

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 788
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**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

April 21, 2009

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at the District Administrative Offices at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Reusche
John Yerman
Zerrall McDaniel
Evan Garamendi
Hank Nagle

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Frost
Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Kimberly Osmanski-Potter
Titia Farthing
Vicki Becerra
Vikki Lacey
Maria Ortner
LaRynn Newby
Judy Mossa
Jan Kendall
Angela Oyervides
Dan Klement
Darren Spellman
Jerry McKay
Connie Gleason
Karen Motenko-Neal
Liz Valdez
Amy Hasselwander
Terri Henderson
Leslie Cambra
Lee Sanchez
Patty Robitaille
Diane Norman
Marilyn Appling

OTHERS: Parents, community members
and other interested parties

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Salute to the Flag & Roll Call. Mrs. McDaniel was absent but on her way to the meeting.

Chairman John Yerman informed the board members that items came to the attention of the Superintendent after the agenda had been posted.

He called for a motion to add the following items to tonight's agenda.

UNDER CLOSED SESSION:

IV. F. Public Employee Certificated Nonreelection/Potential Reconsideration

UNDER BUSINESS:

XIII. 3... Approval, Takeover Agreement

XIII. 4. Adoption, Resolution No. 2008/09-23, Construction of School Facilities and Applying for State Grant Funds at Other Grade Levels for Calaveras High School Addition Project (Performing Arts Center)

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel absent), to add these items to tonight's agenda.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Closed session items were announced as listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

None

THE BOARD ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with Management/Confidential/Supervisory (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with Calaveras Area Substitute Teachers Association (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Public Employee Classified Discipline/Dismissal/Release: Jim Frost (Gov. Code 54957)

Public Employee Certificated Nonreelection/Potential Reconsideration

OPEN SESSION

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call

OPEN SESSION: PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5) No action taken

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Public Employee Classified Discipline/Dismissal/Release: Jim Frost (Gov. Code 54957) No action taken

Public Employee Certificated Nonreelection/Potential Reconsideration (Gov. Code 54957) No action taken

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Frost expressed condolences to the family of Cody Ray Scanlon, student at Gold Strike High School, who drowned over the weekend. He went on to say school is going well, lots of sports and activities, several Open Houses in the month of May.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Karen Motenko-Neal, classified employee, read a letter to the board that addressed concerns she had from the April 18, 2009, Special Board Study Session.

Mr. Frost responded and clarified any misconceptions Ms. Motenko-Neal had.

ACTON ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MSC (5-0) to table Item K, Approval, Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Application Fund to the May 5th Board Meeting.

MSC (4-0) to remove Items I and J, Approval of Special Contract Services for Albert Liberato for Special Ed Counseling and Regular Ed Counseling, to be voted on separately.

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC (5-0,) to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A through H:

MSC 4-0 (Yerman abstained) to approve Items I and J.

A. Approval of Minutes

March 10, 2009

March 17, 2009

B. Routine Personnel

All Personnel

No item presented

Classified Personnel

1. Approve employment of one probationary Skilled Mechanic
2. Approve additional time for one permanent bus driver
3. Approve reduction in hours for one probationary yard duty
4. Approve short-term assignment for one bi-lingual paraeducator
5. Approve employment for two timesheet yard duty employees
6. Approve employment for two temporary elementary basketball coaches
7. Approve employment of one volunteer JV softball coach
8. Approve employment of one temporary elementary volleyball coach

Certificated Personnel

1. Approve employment of one volunteer assistant softball coach
2. Approve employment of two temporary elementary volleyball coaches
3. Approve employment of one 7th and one 8th grade volleyball coaches
4. Approve employment of two elementary track coaches
5. Approve employment of one temporary assistant track coach
6. Approve employment of one temporary freshman girls basketball coach

Management/Confidential/Supervisory

No item presented

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

C. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing

The Vendor Warrant listing from January 29, 2009, through April 14, 2009, is presented for approval. ***Members of the board have been provided with a copy of this document; it is available for review in the District Office.***

D. Approval, Payment Disbursements/Bond Project, (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)

Payment Disbursements for our Bond Project are presented for approval.

E. Approval of Donations (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)

No item presented

F. Approval, Special Contract Services for Sacramento Hearing Center, Inc. for the 2009/10 school year

Approval is requested for the annual hearing screening for the 2009/10 school year with Sacramento Hearing Center, Inc.

G. Approval, Special Contract Services for Robert Hoffman, OD, for the 2009/10 school year

Approval is requested for the annual vision screening for the 2009/10 school year with Robert Hoffman, OD.

