

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

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



Thursday, November 19, 2009

7:00 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. The regular meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m.**
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Kenneth Silman, President; Jill Sprenkel, Clerk
Karri Murayama, Bobbi Nugent
Others: Eric Prater, Superintendent
3. Flag Salute
4. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the agenda.
5. **Selection of New Board Member:** Board candidates Robert Green, Jim Mattison, David Turner, and Elaine Landro were interviewed in public by board members. Board members were impressed with all the applicants, their qualifications, and their responses.
6. **ACTION:** A motion was made by Bobbi Nugent and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve provisional appointment of Elaine Landro to fill board member vacancy effective November 19, 2009, pursuant to Ed Code 5091. Board directed the Superintendent to post all legal notices regarding the filing of the deferred resignation and the provisional appointment in three places in the district and to publish a notice pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code
Roll Call Vote: Unanimous
7. **Swearing in of new board member:** Elaine Landro was sworn into office by Eric Prater, Superintendent.

B. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: All board members congratulated Jeanne Turner for being a nominee for CLMS Region 4 Educator of the Year and Sue Vinyard for winning the Warren Eukel Award. Bobbi Nugent attended the special education family night and thanked Ken Jacopetti for putting it together. Karri Murayama visited the Math Intervention class at Excelsior and watched IPass work. She also visited Discovery Bay's DPS and was impressed by the cleanliness of it. Ken Silman thanked Ron Holcombe for sponsoring board members and Superintendent to attend CSBA Conference. Elaine Landro thanked board members for professionalism in selection process.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS: Eric Prater presented at the preschool staff training the past weekend for team building. Excelsior is forming ACT Team to create a safe school culture and work to solve discipline issues. Excelsior's Winter Concert is December 9th. He also felt it was a great voting process for board vacancy.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ellen Bower congratulated Elaine Landro, Jeanne Turner, and Sue Vinyard, and thanked PTA. Betty Sanchez thanked Brian Beggs and Charles Miller who handled a discipline situation professionally.

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FINANCE AND FACILITIES

- a. **Update on Measure C/Ron Holcombe, Pacific Program Management Including updates on new entryway and Rooms 3/4 at Excelsior Middle School, and Increment I Tie In Lease/Leaseback Agreement Information**

Mr. Holcombe stated that the elementary projects are 95% complete and Excelsior Increment I is 85% complete. There was one response to the Increment I Tie In project, Lease/Leaseback proposal. Increment III is at DSA and should be out by December 10th. The bids will then go out in December/January. Karri Murayama and Bobbi Nugent asked that there be a workshop for the

board members and public on construction issues. The new entryway purchase on Byer Road is close to being complete and work could begin as early as April, 2010. The goal is to have the roadway open for the start of the 2010-11 school year.

2. **BOARD POLICIES**

a. **Approve changes made to Board Policy 4119.21, Professional Standards**

Karri Murayama explained that this new board policy language was being recommended to protect employees and students. Ken Silman felt a staff development program should be presented that aligns with board policies so that staff members are informed. Board members will be taking online training on prevention of bullying. Elaine Landro felt that this defines another level of protection. Ellen Bower felt that training is key to conversation. Other employees were concerned about the level of communication that can be used with present and former students. Eric Prater will send out a clarifying statement to employees so that they are perfectly clear about what this policy covers and there won't be any confusion among the employees.

A motion was made by Bobbi Nugent and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the changes made to Board Policy 4119.21, Professional Standards.

Roll Call: Unanimous

b. **Approve changes made to Board Policy 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities**

A motion was made by Jill Sprenkel and seconded by Karri Murayama to approve the changes made to Board Policy 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities.

Roll Call: Unanimous

c. **Discussion on Board Bylaws 9100, Annual Organization**

A sampling of Board Bylaws 9100 of surrounding school districts was shared. Eric Prater recommended changing the bylaws to enable the board to elect its entire slate of officers each year as many districts have adopted. This would give board more flexibility given different circumstances that might arise. A revision will be brought to the December 10th board meeting that can be discussed and possibly approved prior to the annual organization.

F. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **Business**

a. **Warrants:** 11/3/09; 11/10/09

2. **Minutes:** 10/15/09; 10/28/09; 11/5/09

2. **Donation:**

a. \$500 from Ryan Hodgson of Sky Link Design for holiday staff appreciation gifts

b. Set of scientific encyclopedias and slides from parents of Colton Parker

c. \$500 from Frog Hollow Farms, LLC to Discovery Bay School

d. \$750 from Discovery Bay Lions Club to Discovery Bay School

e. \$100 from Ronn and Shirley Nunn to Discovery Bay School

f. \$1,000 from Wells Fargo Foundation to Discovery Bay School

Roll Call: Unanimous

G. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees is scheduled for: **December 10, 2009, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. so that staff members can attend the BTA Holiday Dinner.**

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Date Approved: December 10, 2009