

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

**Location:**

**Excelsior Multipurpose Room  
14301 Byron Highway  
Byron, CA 94514**

**Byron Union School District**



**Thursday, July 15, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**A. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. The meeting was called to order at **6:05 p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Jill Sprenkel, President; Karri Murayama, Clerk  
Bobbi Nugent, Elaine Landro, Kenneth Silman
3. Flag Salute
4. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the agenda.
5. Approve resignation of Eric Prater, Superintendent, effective July 15, 2010: A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve the resignation of Eric Prater, Superintendent.  
Roll Call: Unanimous
6. Approve contract for Kenneth Jacopetti, Interim Superintendent, effective July 15, 2010: A motion was made by Bobbi Nugent and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the contract with Ken Jacopetti as Interim Superintendent effective July 15, 2010. Board members and many attendees spoke in favor of the appointment of Mr. Jacopetti as Interim Superintendent and looked forward to his leadership style, complimenting his compassion for students and respect in the community. Mrs. Murayama also read a letter from a previous board member, Kathy Slightam, congratulating Mr. Jacopetti on his appointment.  
Roll Call: Unanimous

**B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**Karri Murayama:** Excited about the district moving forward and was impressed by dedication of employees

**Jill Sprenkel:** Congressman McNerney attended a reception at her house and indicated that he will entertain grants for specific earmarks related to quality of instruction in classrooms; she attended P6 meeting Monday Night with Mr. Jacopetti—they would like to help district continue the SRO program with some funding.

- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Jacopetti reported that he went on site walks with principals; STAR test results arrived today and will be given out at walkthrough; there is legislation that is moving forward regarding the need for schools who are in the 1,000 lowest schools in 1 decile to send home a letter to parents notifying them that they can enroll their student in a school of their choice with a higher API, which could affect one of our schools. He will notify board members as more information is received.

- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None**

**E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. FINANCE AND FACILITIES**

- a. Discussion of fiscal review proposals**

Mrs. Hellier reported that she requested proposals from both FCMAT and School Services to

perform a fiscal review of the district financial situation. Based on these conversations, she felt more comfortable with FCMAT whose cost is estimated at \$4,000 while School Services is \$7,600 plus expenses. Bobbi Nugent asked to be present when Mr. Jacopetti and Mrs. Hellier met with Bill Clarke. This item will be brought back to the August 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting after Mr. Jacopetti gets more information and clarity of what will be provided.

**2. STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT**

- a. **Accept Quarterly Uniform Complaint Form for period ending June 30, 2010 showing no complaints filed**

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Muryama to accept the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Form showing no complaints filed for the period ending June 30, 2010.  
Roll Call: Unanimous

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES**

- a. **Approve adding a Geometry section for the 2010-11 school year and appointing Erica Hornnes, who will be paid for her prep period at her prorated annual rate, or a total additional cost of \$9,865**

Thirteen students have advanced to geometry instruction this year and the cost to send them to another district would be approximately the same as paying for a current staff member's prep period. Students would also lose instructional time traveling from another district. Bobbi Nugent is concerned about increasing the deficit by adding more expenses.

A motion was made by Elaine Landro and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve adding a geometry section and appointing Erica Hornnes to be paid for her prep period at her prorated annual rate.

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

No: Bobbi Nugent

**4. BOARD POLICIES**

- b. **Approve Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as recommended by CSBA, March, 2010 (second reading)**

Ken Jacopetti is going to research a few of the board policies to get clarification prior to bringing back to the next board meeting for possible approval. Karri Muryama stated that she felt it was important for staff to know what changes are made to the policies; principals will notify staff of changes made.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

Bobbi Nugent asked that the Board Minutes of May 20, 2010 be removed from the agenda as she would like to add comments made by her at that meeting. She will notify the district of what she would like to have included. Item F.1.c. was also removed for discussion.

*A motion was made by Karri Muryama and seconded by Elaine Landro to approve the following consent agenda:*

**1. Personnel**

- a. Approve resignation of Brian Beggs, .5 FTE Music Instructor at Excelsior Middle School  
b. Approve resignation of Crystal Hammer, DPS Teacher, effective July 26, 2010  
c. [Approve Leslie Dixon as Athletic Director, Excelsior Middle School at \$5,000 annual stipend]

**2. Business**

- a. **Warrants:** 6/18/10; 6/24/10



3. **Minutes:** [5/20/10]; 6/10/10; 6/30/10
4. **Contract with non-public agency for special education student(s) for the 2010-11 School Year:**
  - a. Wordplay in the amount of \$73,080
  - b. Lynn Center in the amount of \$91,980
  - c. Tobinworld in the amount of \$151,893
5. **Donations:**
  - a. Discovery Bay PTA in the amount of \$500 for Star Testing Snacks

Roll Call: Unanimous

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve Leslie Dixon as Athletic Director with a \$5,000 annual stipend.

Roll Call: Ayes: Karri Murayama, Ken Silman, Jill Sprenkel, and Elaine Landro  
No: Bobbi Nugent

**G. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **August 5 and 19, 2010**  
**(Set Board Retreat Date)**

**H. UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

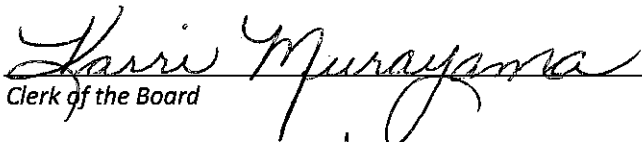
- July 22: Excelsior Middle School Orientation (3-7 pm)
- July 26: Teacher Staff Development (8-11:30); Teacher Workday (11:30-3:30)
- July 27: Teacher Workday; TP/DB Sneak a Peek: (3-3:30 pm)
- July 28: First Day of School
- July 29: TP Back to School (6-7 pm)
- August 3: EMS Picture Day; DB Back to School Night (6-7 pm)
- August 4: EMS Back to School Night (6 pm)

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY/AUGUST, 2010:**

1. Discipline data analysis of all three schools
2. Student uniform process
3. Volunteer hours built into promotion requirements
4. Energy Audit
5. Sixth Grade Science Camp
6. Charter Schools

**J. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Superintendent

Date Approved: 8/5/10

