

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

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



Thursday, January 7, 2010
Closed Session: 5:15 p.m.
Presentation: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. The regular meeting will be called to order at **5:15 p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Jill Sprenkel, President; Karri Murayama, Clerk
Bobbi Nugent, Elaine Landro Kenneth Silman
Others: Eric Prater, Superintendent
3. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Number of potential cases: 1

A2. PUBLIC MEETING: 6:10 p.m.

4. **PRESENTATION: School Improvement Plans: Elementary Schools (Info Only)**
Update on School Improvement Plan for Excelsior School (Info Only)

A3. REGULAR MEETING: 7:20 p.m.

5. Flag Salute
6. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the board agenda, moving forward the auditing reports.
7. Report out from Closed Session: None

B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: Karri Murayama was happy to hear that the recent newspaper article regarding the district's budget was in error, and would like to see a three year trend analysis of the budget. She also stated that the board needs to take a serious and proactive role with budget workshops. Bobbi Nugent acknowledged employment of Katy Moseley as Discovery Bay School's librarian. She also congratulated Dr. Prater in earning his doctorate, Joyce Moxin's service to the district as school secretary, and Jeanne Turner's article in the Discovery Bay Press. Mrs. Nugent thanked all who participated in the board retreat. She stated the Special Education workshop was fabulous and well attended. Ken Silman stated that the staff is doing important things and appreciates what they are doing that impact students. He also acknowledged Eric Prater on the completion of his doctorate program and for his great leadership abilities. Jill Sprenkel wanted to publicly acknowledge Ron Holcombe with Pacific Program Management for sponsoring the board and superintendent to attend the recent CSBA Conference.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Prater encouraged board members to stop by classrooms at all sites which puts work they do into perspective. Mr. Prater discussed with the board his views on the federal Race To The Top Funds, which could mean \$700 million for California schools, with strong reform efforts, but not approved by various organizations, i.e. ACSA, CSBA, CTA. The MOU is due January 8, 2010 to the state, but Mr. Prater does not feel it is in the best interest of our district to apply at this time.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Kathy Chavez stated that the math grant has been important in amazing ways and is taking the district further than it ever has in math. Ellen Bower invited the board to the CTA sponsored School Board breakfast on February 6th.

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FINANCE AND FACILITIES

a. Budget Roadshow Presentation

Eric Prater gave the budget roadshow presentation that he will be using at the three sites in the upcoming weeks to staff and community and asked for board comments. A paper trail of comments from the roadshows will be available to board members and put on district website. A district newsletter will go out to staff and public on a regular basis to update everyone. Board members asked if the district email could be forwarded to their home email address. This will be discussed with Willie Marlin. School Messenger messages will also be sent home to parents. Karri Murayama requested that the presentation be made to the Lions Club as well and felt it was a good presentation. Bobbi Nugent asked to include what was added in to the current budget. Ken Silman suggested comparing to other agencies in the state.

b. Approval of 2008-2009 External Audit by Cichella & Tokunaga, LLP

Pauline Tokunaga from Cichiella & Tokunaga gave a recap of the audit done by her accounting firm, which showed no exceptions made by the district. Karri Murayama commended and recognized Lee Evatt for making a profit in the cafeteria and doing a superb job. She would like to have seen more detail on ASB funds and would like to see totals on items. Ken Silman thanked the Business Office for the job that they did.

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the 2008-09 external audit.

Roll Call: Unanimous

c. Approval of 2008-09 General Obligation Bond Financial Audit

Ms. Tokunaga also gave arecap on the 2008-09 General Obligation Bond Audit. Bobbi Nugent had questions about numbers appearing on the county website regarding the bond. Eric Prater will contact Caldwell, Flores and Winter to research.

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

Abstain: Bobbi Nugent

d. Approval of Resolution 10-01, Authorization for Federal Child Nutrition Revenues to be Expended Initially on Classified Salaries and Benefits subject to PERS

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Ken Silman to approve Resolution 10-01.

Roll Call: Unanimous

e. Approve Quarterly Uniform Complaint Form through December 31, 2009, showing no complaints received

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Elaine Landro to approve the Quaterly Uniform Complaint form showing no complaints received through December 31, 2009.

Roll Call: Unanimous

2. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

a. Enrollment Update

Mr. Prater reported that district enrollment is currently at 1,722 students, which is up 40 students from June of 2009.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Kari Murayama to approve the consent agenda as follows: (It was requested that all comments made by board members be put in the board minutes.)

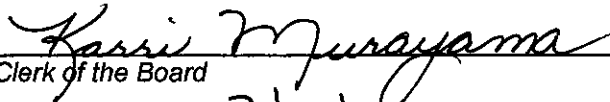
- 1. **Personnel**
 - a. **Employment of Katy Moseley, library instructional aide at Discovery Bay School, 12 hours per week**
 - b. **Extension of unpaid maternity leave for Whitney Skinner, classroom teacher, through February 15, 2010**
 - 2. **Business**
 - a. **Warrants: 12/8/09; 12/15/09; 12/21/09**
 - 3. **Minutes: 12/10/09**
 - 4. **Contracts with non-public agencies for special education student:**
 - a. **Wordplay in the amount of \$2,436 for the period 7/1/09 to 6/30/10**
 - 5. **Donations:**
 - a. **from Discovery Bay PTA: \$100 for retiring employee bench; \$64.58 for "caught being good" prizes**
- Roll Call: Unanimous**

G. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **January 21, 2010; board retreat was scheduled for January 22, 2010, 5-8 pm**

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10.02 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
Date Approved: 2/4/10


Superintendent