

North Monterey County Unified School District
8142 Moss Landing Rd.
Moss Landing, CA 95039

Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Monterey County Unified School District held on April 15, 2010.

Board Members Present

Mr. Gary De Amaral, Mrs. Diana Jimenez, Mr. Sam Laage, Mrs. Polly Jimenez

Board Members Absent

Mr. Manuel Osorio

Administration Present

Mr. Sergio Montenegro, Superintendent; Ms. Monica Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Business, Yvette Padilla, recording secretary, were present.

Others Present

Marilyn McLoughlin, Kate Dixon, Janet Sheppy, Margarita Palacios, Eloise Milam, David Milam, Sandra Cuevas, Jo Quinn, Sarah Turner, Maria Del Socorro Garcia, Lisa Gannon, Betty Santos, Dean Lines, Kristi Burns

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:00 p.m.

Reconvene to open session

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Reports of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Mr. DeAmaral reported that the Board unamously appointed Ms. Jamie Marantz as the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction starting on July 1, 2010. Ms. Marantz was present and expressed that she is excited and stated that North Monterey County Unified School District is a great place to be. She thanked the Board from the bottom of her heart.

Mr. DeAmaral made an amendment to April 1, 2010, closed session report and stated that the action is Board initiated action of a dismissal for a full-time classified employee.

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Laage, seconded by Mrs. P. Jimenez to adopt the agenda.

Business from the Floor

Mrs. Marilyn McLoughlin, Castroville School Elementary Teacher announced that on April 16, 2010, at 6:30 El Teatro Campesino will be conducting a free performance at the school. Mrs. Aida Ramirez, Principal, thanked Mrs. McLoughlin for bring Teatro Campesino to Castroville Elementary.

Board Reports

Mrs. D. Jimenez announced that on Memorial Day the Moss Landing Cemetery will be having a special memorial for over 300 veterans that are buried there. She also announced the Office of Employment and Training is hiring 800 students for the summer program. She mentioned that Ms. Yvette Padilla and Mrs. Martha Chavarria are spearheading the summer program sponsored by the Castroville Leadership Council.

Mr. P. Jimenez reported that she attended the PAL Fish Fry Fundraiser at the North County Recreation Center and announced that Girls Inc. graduation is on April 27, 2010, at the high school. She added that she also participated in the mock interview panel at the high school and expressed that it was a fun experience.

Mr. Laage reported that Saturday, April 10, 2010, the middle school and high school MESA Program will be participating in the regional competition.

Mr. De Amaral reported that the NC Athletic Boosters is hosting a fundraiser at Pajaro Valley Golf Course and is currently looking for participants.

Communications

There was no communications from the floor.

Consent Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Laage, seconded by Mrs. P. Jimenez to approve the consent agenda.

- Approval of April 1, 2010, Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Warrants as Listed.
- Approval of the quarterly report of the Williams Lawsuit Settlement complaints.
- Approval of the following employment of the following listed classified employees: Mariel Chavez, effective 3/24/10; Orlando De La Cruz, effective 3/29/10.
- Acceptance of the following listed classified resignations: Mary Huff, effective 3/26/10.
- Approval of the request of Vicki Amon for unpaid leave for April 1-15, 2010.

Motion Carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

GENERAL

Update on Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools

Superintendent Montenegro reported that he participated in the California Department of Education webinar and he will be bringing next steps for Castroville Elementary School.

Update on Echo Valley Water

Ms. William reported that currently there is no new information.

Update on 2009-2010 Board Goal #2: Develop our Facilities to the Level that our Community and Students Deserve

Ms. Williams gave a brief status report on the existing action items and added action items #13 through #17. Mrs. Lisa Gannon, Director of Transportation and Maintenance, stated that action item #13-Roof replacement and repair at Castroville Elementary School. She reported that the proposals are due April 16, 2010, and that the construction should begin in the summer of 2010. Mrs. Gannon also stated that action item #14- Roof replacement and repair at the middle school. She stated that the proposals for engineering are due April 16, 2010, and that the construction will begin summer 2010.

Ms. Williams reported on action item #15-Trellis repair at North Monterey County High School. She stated that the estimated construction cost repair is \$803,000 which is only 60% of the cost. She added that it would require DSA approval.

