

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

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



Thursday, December 10, 2009

MINUTES

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. The regular meeting was called to order at **4:09 p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Kenneth Silman, President; Jill Sprenkel, Clerk
Karri Murayama, Bobbi Nugent, Elaine Landro
Others: Eric Prater, Superintendent
3. Flag Salute
4. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve the agenda, changing Item E.2.a. to read "Approve Qualified Certification."
5. Discussion and possible action regarding change of Board Bylaws 9100: Discussion was held about the possibility of changing Board Bylaws 9100 to make the policy more flexible. A motion was made by Ken Silman to approve changing the policy, but there was no second, so the motion was dropped, and the policy will remain the same.
6. Election of Board Officer(s): Ken Silman made a motion to nominate Karri Murayama as Board Clerk, which was seconded by Jill Sprenkel. Roll Call: Unanimous
7. Calendar for 2010 Board Meetings, including Board Retreat: A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Elaine Landro to approve proposed board meeting calendar with regular meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Excelsior Multipurpose Room.
8. Times of Meetings: 7:00 p.m.
9. Designate Board Representatives: It was recommended that the committee members be designated at the upcoming board retreat set for January 2, 2010.
10. Open Public Hearing on Annual Developer Fee Report: 5:00 p.m.

B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: Elaine Landro attended the Excelsior Winter Concert which was great as usual. All board members felt their attendance at the CSBA Conference was worthwhile and thanked Ron Holcombe for sponsoring their trip. Jill Sprenkel would like to share out information they received at future board meetings. Karri Murayama said the Discovery Bay Parade of Lights showed great school spirit.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS: Eric Prater wants to improve district communication and acknowledged Louise Colbert for putting together a professional staff development on technology.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ben Foley, teacher at Excelsior School, observed classes at Timber Point School and discussed his views on improving reading and comprehension scores. Greg Ruiz distributed new Rtl brochure, and complimented Louise Colbert, Willie Marlin, Ken Silman as board president, and Eric Prater, Superintendent.

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

a. Preschool and Academy Program and Budget Updates/D. Storey

Danielle Storey, Program Administrator, gave a status update on the Academy and Discovery Play School programs at Discovery Bay and Timber Point Schools along with a budget update.

2. **FINANCE AND FACILITIES**

a. **Budget Presentation/Approve Qualified Certification, First Interim Report for 2009-2010**

Gaby Hellier, Chief Business Official, presented the First Interim Report which shows a qualified status as, unless cuts are made, the district would not be able to meet its financial obligations. Karri Murayama would like possible midyear cuts to be reviewed, as well as looking at grants and other entrepreneurial ideas.

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the First Interim Report showing a qualified status for 2009-2010.

Roll Call: Unanimous

b. **Financial Status Report as of November 30, 2009:** Information only

c. **Approve Resolution 21-09, Authorization to Increase/Decrease Budget and to transfer funds**

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve Resolution 21-09.

Roll Call: Unanimous

d. **Approve 2010-2011 Budgeting Calendar**

Eric Prater and Gaby Hellier will present "road shows" at each of the sites to staff and community to inform everyone about the financial status of the district. Input will be received as to possible solutions.

A motion was made by Bobbi Nugent and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve the 2010-2011 budget calendar.

Roll Call: Unanimous

e. **Approve Resolution 22-09, Certificate of Signatures**

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Elaine Landro to approve Resolution 22-09, Certificate of Signatures

Roll Call: Unanimous

f. **Approve Annual Developer Fee Report**

Public hearing on the Annual Developer Fee Report was closed at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Bobbi Nugent and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve the report.

Roll Call: Unanimous

3. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

a. **Approve extension of contract for Eric Prater, Superintendent, through June, 2012**

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Ken Silman to approve extending the contract of Eric Prater, Superintendent, through June, 2012, based on the evaluation completed by the board in June of 2009.

Roll Call: Unanimous

F. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item F.2.b. was pulled from the consent agenda to discuss separately. A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the following consent agenda:

1. **Personnel**

a. **Approve employment of Brandi Sprenkel and Guadalupe Gutierrez as Discovery Play School teachers**

2. **Business**
 - a. **Warrants: 11/17/09; 11/23/09; 12/1/09**
 - [b. *Deem electronic items as obsolete including television sets*]
 3. **Minutes: 11/19/09**
 4. **Approve Excelsior Leadership Students to attend California Associated Student Leader State Conference April 15-18th, 2010 in Irvine, CA. (students will miss Thursday and Friday of school)**
 5. **Contracts with non-public agencies for special education student:**
 - a. **Wordplay in the amount of \$2,175 for the period 11/1/09 to 6/30/10**
 - b. **Wordplay in the amount of \$1,087.50 for the period of 11/9/09 to 6/30/10**
 6. **Donations:**
 - a. **from Timber Point PTA in the amount of \$5,000 for art docent**
 - b. **from David Knittel in the amount of \$230.13 in books and a Planet Earth DVD series**
- Roll Call: Unanimous**

Item F.1.b. was discussed. A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve this item, asking administration to sell the items that can be sold.

Roll Call: Unanimous

G. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **January 7, 2010. A special board retreat/workshop is set for January 2nd beginning at 9:00 a.m., location to be decided upon.**

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Date Approved: January 7, 2010