: Attended SOS meeting; PTA Founders Day Dinner is being held on April 15<sup>th</sup>;

Elaine Landro: Also attended Monday Huddle; observed how much the kids were paying attention to speeches

Ken Silman: Thanked 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for presentation; attended field trip to the East County Historical Building; TP Movie Night Friday night; TP Talent Show on 30<sup>th</sup>, TP spring concert next Wed and Thurs.; SOS Meeting important to have community support

Jill Sprenkel: SOS Meeting was attended by teachers, parents, community members group as a result of budget cuts—trying to problem-solve issues that local schools are facing; suggestion is to put out another budget newsletter after final cuts which would include how parents can help in a clear and concise; people want to help, but don't know how.; excited for Parent University—a way to reach out to our families; attended Staff Forum and was impressed with how serious the teachers were and had tough questions and the answers were informative; thanked the Principal at Excelsior for taking the time to give her 5<sup>th</sup> grade daughter a personal tour of Excelsior School at lunch.

- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Dr. Prater felt there were crucial conversations at the Middle School Forum; how do we do this on a shoestring; healthy interaction; engaging ideas; proud of work that middle school teachers are doing for kids; commended the teachers and principals for their preparation for STAR testing; will be attending the PTA Founders Day Thurs. night; there was a PTA Rally at College Park High School with good speakers but could not attend due to board meeting; very impressed with how local and state PTAs are coming together with clear message—insure that Prop 98 is not changed (stabilize revenue); try to influence local revenue garnering initiatives to stabilize programs at local level.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Heather Lewis; whose son spoke at Excelsior Monday Huddle, stated that students should respect each other for differences; no child deserves to be bullied

Sergio Guido-Ramirez thanked administration for letting him speak at Monday Huddle and for letting GSA club exist

Matt Colbert expressed gratitude to Charles Miller, Eric Prater, and the board how they handled Monday Huddle which he felt is best for student body as whole, showing culture of care where every student can come to school and be who they are and feel safe.

Jeanne Turner: stated that her sons suffered harm; and wishes there had been a GSA club when they were at Excelsior to feel safe.

Michele Carr had Sergio in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and had no idea of the pain he was going through at the time, and thanked Dr. Prater and Dr. Miller for allowing a club where they can go and feel accepted.

Jamie Neal is the parent of Demi, who is the president of GSA where students can be who they are without harm from others; thanked Mr. Colbert for supporting the kids

Ken Silman read an email from Mrs. Rollins and her daughter who supported the GSA club as an anti-bullying club and shows that being different is OK.

## **E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1. FINANCE AND FACILITIES**

#### **a. Measure C Update**

Ron Holcombe and Gary Gery updated board on Measure C projects at Excelsior expansion. The Lease/leaseback bids came back about 50% more than the district has available funds. If the district had received state money, projects could be complete. But the administration is reluctant to sign contract until state match is received, and the only contracts that should be entered into are those where funds are currently available.

Mr. Holcombe's recommendation is to complete classroom buildings with minor simplifications; he would like to continue to crunch numbers and would like direction from the district to work with one of the general contractors to get numbers down to acceptable amount. By going out for an open bid, it will open up the need for change orders. Karri Murayama asked if more companies can submit bids, but Mr. Holcombe felt that would delay project even more, bids might even come in higher with the possibility that commodities costs might be increasing. He didn't feel they would come in any lower because the same subcontractors would be submitting their numbers to other general contractors.

Mr. Holcombe will continue to work numbers on the water system, roadways, buildings, kitchen, eating areas, cafeteria, complete MP building (shelled), Karri Muryama asked why the bids were so far over? Mr. Holcombe explained that the water system was at least \$600,000 more than expected; adding the library and administration office to the MP building was \$1.3 million;

Jill Sprenkel asked about going for for an open bid and asked why even use these contractors when the numbers were high? Mr. Holcombe felt these were two competitive and reliable companies. Karri Murayama wants to have a study done for rental of field, and feels it would take 5 or 6 years to see benefit of revenue from groups paying for field use.

Gary Gery stated that infrastructure has to be put in for entire build out even without building yet Bobbi Nugent was disappointed that it was brought in without prior knowledge of board members and would like to do homework before the meeting so she could ask questions. Dr. Prater explained that he only just received this information, was bringing it to board members for their information only, and any questions on it can be directed to Ron Holcombe to answer.

Jill Sprenkel asked how much would it cost to go out to bid—it would cost approximately \$50,000. Mrs. Nugent would like narrative to read and follow more easily at meetings.

Dr. Prater proposed getting questions answered; go over various scenarios; put together thoughts of next step; keep moving forward. Once questions have been answered, there could be another study session with decisions to move forward with;

Ron Holcombe asked the board to pick a lease/leaseback contractor so he can bring numbers down to absolute lowest number. Then, if they are not agreeable, could go out for open bid.

2. **STUDENT LEARNING & CURRICULUM**

a. **2010-2011 Enrollment Updates**

Dr. Prater distributed current survey numbers from families regarding enrollment for next year. Bobbi Nugent would like to know how many preschool students have enrolled. Follow up is still needed to get a more accurate number of enrollments for the new school year.

b. **Re-calendar Study Sessions on 2010-2011 Program Development**

The board members would like to have one study session to go over input from the three individual school forums. This special Study Session will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5-7 pm, at Excelsior. Dr. Prater will send forum notes to board members to review prior to study session. Then, at the May 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting, decisions will have to be made regarding reductions so the staff can move forward with the 2010-11 program planning.

c. **Approve 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Life Curriculum**

Ken Jacopetti presented 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Brenda Burnight presented 7<sup>th</sup> grade Family Life Curriculum to be approved. May 6<sup>th</sup> is parent information night.  
EL/BN Ayes

d. **Approve Quarterly Uniform Complaint Form for period ending March 31, 2010, showing no complaints filed**  
**KS/KM Ayes**

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Form.  
Roll Call: Unanimous

3. **BOARD POLICIES**

a. **Approve CSBA recommended Board Policy 2210 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6161.1**

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Elaine Landro to approve Board Policy 2210 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 6161.1, after reviewing CSBA's Plicy Implications of Categorical Program Flexibility.  
Roll Call: Unanimous

F. **CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the following consent agenda:

1. **Business**

- a. **Warrants:** 4/9/10
- b. Approve three year contract extension with VMware, Inc. in the amount of \$7,251

2. **Minutes:** 3/25/10; 4/1/10

3. **Contracts with non-public agencies for special education students:**

- a. Lynn Center in the amount of \$21,840 for the period 3/10/10 through 6/30/10
- b. Lynn Center in the amount of \$21,840 for the period 2/22/10 through 6/30/10
- c. Wordplay in the amount of \$1,392 for the period 4/1/10 through 6/30/10

4. **Donations:**

- a. Pierce Chiropractic Group, Inc., in the amount of \$25 to Excelsior's rally donation fund
- b. Straw Hat Pizza in the amount of \$100 for Excelsior rally donation fund

**Roll Call: Unanimous**

**G. FUTURE MEETINGS**

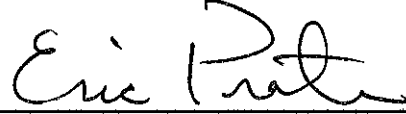
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **May 6, 2010 (May 4 study session)**

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



Superintendent

Date Approved:

5/20/10