H. Approval, Change Name of Preschool from Tot Spot

Approval is requested to change the name of the Tot Spot Preschool to CUSD Growing Together Preschool.

I. Approval of Agreement for Special Contract Services with Albert Liberato

Approval is requested for Special Contract Services with Albert Liberato for Special Education Counseling.

J. Approval of Agreement for Special Contract Services with Albert Liberato

Approval is requested for Special Contract Services with Albert Liberato for Regular Education Counseling.

K. Approval, Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Application Fund

Board approval is requested to submit the annual Career Technical Education Application for funding for the 2009/10 School Year.

PERSONNEL

Certificated Report

There was no CUEA report.

Classified Report

Terry Henderson, CSEA President, reported the Union voted last week on delegates to attend the annual CSEA conference and scholarships for our graduating seniors. She said the Union will be able to award three \$250.00 scholarships this year. The delegates for the conference are July Mossa, Diane Norman, and Lee Sanchez. Ms. Henderson said the conference will be held in San Jose this year.

Ms. Henderson then introduced Mr. Clark, CSEA Representative. Mr. Clark addressed the Board regarding the resolution on the agenda, reducing classified jobs. Mr. Clark spoke about the Federal Stimulus money the State of California will be receiving, and the May 19, 2009, special election.

PERSONNEL (continued)

Classified Report (continued)

He explained how these funds are to save jobs in education. Mr. Clark asked the board to delay adopting this resolution until CSEA and the District could meet in negotiations on May 4, 2009. Ms. Henderson explained to the Board that the District had to cancel the first Negotiation Meeting and the Union had to cancel the second negotiation meeting as their regional representative was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Liz Valdez was asked about the time line in adopting the resolution and noticing the union members of the proposed cuts. Ms. Valdez informed the board of the 45 day deadline to notify employees. She then suggested that the board could adopt the resolution tonight and delay notifying employees until after the negotiation meeting on May 4, 2009.

Several CSEA members expressed their concerns over the reductions that would be made if the resolution is passed tonight.

Mr. Frost and Mr. Merrill answered questions asked by the audience.

All Personnel

No item presented

Classified Personnel

1. Adoption, Resolution No. 2008/09-20. On the Matter of Reduction of Classified Services for the 2009/10 School Year

Approval is requested to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-20, In the Matter of Reduction of Classified Services for the 2009/10 School Year.

Motion was made and seconded to Adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-20, Discussion ensued.

Motion was amended Seconded and Carried 4-1 (Garamendi Opposed) to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-20, In the Matter of Reduction of Classified Services for the 2009/10 School year with the condition that Staff will not send out lay off notices to affected classified personnel until after the District and CSEA meet in negotiations on May 4, 2009.

Certificated Personnel

1. Approval, Retirement for Alan Vosburgh

Alan Vosburgh, teacher at San Andreas Elementary School is requesting retirement effective June 11, 2009.

MSC (5-0) to approve the retirement of Alan Vosburgh, effective June 11, 2009.

2. Determination for Reelection of Probationary Employees for the 2009/10 School Year

The following list of certificated employees is recommended for employment for the 2009/10 school year and will be granted tenure on the first day worked in the 2009/10 school year.

Carol Beck Crosby	Nichole Davis	Deborah Hunt	Rachel Link
Mari Megan Long	Mary Quindimill	Nicole Orlandi	Rene Malamed
Michelle Silveira-Bergen			

MSC 4-1 (Garamendi abstained) to approve the list of certificated employees for employment for the 2009/10 school year.

PERSONNEL (continued)

Certificated Personnel

3. Approval, Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Approval is requested for an unpaid family care leave of absence for Jennifer Whitmore, teacher at Jenny Lind Elementary, through the remainder of the 2008/09 school year.

MSC (5-0) to approve the request for unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Whitmore.

4. Adoption, Resolution No. 2008/09-21, In the Matter of Reduction of Certificated Services for the 2009/10 School Year

Approval is requested to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-21, In the Matter of Reduction of Certificated Services for the 2009/10 School Year

MSC (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-21, In the Matter of Reduction of Certificated Services for the 2009/10 School Year

5. Approval, Involuntary Certificated Transfers for the 2009/10 School Year

MSC (5-0) to approve the list of certificated transfers for the 2009/10 School Year.

Management/Confidential/Supervisory

1. Adoption, Resolution No. 2008/09-22, In the Matter of Reduction of Management/Confidential/Supervisory Services for the 2009/10 School Year

Approval is requested to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-22, In the Matter of Reduction of Management/Confidential/Supervisory Services for the 2009/10 School year

MSC (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-22, In the Matter of Reduction of Management/Confidential/Supervisory Services for the 2009/10 School Year

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval, Early Intervention for School Success (EISS)

Approve proposal to apply for Grant Funding, Professional Development for selected elementary sites.

