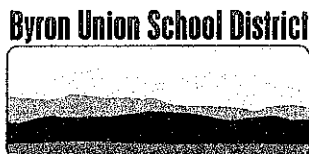


BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Of the BYRON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Thursday, February 4, 2010  
Closed Session: 4:00 p.m.  
Budget Workshop: 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Closed Session: 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

**A1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. The regular meeting was called to order at **4:00 p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Jill Sprenkel, President; Karri Murayama, Clerk  
Bobbi Nugent, Kenneth Silman  
Others: Eric Prater, Superintendent  
Absent: Elaine Landro
3. **CLOSED SESSION**  
Education Code Section 48900, et. seq. Student Discipline
  - a. Student 09-10A
  - b. Student 09-10B

*Open Session: 5:00: The board voted 4-0, with Board Member Elaine Landro absent, to uphold the stipulated expulsions as recommended by administration for Students 09-10A and 09-10B.*

4. **2010-2011 Budget Workshop:** Discussion was heard from the Superintendent, Board Members, and the Public regarding possible budget reductions to the 2010-2011 school budget.

**Adjourned back into Closed Session: 7:00 p.m.**

5. **Government Code Section 54956.8**  
**Conference with Real Property Negotiators**  
**Property: 3275 Byer Road**  
**District Negotiator: Ronald Holcombe, Pacific Program Management**  
**Instruction to Negotiator concerning price and terms of payment**

**A2. REGULAR MEETING: Reopened at 7:40 p.m.**

6. Flag Salute
7. Approval of Agenda: Karri Murayama moved to approve agenda as presented, Ken Silman seconded.
8. **Report Out from Closed Session:** It was reported that, during closed session, the board members directed the Superintendent to negotiate and complete contract for land purchase with the terms discussed and agreed upon in closed session.

**B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Ken Silman:** Enjoyed touring schools last week and feels it is a wonderful district of employees; attended math night at Timber Point School for 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders which was well attended.

**Bobbi Nugent:** Gave example of letter sent to parents in Oklahoma regarding free and reduced lunch program to Dr Prater for his review and consideration; attended Town of Discovery Bay dinner, honoring Denise Dimock as Citizen of the Year; 32<sup>nd</sup> District Founders' Day luncheon is on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Karri Murayama:** Thanked Chamber of Commerce for organizing the State of Town Dinner which brings Discovery Bay people together where Stacie Maslen was honored as Teacher of the Year, Denise Dimock as Citizen of the Year, the Boardwalk Grill as Business of the Year, Michael Temby for his volunteer work; was happy with amount of staff attending the budget workshop where there was direct, hard conversation during this tough time.

**Jill Sprenkel:** Apologized for not attending the Timber Point math night but appreciated staff for putting it together; mentioned that Timber Point's spelling bee winner was Melia Bonte; also attended the State of the Town Dinner and felt Dr. Prater did a wonderful job in his speech regarding the state of the school district; was disappointed that not many parents attended Excelsior budget roadshow.

**C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Dr. Prater also congratulated recipients of awards at State of Town Dinner. He also thanked Ron Holcombe for all of the things being done behind the scenes for construction. Dr. Prater also appreciated the work done by Gaby Hellier, Chief Business Official, working many hours on the budget figures, and by Ken Jacopetti for handling discipline at the middle school with seriousness and a level of thoughtfulness and willingness to go beyond the Ed Code to a human place.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Bonnie Freckman thanked Ron Holcombe for adding gravel on the corner of Byer Rd and Byron Highway. She also stated she is starting a "no pants on the ground" campaign for students at Excelsior School. Carol Elder thanked Dr. Prater for the budget roadshow presentation at each site, and she is worried about going larger class sizes in kindergarten, and is concerned about the extended day program with larger class sizes. Betty Sanchez questioned how the family life board policy and program being taught would be addressed.

