

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

Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Monterey County Unified School District held on May 20, 2010.

Board Members Present

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

Board Member 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

Lisa Stockel, Eloise Milam, Deb Trice, Olga Ransome, Cecelia Heath, David Burke, Sarah Turner, Shannon Goddard, Ken Jordan, Julie Wunderlich, Linda Lines, Dean Lines, Kate Dixon, Julie High, Birch Badger, Cindy Rusler, Alice Soliven and Tom Cho.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:30p.m.

Reconvene to open session

The Board reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Reports of Actions Taken in Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Laage seconded by Mrs. Polly Jimenez, that the Board expel "Student A" for violation of Board Policy 5220.1, sections B, 3; and 5220.1 C, 11 and that the Board suspend the expulsion to allow the student to attend the North Monterey County Middle School Opportunity Program; student is eligible to apply for readmission for the spring semester 2011; the student needs to demonstrate good behavior, good grades, satisfactory attendance, and completion of counseling.

Roll call vote: Mr. Laage, Mrs. Polly Jimenez, Mr. De Amaral, Mrs. Diana Jimenez voted "yes".

Motion Carried 4-0.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Business from the Floor

Mr. David Burke, Middle School Principal, thanked Mrs. Valerie Torres for her volunteer work at the Artichoke Festival which will help fund the middle school library. He added that the middle school is planning on expanding the library.

Ms. Turner requested that the K-3 teachers would like the Board to agendize class size for K-3 classes, She expressed that currently the student ratio is thirty-one students to one teacher. She expressed that she would be grateful if the Board looked into class reduction for K-3 She added that the Special Board meeting agenda's were not posted on the website and if they could be posted consistently.

Mr. Tom Cho, a parent, stated that the May 14, 2010 letter to parents regarding the five furlough days for the district, was misleading. He stated that the district was picking on the teachers and that the furlough days for classified was contingent upon the teachers negotiations for the furlough days. He also stated that the district has a habit of not complying with Educational Codes because he has not received a response from his March 23, 2010 letter to Assistant Superintendent Scott McColgan or Superintendent Montenegro. He added that Mr. Montenegro is not qualified to be the Superintendent. He also expressed that the article in the newspaper was negative press on the high school regarding sexting and that Mrs. Terri Gill, high school principal, comment was a positive twist and gave information on the great high school programs. He added that the April 1, 2010 Board minutes are not available on the internet and those are the minutes showing that he read his letter to the Board.

Board Reports

Mrs. D. Jimenez announced that on May 31, 2010 the Moss Landing Cemetery will be having a special Memorial Day service for the over 300 veterans that are buried there. She invited everyone to come out and support this event.

Mr. Laage reported that at the end of April 2010 the middle school and high school MESA program qualified for the Regional Competition. He also reported that there were a group of students from the high school that placed first and second place in various categories. He also added that the MESA club at the high school received a \$14,000 grant that would be administered through the Band Boosters. He added that there are a lot of foundations that are willing to fund programs. He also thanked his wife Mrs. Dorothy Laage for writing the grant.

Mr. De Amaral reported that he attended the high school jazz band performance at Bubba Gump Restaurant in Monterey and the high school Dance Company show.

Communications

There was no communications from the floor.

Consent Calendar

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

- Approval of April 15, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of May 6, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of May 8, 2010, Special Board Meeting Minutes.
- Single School Plan 2010-11 for Student Achievement.
- Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Clara County Office Of Education for the School Plan Package "D", PRM, DMM, Benchmark Assessments and the School City Inc. Contract and Software License Agreement
- Approval of Warrants as Listed.
- Denial of the following request for a 20% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Annette Freeman.
- Approval of the following request for a 50% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Stephanie Da Silva.
- Approval of the following request for a 50% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Amanda Slayton.
- Approval of the following request for a 60% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Maura Cooper.
- Approval of the following request for a 50% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Martha Lambertson.
- Approval of the following request for a 50% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Sheryl Vollers.
- Approval of the following request for a 40% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Amy Cornelsen.
- Approval of the following request for a 50% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Kimberly Shirley.
- Approval of the following request for a 100% leave of absences for the 2010-2011 school year: Kaley Keen Roth.)
- Approval of employment of the following classified employees: Lorenza Flores-Silva, effective 5/7/10; Brigitte Layne, effective 5/11/10; Anthony Techaira, effective 5/10/10.

Motion Carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

GENERAL

Recognition and Acknowledgements

Mr. David Burke recognized the Migrant Education Debate Team who placed 2nd place. Ms. Cindy Rusler, middle school counselor, stated that the debate team has been preparing for the past 2-months and they did an amazing job.

Update on Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools

Superintendent Montenegro reported that he updated the Board last Board meeting and that currently there is no additional information.

Update on Echo Valley Water

Ms. Williams reported that currently they are analyzing the water testing results and the district will begin working with Castroville Community Services and the County to explore options for correcting the problem.

