SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 19, 2009

M I N U T E S

Members Present: Mme. Terriann Zeek, Messrs. George Rawe, Chad Brown and David Collins.

Members Absent: Mme. Cynthia Lindsey.

District Administration Present: Dr. John A. Halverson, Martha Gausman, David Holtz, John Patten, Naomie Rodrigues, Randy Klinkefus, Laura Grimm, Russ Antracoli, Mitch Wood, Paul Speed, Vickie Briscoe, Laura Wharff, Jonette DeCamp, Joe Berry, Dave Garcia, Carrie Albert.

Audience Present: Isa Wiechmann, Christopher Aguilar, Debbie Luis, Kaci Frenette, Angie Thompson, Renee Ousley-Swank, Rosemary Imbesi, Patti Christensen, Victoria Nordman, Carli Harbeck, Joanna O'Brien, Star Allen, Ashley Grim, Ron Grim, Chuck Holtan.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Adjourn to Closed Session: The meeting adjourned to Closed Session for the following:

Mr. Brown was not present during this item in closed session.

a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Title: Real Property Negotiations
Under Negotiations: Acquisition of Real Property within the Tivoli Specific Plan Area
District Negotiators: John A. Halverson, Superintendent
Identified Sites: APN 083-004-080 – Owners and Agents for the owner: Mike Zagaris (Owner/Agent), Duke Leffler (Agent)

Mr. Brown re-joined the group for the next items of closed session.

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
Number of Potential Claims: One
Agency Negotiators: John A. Halverson, Superintendent and George Linn, Risk Manager

CLOSED SESSION (Continued)

c. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
District Negotiator: David Holtz
Employee Organizations: CSEA

d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

e. EXPULSION HEARING IN THE MATTER OF STUDENT: 2008/2009 – AH# 31

f. EXPULSION HEARING IN THE MATTER OF STUDENT: 2008/2009 – AH# 30

g. EXPULSION HEARING IN THE MATTER OF STUDENT: 2008/2009 – AH# 29

h. EXPULSION HEARING IN THE MATTER OF STUDENT: 2008/2009 – AH# 28

i. EXPULSION HEARING IN THE MATTER OF STUDENT: 2008/2009 – AH# 27

j. EXPULSION HEARING IN THE MATTER OF STUDENT: 2008/2009 – AH# 26

Reconvene to Open Session: The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Board President Announcement: Mr. Collins advised all attendees that in accordance with Board Policy, tonight's Board Meeting was being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Angel Vallejo from C.F. Brown Elementary School, who has been selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Angel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Mitch Wood, principal of C.F. Brown Elementary School, introduced Angel who is a 5th grader. He was selected because he is a caring and responsible young man who is one of two leaders in our

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Continued)

Safety Patrol this year that took third place in the County. His dedication to our Safety Patrol is obvious since he is always on his post and is willing to fill in for others when they are absent. He works hard to keep our students and parents safe. His parents are very supportive of Angel and our school. He is a proud Eagle and we are proud of him.

Mr. Collins presented Angel with a certificate for his accomplishment.

Recognition Presentation:

The school selected to be recognized at tonight's Board Meeting is C.F. Brown Elementary School.

Mr. Collins shared lots of good things are happening at C.F. Brown Elementary School. He announced the 2008-2009 accomplishments for the students and staff of C.F. Brown Elementary School:

C.F. Brown was established in 1970 and is one of the oldest schools in the Sylvan District and has a proud tradition. They are known as the Eagles and each month they honor the students who demonstrate school leadership in the area of academic skills and working with fellow students. The teachers support this program and the school enthusiastically. The PTA supports C. F. Brown's Eagles including teachers and students with excellent attendance rewards, support for field trip admissions, Accelerated Reader support and with other materials to assist teachers in the classroom. The PTA, School Site Council, and English Learner Advisory Committee members understand the school needs and provide valuable input to their school. The PTA, School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Committee, working with staff and students, support the Family Read-In day as well as other parent outreach activities such as the Parent Institute for Quality Education. The teachers in 3rd grade host a Traditions night to honor the varied cultures of the students. The Science Fair at the end of the year is something they are always proud of and these projects, combined with the student art show are impressive. The teachers work in grade level teams to analyze data and discover ways to make students more successful academically as well as socially.

C.F. BROWN RECOGNITION PRESENTATION (Continued)

- They proudly host the Speech Expo each year which showcases the abilities of so many students in the District.

- Four students scored perfect scores in math on the 2008 STAR exam.

