

CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Dudley Elementary School - Multipurpose Room
8000 Aztec Way, Antelope, CA 95843

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Trustee Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Trustees Present: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Blenner, Mr. Friedman, Mrs. Williams,
Mr. Wilson

Administrators Present: Scott Loehr, Superintendent
George Tigner, Chief Administrative Officer
Craig Deason, Assist. Supt., Operations & Facilities
Jeanne Bess, Director of Fiscal Services

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Student Expulsions/Readmissions (G.C. §54962)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator, George Tigner, Re: CSEA and CUTA

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION - none

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER – 6:12 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE - led by Craig Deason

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - approved adoption of agenda as amended: pull Consent Agenda Item #4 for separate consideration.

Motion: Friedman **Vote:** General Consent
Second: Blenner

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Williams announced that there was no action taken in Closed Session. The following items had action taken during Open Session:

1. Student Expulsions/Readmissions (G.C. §54962)
Student Expulsion #09-10.31 - Recommendation approved.

Motion: Blenner **Vote:** General Consent
Second: Anderson

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

1. **CUTA** - Douglas Higgins, President, noted that this week they have been voting on a Memorandum of Understanding with the district about 2 furlough days. The ballots were just counted and the result so far is about 78% in favor of taking two furlough days. This would allow the class size to be 22:1 staffing in K-3, and the 2 furlough days would be combined with other days for a week off in February. Twelve jobs would be saved: 8 with Multiple Subject credentials and 4 in the Secondary (3 HS, 1 MS). He stated that they had a good turn out for voting. He noted that he is very proud of everyone. He was able to get to every site and talk to teachers. He said that the stress on teachers is high and the morale has gone way down. With this vote the teachers wanted to send the message that they wanted to do the best they can, but they are concerned with the quality of education. He noted that in the future we will have some heavy lifting to do and they will be looking at the Board for that.

Mr. Higgins also noted that from the Microsoft settlement the district is sitting on \$202,000. He noted that it has been sitting there since March 2007. It was asked that there be a report on this money.

2. **CSEA** - Marie Huggins, President, noted that there are heartfelt concerns for CUTA this year for what they are going through. CSEA has been reviewing their budget this year. They have elected to support a table at the "Make It Happen" event next week. She also noted that there is \$1,000 worth of scholarships for Seniors whose parent is a CSEA member. Some of the sites have seen representatives at the sites for boosting membership. There will be a dinner on the 25th to help build membership and unity, as well as informing members what is available to them.

The Board was invited to Chapter Meetings during the year. Mrs. Huggins noted that she would get those dates out to them. She noted that at the next election there will be 3 Board seats available and that CSEA will be looking for candidates that they can endorse.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Lisa Coronado, Principal at Dudley Elementary, announce that food purchased tonight at Togo's benefits Dudley Elementary School.

Mathu Lewis, student at CHS, asked why the Senior contracts go into effect during the second semester and not in the first semester. Ms. Hays was asked to answer that question.

Reggie Sellers, student at CHS, asked how come students are required to do two political hours instead of community hours. Trustee Wilson responded to the student's question.

Kay Morrison, Arlene Stassinios, and Paula Labinsky, teachers at Oak Hill, asked questions on the furlough. They stated that teachers felt that the furlough request should had been in writing, they felt rushed on the vote, and the plan has created resentment. They would like to look at other options like looking at step and column, or other ways on the chart. They also asked about charging for athletics and bussing like other districts do. They also asked for the facts and the figures.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Anderson

- extended her sympathies to the staff and students at Dudley for the loss of the parent at Dudley.
- noted that several homes in this area have been broken in to; asked people to keep their eyes open and be safe.
- thanked everyone; noted that everyone is suffering through these cuts.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)

Mr. Blenner

- thanked the teachers for the sacrifice they are willing to make with the furloughs.
- announced that he will not be able to attend the next Board meeting because of Open House at his school.
- wished everyone a happy Spring Break.

Mr. Friedman

- gave words of thanks to our teachers.
- noted that there are certain issues that can be resolved at our level. We can make it known that education should be a priority.
- noted that the "Make It Happen" fundraiser will be next Wednesday evening. He noted that tickets are available at the sites.
- noted that the district and the Board are doing everything to look ahead.
- attended the Concert and Petting Zoo put on by the Camellia Symphony Orchestra at CHS.
- noted that there were some concerns with the response time from Twin Rivers Police to an incident at the concert.

Mr. Wilson

- Sunday went to Dr. Tree's performance; he thought it was the schools performing and was surprised that it was the Camellia Symphony Orchestra.
- echoed that he knows the teachers are doing a lot.
- noted that what Mr. Higgins is going must be very stressful. Thanked him for his hard work. He also gave him a big salute before he retires.

Mr. Loehr

- appreciated what the teachers are doing for the district. Asked that people share their ideas in the future.
- thanked Mr. Higgins for his efforts.
- wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.
- met with the WASC Committee at CHS; thanked everyone for their help with that.
- noted that he recently visited Riles and Spinelli.

Mrs. Williams

- announced that the calendar lists that "Willie Wonka" will be presented by Oak Hill at the CHS Theater on March 25th & 26th, the CHS College and Career Fair will be during both lunches on the 25th, and Dudley's Talent Show is on the 25th.
- asked for Purple Cord and Top Ten Dinner dates to be given to Carol.
- asked what the alternate plan is for Riles promotion and CHS graduation ceremonies if there is rain.
- noted that the HS graduation is at the stadium this year.
- thanked Mr. Tigner and Mr. Loehr and the staff for dealing with the budget issue daily.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from March 3, 2010 Regular Meeting
2. Approved Adoption of Minutes from March 3, 2010 Special Meeting
3. Approved Adoption of Minutes from March 9, 2010 Special Meeting
4. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
5. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
6. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
7. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Bureau of Lectures and Concert Artists, Inc.
8. Approved Single Plan for Student Achievement - CHS

