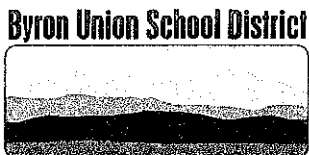


BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Of the BYRON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Thursday, March 4, 2010

Closed Session: 6:15 p.m.
Public Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. The meeting was called to order at **6:15 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**
Education Code Section 48900, et. seq. Student Discipline
a. Student 09-10D

A2. PUBLIC MEETING: 7:03 p.m.

4. Flag Salute
5. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Bobbi Nugent to approve the agenda.
6. Report Out of Closed Session: The board voted to uphold the recommendation for the stipulated expulsion for Student 09-10D. Roll Call: Unanimous
7. **Showcase: Discovery Bay School Fourth Grade Presidents' Reports: Postponed**

B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

1. Jill Sprenkel acknowledged "Stand Up for Schools" and appreciated participation, which will hopefully do some good in raising awareness; was impressed with Excelsior's staff newsletter which shows good connection and support for the staff; participated in Reading Across America at both elementary schools.
2. Karri Murayama also enjoyed participating in Read Across America and was impressed with the well-organized classrooms and classroom management; hard to see chairs set up during Stand Up for Schools Day, knowing what they represent; must advocate in a positive way.
3. Bobbi Nugent went to the State Capitol for two days and attended workshops on the budget crisis; spoke with state legislators and it was good to learn we aren't alone in the budget crisis; the state PTA will support the vote to lessen the threshold to pass a parcel tax so districts can have more of a chance to pass one; hopes the district will apply for Race to the Top funds next time they are offered.
4. Elaine Landro went to the Preschool/Kindergarten Faire and was impressed with the preschool classrooms.
5. Ken Silman also went to the Kindergarten Faire which had a nice turnout, was well run and well attended; thanked Ellen Bower for setting up meeting with committee group members for Stand Up for Schools participation.

- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Dr. Prater thanked Bobbi Nugent for going to Sacramento; he is seeing community coming together as a result of the budget cuts; thanked employees and PTAs at all three school sites for their participation in Stand Up for Schools, which was done with professionalism; attended Preschool/Kindergarten Faire, was an example of forward thinking, and was elated with new families coming into district; attended Read Across America at Discovery Bay School; will bring information to board regarding Race to the Top funds.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FINANCE AND FACILITIES

a. Measure C Update/Ron Holcombe

Mr. Holcombe stated that the writing all of the scopes of Increment II to make sure there are no gaps between Increment I and Increment II. The RFQ will be given to the two general constructors Friday morning. The water system plans have been completed and are at DSA; PGE negotiations are complete and there will be a new gas line available for new construction. Negotiations for the entry road access will finish up next Tuesday. The building construction should start around April 1st and will be an 11 month completion timeline. Karri Murayama asked about having a picture of the planned new campus in the Excelsior office. Bobbi Nugent would like to have the updated in writing at the board meetings instead of just verbally. The marquee is not included in the budget. New entry will be ready for the opening of the next school year.

b. Adopt Excelsior Middle School Building Replacement Project, Increment 2 Plans and Specifications approved by DSA on January 13, 2010, Application No. 02-110475

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to adopt the Excelsior Middle School Building Replacement Project, Increment II plans and specifications approved by DSA.
Roll Call: Unanimous

c. Approve Second Interim Report indicating a Positive Certification

The first interim report was filled as qualified. The second interim included reductions approved by the board, so in multiyear projections, there is now a positive certification. However, by the 2011-2012 school year, there will be deficit spending, so more reductions will be necessary. Karri Murayama requested at the next board meeting, that there be presentations where the students are academically, where there are gaps and weaknesses, and where extra support is needed to help the students.

A motion was made by Elaine Landro and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the second interim report.
Roll Call: Unanimous

d. Approve Resolution 05-10, California Cash Reserve Program (TRANS)

A TRANS is necessary if a district has cash flow problems when money is not received from the state (state deferrals) on time. Bobbi Nugent requested that the board be notified if it is necessary to use the TRANS.

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Ken Silman to approve Resolution 05-10.
Roll Call: Unanimous

e. Approve Resolution 06-10, Authorization for the Establishment of a Checking Account for the Discovery Play School and Academy

Mrs. Hellier stated that it would be more efficient to have a separate checking account set up for the Discovery Play School and Academy. In this way, if a check is returned for non-sufficient funds, the district would be notified immediately. Those who can open and will be signers on the account will be: Eric Prater, Esta (Gaby) Hellier, Bev Nicolaisen, and Michael Musser.

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve Resolution 06-10.
Roll Call: Unanimous

f. Transition Plan to Aeries Student Information System

This item is for information purposes only. The current student data system, SASI, will not be supported as of August 1, 2010, so the district will have to change to a new system. Aeries has been chosen as the best alternative and the transition needs to be started. Karri Murayama feels the more people trained on the system, the better. Ken Silman wanted to know if the staff could be trained prior to the end of this school year. An attempt will be made to align with Liberty's transition so possibly training days can be combined to reduce costs.

g. Parcel Tax Discussion

Dr. Prater distributed relevant information as an educational tool for administration and board members. Karri Murayama asked what it would cost to put a parcel tax measure on the ballot and how much to do the study. Jill Sprenkel felt that the district could do the survey on its own. Ken Silman felt that more time is needed to inform the public. It was decided that there is not enough information yet to put it on the June ballot. Jill Sprenkel would like to go out as soon as possible to the public while the attention is on the reductions, which shows the need for the funds for the district. Karri Murayama brought up the idea of possibly a joint venture with other agencies, i.e. CSD. Dr. Prater will get answers and gather more information from other Superintendents.

2. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

a. Spring Transition Plan for 2010-11 Educational Programs

Dr. Prater discussed his Spring Transition Plan in four processes: making sure to adhere to timelines; master schedule at middle school program development and program development at K-3, gathering feedback from key groups; parent communication plan; and staff development day on May 28th for planning, protocols and procedures.

b. Approve submittal of Early Intervention for School Success Professional Learning Communities Grant for 2010-2012

Kerry Flaherty and Jonnie Silman at Timber Point School have been working on this grant, which includes preschool.

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve the submittal of the EISS Grant for 2010-2012.

Roll Call: Unanimous

3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY

a. Select three (3) representatives for the 2010 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election based on ballot provided by California School Boards Association

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Bobbi Nugent to select Ray Valverde, Kathy McLaughlin, and Antonio Medrano as representatives to the CSBA Delegate Assembly Election.

Roll Call: Unanimous

F. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Bobbi Nugent and seconded by Elaine Landro to approve the following consent agenda. Thanks was given to Timber Point PTA for their donation.

1. Business

- a. **Warrants:** 2/2/10; 2/9/10;
- b. Approve renewal of copier contract with Zoom Imaging and Toshiba Corporation
- c. Deem items as surplus inventory

d. Contracts with nonpublic school agency for a special education student:

- 1) Wordplay in the amount of \$2,175 (1/25/10-7/3/10)
- 2) Tobinworld II in the amount of \$8,175 (1/4/10-6/30/10)

2. Minutes: 2/4/10; 2/11/10; 2/18/10

3. Donations:

- a. Timber Point PTA in the amount of \$4,000 for art and music docents

Roll Call: Unanimous

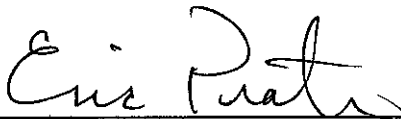
G. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **April 1, 2010**

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


Superintendent

Date Approved: April 1, 2010