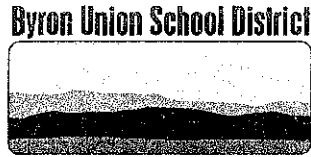


BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Of the BYRON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Thursday, May 6, 2010

MINUTES

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. The meeting was called to order at **7:05 p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Jill Sprenkel, President; Karri Murayama, Clerk
Bobbi Nugent, Elaine Landro Kenneth Silman
Others: Eric Prater, Superintendent
3. Flag Salute
4. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Karri Murayama and Elaine Landro to approve the agenda

B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Ken Silman: Acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week, thanking teachers for hard work.
Elaine Landro: Also acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week; attended Family Life preview for 7th gr parents; enjoyed West Side Story, which is a difficult musical to perform
Bobbi Nugent: Thanked staff for getting through STAR Testing and their hard work; gave thanks to Heather Wenzler; who is her child's teacher; thanks to all teachers; family life preview handled well; thanked Eric, Gaby and Ken and other board members hard work in hard economic times; attended the PTA Founders Day, thanking Dr Prater for the great presentation he gave and was proud he was our superintendent.
Karri Murayama: Met with Bridge Committee and encouraged parents to make it to Parent University May 15th; committee is hoping for a good turnout; purpose is to wrap around families and show support in various areas
Jill Sprenkel: Attended a meeting along with Mrs. Landro and a parent from district who is starting plans for fundraising to revitalize Science Camp for 6th grade; need to find new innovative ways to do things we have done in the past; taking initiative to start; presented on behalf of board at a recent CSD meeting to promote attendance at the Parent University which is hoped to be a great community day; on Friday May 14th, Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan will be in the district for feedback on how what the district needs and if she can help problem-solve.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Prater acknowledged the retirements of Lee Evatt and Debbie Joseph who have both contributed to our community and district; attended West Side Story on opening night which was a great performance with wonderful energy; acknowledged employee Michelle Pereira who is a quiet humble woman with exceptional and organizational skills; a small group have met to discuss resurrecting the sixth grade Science Camp; dhrd copy surveys have been sent to to all 5th grade parents which is a snapshot survey to see who is still interested in this program along with some options in terms of costs; the preparation and planning of Parent University has been a lot of involvement and work behind the scenes.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. DIRECTION OF THE DISTRICT

a. Approve vision, mission, guiding principles and code of ethics for the district

Dr. Prater commended the board for looking at the direction of district. The vision, mission, guiding principles and code of ethics are a fluid document that can be revisited at any time and as often as necessary. Bobbi Nugent hopes to spend more time and revise it in the future. Jill Sprenkel felt that Elaine Landro did a great job at wordsmithing the document, stating that it represents what she

was trying to say but couldn't articulate into words. It sets an example of how the board will operate.

A motion was made by Karri Murayama and seconded by Jill Sprenkel to approve the contract.
Roll Call: Unanimous

2. FINANCE AND FACILITIES

- a. **Measure C: Approve Lease/Leaseback Contract with Ross F. Carroll for General Engineering package/Tie In Project including well system, all roads, underground piping and conduits for completion of the Excelsior Campus Project, DSA #02-110475. Per RFQ response dated October 29, 2009.**

By approving this contract, it will allow equipment to get moving on road work, finish conduits in underground work, roadway system, and well system for expansion program. It will allow the completion of general engineering work. Work could begin as early as Monday, May 17th. Ron Holcombe will bring back schedule of timelines.

A motion was made by Elaine Landro and seconded by Ken Silman.

Roll Call: Unanimous

- b. **Ratify property acquisition contract A portion of APN 002-010-013, between Duarte Corporation and Byron Union School District**

The property acquisition will enable the district to have a safer entry into the middle school campus. It was suggested that language be included that if the road is damaged as a result of farming adjacent to the school roadway, that provisions be made for reimbursement for cleanup and repair if necessary. Bobbi Nugent is concerned with the impact on Byer Road. Mr Holcombe explained that the necessary forms of a negative declaration as is required have been filed and the 30 day timeline has passed with no exceptions made. Jill Sprenkel thanked Ron Holcombe for all his work and follow up effort.