Mrs. Gannon reported on action item #16-Repair Echo Valley Elementary School well water arsenic removal system. She reported that the district is in the final phase with contractors Dougherty Pump and Drilling. She added that while they are waiting for the final results that she and Mrs. Williams are discussing on how to move forward

and decide what the best mitigation solution is. She added that testing will be complete by April 30, 2010, which will be used to determine the appropriate corrective measures.

Ms. Williams reported that Action Item #17-Hire a Certified Well Operator for all District water systems served by District owned wells. Ms. Williams stated that Central Bay High School, Echo Valley Elementary, Elkhorn Elementary and Prunedale Elementary all have on-site wells. She added that the well at Moss Landing Middle School does not require to be tested as it has been deactivated. Mrs. Gannon added that she has received three proposals including a revised proposal from Mr. Eric Tynan, Castroville Community Services District.

Mrs. D. Jimenez expressed that it's unfortunate that the district doesn't have enough money to fix all the facility problems. She thanked Mrs. Gannon and her team for all their hard work.

Mrs. Eloise Milam expressed that the maintenance crew at the high school are very impacted with work orders and have been doing a great job in getting it done.

This item was presented as an informational item.

Discussion with Representatives from Monterey County Office of Education Regarding

Mr. Garry Bousum, Monterey County Office of Education Associate Superintendent and Ms. Candi Clark, Monterey County Office of Education Executive Director gave a brief overview powerpoint presentation on fiscal management.

Ms. Clark reported that the districts are now facing reduction in revenue, deferment allocation and fiscal distress. She explained that for fiscal relief school districts relied on Federal Stimulus Funding, ending categorical balances and categorical program flexibility. She added that the one-time expenditures are ending and districts are now using their reserves for the 2010-2011 school year. She added that the economy is still uncertain for 2011-12 school year.

Ms. Clark gave an explanation on payment deferrals to K-12 and stated that the district needs to figure out how they are going to pay them. She also gave an overview of the common causes of financial problem. She explained that a qualified budget is that the district needs to make adjustments by coming up with some type of resolution and a negative budget means that the district is out of cash. Mr. Bousum gave a description of cash insolvency and stated that is a limited function of deficit spending, erosion of fund balance, and sustained negative cash flow over time

Mr. Bousum gave an overview on the role of the County Superintendent when the districts fund balance is qualified and does not have enough reserves. He stated that the Superintendent can do the following: assign a fiscal expert to advise the district; conduct a study of the district's financial condition including a review of internal controls; direct the district to submit financial projections; require the district to follow different accounting procedures; and withhold compensation from the Board and the District Superintendent for failure to provide requested information. He also added that County Superintendent Nancy Kotowski usually attends these meetings

Mr. Bousum advised the board on what they can do now in anticipation of an uncertain cash environment. He stated the following: Have a system in place to analyze and monitor cash flow; report cash flow status and projection to the Board on regular basis; conserve cash when possible; build reserves/fund balance; consider creating spending plans to manage available cash; consider options for dry period financing; and make sure the district does not run out of fund. He added that the district needs to build up reserve levels because state budget is not enough.

Mr. Bousum reported that currently there are five districts that have declared qualified and that there are more that are borderline.

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Graduation Dates

Superintendent Montenegro reported on the following graduation dates: North Monterey County High School, June 4, 2010 at the Salinas Sports Complex; Central Bay/Independent Study/Adult Education, May 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

at North County High School Forum; North Monterey County Middle School, June 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at North County Middle School Gym. The Board agreed to email Ms. Padilla on which graduations they would be able to attend.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Financial Update on Qualified School Construction Bond

Ms. Williams gave a brief update on the Potential California QSCB issuers who have been waiting for State or Federal legislation; she explained that both of these pending pieces of legislation address the procedural issue of CDE administering the program. HR 2847 is Federal legislation that would allow QSCB to be sold as Build America Bonds (BAB). This would potentially open up the market as BAB's are a known product providing a larger investment base. SB 205 is State legislation that adds 120 days to the deadline for issuance, giving districts until July 31, 2010.

Ms. Williams reported that on March 6, 2010 we received notice from the CDE that SB 205 was signed by the governor on March 25, 2010. She added that Mr. Rex Despain will move forward with paperwork and will bring back information in May, 2010.

Update on 2010-11 State Budget

Ms. Williams reported that there has been no action at the state level. She reiterated that the district needs to identify a total reduction totaling \$2.75 million due to the state economic crisis.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Montenegro reported that he attended the Monterey County Office of Education Special Education meeting and participated in the hiring of the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.