**E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. FINANCE AND FACILITIES**

**a. Measure C Update/Ron Holcombe, Pacific Program Management**

Mr. Holcombe reported that the commitments to the two elementary schools have been completed. In going through bond language, and when state match funds are received, all projects stated will be completed. Increment II was approved by OPSC on January 27, 2010, but is unfunded.

Karri Murayama asked what would have happened had the district built the gymnasium first. The answer is that the district would not have qualified for state match funds, which are only received on classroom buildings and the district would have lost the opportunity to receive \$5 million in state funding. The project list included the gymnasium, but not guaranteed if revenues did not cover the cost to build. Bobbi Nugent asked if the district budget being "qualified" would jeopardize receiving the third release of the bond. Once the reductions are made, the budget will no longer be qualified. Ellen Bower asked if there would be a water fountain installed in the new restrooms in plaza area. Ron Holcombe will check into this and report back.

**b. Approve revised RFQ for lease-leaseback for Excelsior Middle School Expansion Project**

Mr. Holcombe stated that by approving this lease/leaseback contract, there wouldn't be a need for change orders. The actual contract will be brought back for approval by the board. Jill Sprenkel thanked Ron Holcombe for the work that is being done.

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the revised RFQ for lease/leaseback.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bobbi Nugent, Karri Murayama, Ken Silman, Jill Sprenkel

Absent: Elaine Landro

**c. Present financial status report as of January 31, 2010**

Gaby Hellier presented the financial status report as of January 31, 2010, which shows actuals to date.

**d. Approve Resolution 10-02, Authorization to Increase/Decrease Budget and to transfer funds**

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve Resolution 10-02.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bobbi Nugent, Karri Murayama, Ken Silman, Jill Sprenkel

Absent: Elaine Landro

2. **STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT**

a. **Approved revised 2010-11 School Calendar**

As a result of the successful ratification with the Byron Teachers' Association for the 2010-2011 school year, of five furlough days, the revised calendar shows 177 student days and 3.5 combination staff development/staff workdays. Ken Silman reported positive feedback on new calendar from the staff. Ellen Bower asked about rumors that Liberty will be changing to a traditional calendar, but it was explained that this was one of the potential ways to save money, not approved yet. Minimum days will be added later after examining them carefully. A motion was made by Bobbi Nugent and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve the revised calendar.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bobbi Nugent, Karri Murayama, Ken Silman, Jill Sprenkel  
Absent: Elaine Landro

b. **Review of Board Policy 6142.1, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction**

This board policy needs to be revised to align with the needs of the community and adopted curriculum. Ken Jacopetti will be chairing a committee to review 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and communicate clearly with parents to make sure families know what is being taught. Staff will have to be trained on instruction, and be uniform at all sites. Board members on committee will be Elaine Landro and Bobbi Nugent, and will meet next week.

F. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the following consent agenda:

1. **Business**

a. **Warrants:** 1/19/10; 1/26/10

b. Approve contract with CCCOE for internet contract for 2010-2011 school year

2. **Minutes:** 1/2/10; 1/7/10; 1/21/10; 1/22/10

3. **Donations:**

a. BTM Foundation in the amount of \$200 for the Excelsior Visual and Performing Arts

b. Women's Council of Realtors in the amount of \$100 to the Excelsior Visual and Performing Arts

c. Timber Point PTA in the amount of \$184.31 for "Caught Being Good" awards

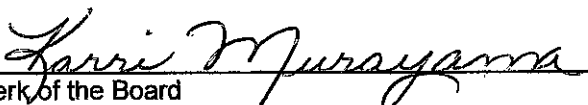
d. Excelsior PTSA in the amount of \$2,050 for the Excelsior behavior support program

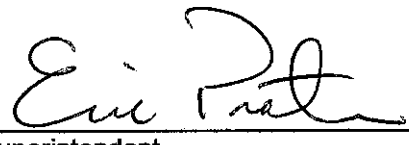
G. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **February 11, 2010 (Budget Workshop beginning at 5 pm); February 18, 2010**

H. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Superintendent

Date Approved: 3/4/10