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Ken Silman to approve the contract.

Roll Call: Unanimous

3. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. **Approve Resolution 08-10, Decision Not to Reemploy Certificated Employees for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Dr. Prater explained that this is the most conservative approach at this point, and he expects an increase of enrollment to bring some staff back; he feels this is a prudent decision at this time. Bringing two full time psychologists back can act in a dual role of counselor and psychologist. It is not ideal, but law allows for it. Special education students are increasing, and the district can't fall behind in compliance.

Ken Silman felt that, based on conversation at the forum held on May 4th, aides and TSA not included gives flexibility if enrollment increases, but would like to increase the number of teachers as early as possible so that the support systems are set.

Karri Murayama appreciates being conservative, especially going over special education numbers. She feels the district is being safe and cautionary and supports the recommendations. Bobbi Nugent was disappointed at not having budget sheet updated at meeting and asked if is this enough cuts to keep with 3% reserve and positive certification. It was stated that the budget will be positive for 10-11 but will have to make cuts for 2011-12 and 2012-13 to remain positive. Mrs. Nugent stated she is sad that we are in this state and losing valuable teachers, but has to rely on administrators and their decisions. She would like dollar value of what cuts will be made.

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve Resolution 08-10.

Roll Call: Unanimous

4. STUDENT LEARNING

a. Approve 2009-2010 Single School Plan for Excelsior Middle School

Dr. Miller presented the Excelsior Single School Plan approved by the School Site Council. It creates numeric targets, increasing test scores over 3 years and match goals with overall federal goals. It is built around the Schools to Watch program, and they want to apply next year for STW award. It also establishes the need for a standards aligned instructional program that uses curriculum maps and pacing guides and the use of formative assessments using data director; plans for professional development; school-wide positive discipline.

Karri Murayama feels that, with loss of counselors, it is important for staff to have professional development to know how to recognize students in trouble. Bobbi Nugent would like parents of special education needs to be brought together to form committee

A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the 2009-10 Excelsior Single School Plan.

Roll Call: Unanimous

5. BOARD POLICIES

a. First Reading of CSBA recommended Board Policy and Administration Regulation changes of March, 2010

Information only.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Ken Silman thanked both Lee Evatt and Debbie Joseph for their service to the district. A motion was made by Ken Silman and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Personnel:

- a. Approve retirement of Deborah Joseph, classroom teacher, effective June 5, 2010
- b. Approve retirement of Lee Evatt, Food Services Coordinator, effective June 11, 2010

2. Business

- a. **Warrants:** 2/17/10; 3/16/10; 4/19/10; 4/29/10
- b. Approve contract with CSM Consulting, Inc. for e-rate preparation and filing for school years 2011-12 and 2012-13 at \$6,000 per year
- c. Approve Title I Waiver to allow a carryover of more than 15% of the ARRA funds into 2010-11 school year

3. Approve attendance of Excelsior Leadership Team to the annual CADA/CASL Leadership Camp at U.C. Santa Barbara July 22-24, 2010

4. Donations:

- a. from Elements' Salon in the amount of \$100 for Excelsior rally
- b. from Girls Scouts of San Francisco in the amount of \$45 for Timber Point library books

5. Contract with non-public agency for special education student: Lynn Center for \$7,073 covering 3/30/10 through 6/30/10

G. FUTURE MEETINGS

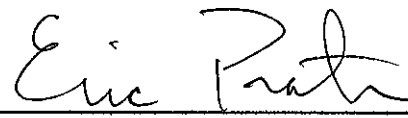
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **May 20, 2010**

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



Superintendent

Date Approved: 5/20/10