Discuss Potential Change of North Monterey County High School, Central Bay High School and North Monterey County Middle School Dress Code

Mr. Burke reported that he has been implementing the middle school dress code consistently for the last 3-years. He expressed that when students dress for success it allows them to be the most successful. He stated that the high school and continuation school is 90% similar to the middle school dress code.

Mr. Ken Jordan expressed that the middle school was a great start and that the rules will apply at his school, so it should make it very simply for the students to follow.

Mrs. Terri Gill stated that there was just a few modifications to the high school dress code.

Mrs. D. Jimenez expressed that she likes the consistency part of all three schools. She asked Mr. Burke to explain the gang related grooming that denotes gang activity. In response, Mr. Burke stated that it's a catch all phrase and that in the last 4-years he has never had to refer to it.

Mrs. D. Jimenez asked Mr. Burke to share the reasoning behind the no jersey dress code attire. In response, Mr. Burke stated that in the past the local popwarner team, Bulldogs, would wear their jerseys the Friday before game day and he felt that their behavior was not healthy for the school.

Mr. Laage asked if teachers at the middle school are modeling the dress code. In response, Mr. Burke stated that most of the staff is dressing professional for academic success and added that the staff is still discussing this. Mr. Jordan added that his staff is consistent with the student's dress code.

Mrs. Deb Trice, parent, stated that at the middle school if a student had a little red showing they would be sent home. She asked if it will be the same for the high school. In response, Mrs. Gill stated that she is working on being consistent to what is fair. Mr. Burke answered that he usually doesn't send students home; they usually use tape to cover up the color.

Mrs. Olga Ransome expressed her concerns regarding staff wearing burgundy, red and not being consistent with the students dress code.

Mrs. Alice Soliven expressed that she fails to see the purpose of the team jerseys. In response, Mr. Jordan stated that there are some students making a gang statement by wearing a certain team jersey. Mr. Burke added that it's not the norm and is usually isolated instances, but he is applying the rule to all.

Mrs. Ransome expressed that she doesn't see the purpose in sending them home. In response, Mr. Burke stated that they usually don't send student home because they do not want them to lose instructional minutes.

Mrs. D. Jimenez added that the dress code needs to articulate exactly what colors are not allowed. In response, Mr. Burke stated that the dress code needs to be modified.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approval of Resolution NO. 2009-1043 Authorizing Final Documents for Delivery And Sale Certificates of Participation to Finance Educational Facilities of the District and Approving Preliminary Official Statement and Related Action (Qualified School Construction Bonds.)

Ms. Williams explained that in order to move forward with the Qualified School Construction Bond (QCSB), the district must also receive approval from the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) prior to the sale of QCSB's. She stated that the district is preparing the necessary documents to obtain MOCE approval.

It was moved by Mrs. D. Jimenez, seconded by Mr. Laage to approve Resolution NO. 2009-1043 Authorizing Final Documents for Delivery And Sale Certificates of Participation to Finance Educational Facilities of the District and Approving Preliminary Official Statement and Related Action (Qualified School Construction Bonds.) Motion Carried 4-0.

Approval of Resolution NO. 2009-1045 Declaring Intention to Reimburse Certain Obligations and Directing Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Actions

Ms. Williams reported that under federal tax law, the district can reimburse itself from the Certificate proceeds for expenses incurred within 60 days prior to the adoption of the Reimbursement Resolution prior to the issuance of the Certificates, provided that such reimbursement occurs within the later 18 months of the date COP-financed facilities are placed in service or 3 years following the date of adoption of the Resolution.

She stated that the resolution will allow us to repay any funds paid from other sources for the projects begun prior to issuance of QSCB's.

It was moved by Mr. Laage, seconded by Mrs. P. Jimenez to approve Resolution NO. 2009-1045 Declaring Intention to Reimburse Certain Obligations and Directing Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Actions. Motion Carried 4-0.

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. Also in 2011-12 the Federal Stimulus money will be gone and the District will need to find an additional \$967, 183 to fund the classroom teacher currently being funded with the ARRA SFSF money.

Ms. Williams reported that the Governor's May Revise was released on May 14th, there do not appear to be any improvement or major reductions proposed for K-12 education funding. She went on to report that some of the proposal would have a direct negative impact on our Child Development programs. The cuts to the subsidized child care program would further impact our neediest families.

PERSONNEL

REDUCTION OF CLASSIFIED POSITION

Superintendent Montenegro reported that due to lack of funds the student intervention Program assistant at Elkhorn school must be reduced to 9.5 months and 2 hours per day.

It was moved by Mr. Laage, seconded by Mrs. Jimenez to approve resolution NO. 2009-1044 reducing the classified position that will take effect with the 2010-2011 school year and remain in effect subsequent years unless the position is reinstated. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Montenegro reported that he attended and participated in Challenge Day at the high school, attended a meeting with Chevron representative regarding Revenue Enhancement with Ms. Williams, attended the North County Chamber meeting with Mr. De Amaral, He also participated in volunteering at the Castroville Artichoke Festival and attended Mr. Ken Jordan's retirement party. He also stated that management hosted a classified and certificated management appreciation day barbeque today.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