MSC (5-0) to approve applying for Grant Funding, Professional Development for selected elementary sites.

BUSINESS

1. Approval, Terminate Contract with Kinderstreet

Approval, to terminate the contract with Kinderstreet for our After School and Preschool Programs is requested. Due to the advancement of technological services and data capability in our district, it is no longer necessary to continue the contract with Kinderstreet. We are able to complete the same functions that Kinderstreet provided without costs to our district.

MSC (5-0) to Terminate Contract with Kinderstreet

2. Request to Piggyback on Bret Harte Union High School District Bid for Food Stuffs for the 2009/10 School Year

Approval is requested to piggyback on the Bret Harte Union School District Bid for Food Stuffs for the 2009/10 School Year.

MSC to approve the one year agreement to Piggyback on Bret Harte Union High School District Bid for Food Stuffs for the 2009/10 School Year.

BUSINESS (continued)

3. Approval, Takeover Agreement

Calaveras Unified School District entered into an agreement with Modtech Holding, Inc. for the project known as the Toyon Middle School Modernization Project. On October 20, 2008, Modtech filed a petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. By a stipulation approved by the bankruptcy court on January 27, 2009, Modtech rejected the General Contract and the automatic stay imposed under 11 U.S.C. section 362 was lifted with respect to the project. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has agreed to reasonably complete the remaining work with the completion contractor, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and make arrangements for the reasonable performance and completion of the Contract.

MSC (5-0) to approve the Takeover Agreement with Mutual for the Completion of the Toyon Modernization Project

4. Adoption, Resolution No. 2008/09-23, Construction of School Facilities and Applying for State Grant Funds at Other Grade Levels for Calaveras High School Addition Project, (Performing Arts Center)

Approval to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-23 is requested.

MSC (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2008/09-23, Construction of School Facilities and Applying for State Grant Funds at other Grade levels for Calaveras High School Addition Project, (Performing Arts Building)

POLICY AND REGULATIONS

First Reading

1. BP 0520.3, Title I Program Improvement Districts
2. BP 1340, Access to District Records
3. BP 3100, Budget
4. BP 4161/4261/4361, Leaves

Second Reading and Adoption No item presented

Administrative Regulations/Exhibits

1. AR 0520.3, Title I Program Improvement Districts
2. AR 1340, Access to District Records
3. AR 3100, Budget
4. AR 4161/4261/4361, Leaves

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Yerman thanked everyone for coming tonight and expressing their concerns.

Mrs. Garamendi thanked everyone for coming and hopes that we can get all these jobs back into the budget. She expressed congratulations to Alan Vosburgh on his retirement.

Mr. Nagle thanked everyone for coming tonight. He said the Board really appreciates the input.

Mrs. McDaniel seconded Mr. Nagle's comments. She went on to say she appreciates all staff that come to every board meeting and she is grateful for other members of staff coming to the board meetings. She told the crowd that the Board really does care about classified jobs. On a lighter note, she reminded everyone about the JAZZ Festival this coming weekend in Valley Springs, and how it will benefit our CHS Band.

Mrs. Reusche said the Board appreciates staff coming to board meetings during bad times with their concerns, but she encouraged everyone to participate in board meetings during good times. She reminded everyone about the Asparagus Festival in Stockton this weekend, with all proceeds going to charity. Also, May 28, 2009 is Fine Arts Day at Jenny Lind Elementary.

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COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (continued)

Ms. Hasselwander, Principal at Jenny Lind Elementary School, informed the Board about the Extra learning Fun Program (ELF), formerly Saturday School. She said Jenny Lind Elementary had 143 students sign up for it.

Mrs. Garamendi was grateful she made it a positive event.

Mr. Frost thanked Mr. Clark for coming and speaking on behalf of CSEA members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Motenko-Neal asked about counseling services at the elementary level. Mr. Frost explained how counseling is handled at all levels. Ms. Motenko-Neal then asked about using left over building materials from one site to another. She was directed to contact Scott Mills, Maintenance Supervisor.

LaRynn Newby, Bus Driver and CSEA Shop Steward, addressed a concern about Rail Road Flat Elementary School not having a flag pole.

Mr. Frost explained that it has been looked into and it was too costly to install.

Marilyn Appling, Paraeducator at CHS, received clarification on the job cuts discussed tonight. She also informed everyone that the Extended School students will be able to use the CHS pool this summer, as they are collecting money to fund lifeguards.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices. Special Board Study Session to be held Saturday, May 30, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

James L. Frost, Superintendent