- C.F. Brown met all it Adequate Yearly Benchmarks last year. Students with Disabilities demonstrated significant growth in the number of students who scored Proficient or Advanced in English Language Arts last year. More then 50% of the Students with Disabilities scored Proficient or Advanced on the Mathematics portion of the California Standards test in 2008.

- They are proud of the improved attendance rate and praise classes that are having excellent attendance each day. This year the average daily attendance is at 96.2 % which is nearly a full percent higher then last year. There is a tradition at C.F. Brown of honoring students with perfect attendance with an end of the year luncheon. Last year, more then 60 of our students attained this goal.

- They are a School-Wide Title I school and students receive additional support both within the classroom and outside the classroom in the areas of English Language Arts, Reading and Math. Intersession classes are held for all grade levels during track off months.

- They are one of two sites in the Sylvan District with an After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) after school. C.F. Brown has had such a program or similar programs for many years. Students receive academic support, enjoy physical activities, and learn about their community through visits from our fire departments, police department and other community organizations. The ASES program averages between 80 and 90 students a day and serves these students every day of the school year.

Report Out of Closed Session:

Mr. Collins reported the following:

"The Board voted in Closed Session to accept claim 'Rovig vs. Sylvan Union School District' by the following votes: Mr. Brown, aye', Mr. Collins, 'aye', Mr. Rawe, 'aye', Mrs. Zeek, 'aye' and Mrs. Lindsey was absent.

"The action and other particular facts of this case shall be disclosed to any person upon written request, unless in the judgment of the District to do so would jeopardize the District's ability to close and settle this case."

"Direction was given to staff regarding all other matters."

Adoption of Agenda:

The motion was made by Mrs. Zeek, seconded by Mr. Rawe, adopting the Agenda.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Appoint Acting Clerk:

Mr. Collins recommended the Board of Trustees appoint an acting clerk for tonight's meeting in Mrs. Lindsey's absence.

The motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Rawe, appointing Mrs. Zeek as the acting clerk for tonight's meeting.

AYES: Collins, Brown, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Communication: None.

Public Participation: None.

Public Hearing: None.

Consent Agenda: **CONSENT AGENDA:** The motion was made by Mrs. Zeek, seconded by Mr. Brown, approving the Consent Agenda.

a. The Minutes of the April 28, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, May 5, 2009 and May 12, 2009 Special Board Meetings;

b. The Ratification of the following Personnel Actions:

The employment of:
Larisa Harms, Temporary Instructional Paraprofessional Learning Assistant/Single Track, on a Limited-Term Contract, at Sanders Elementary, effective May 8, 2009;

The following certificated staff to fill the temporary positions for the **2008-2009 Special Education Extended School Year program- June 19-July 17, 2009 (no classes July 3, 2009):**

Name	Position
Deziree Fredriks	Teacher for Learning Handicapped (K-3)
Cindy McCuistion	Teacher for Learning Handicapped (4-8)
Kim Weaver	Teacher for Severely Handicapped (K-3)
Robert Meeks	Teacher for Severely Handicapped (4-8)
Bruce Davey	Teacher for Adapted Physical Education

The following certificated staff to fill the temporary positions for the **2008-2009 District Intervention programs (no classes July 3, 2009)**:

CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

b. Ratification of Personnel – Continued

8th Grade Graduation Class- June 22-July 24, 2009:

Melanie Dean	Science/Math
Bill Borelli	Social Science/English

District Proficiency Class- June 8-June 26, 2009:
Shannon Mabry

District Academic Summer School- June 29, 2009-July 24, 2009:

Kelly Floyd-Tubbs	Grade 6
Sue McHann	Grade 7
Denise Argain	Grade 8

The following classified staff members to fill the temporary positions for the **2008/2009 Special Education Extended School Year program from June 19 to July 17, 2009:**

Name	Position
Piper Paseka	Instr. Para. for Learning Handicapped (K-3)
Janice Taylor	Instr. Para. for Learning Handicapped (4-8)
Diana Fairbanks	Instr. Para. for Severely Handicapped (K-3)
Harpreet Ghoman	Instr. Para. for Severely Handicapped (K-3)
Michelle Crandell	Instr. Para. for Severely Handicapped (4-8)
Estalee Nightingale	Instr. Para. for Severely Handicapped (4-8)
Stephanie Trujillo	Lrng. Asst. for Learning Handicapped (K-3)
Megan Bull	Lrng. Asst. for Learning Handicapped (4-8)
Lisa Dwyer	Lrng. Asst. for Learning Handicapped (4-8)
Juana Van Diemen	Lrng. Asst. for Learning Handicapped (4-8)
Lori Picciuto	Lrng. Asst. for Severely Handicapped (4-8)
Valerie Dwyer	Lrng. Asst. for Severely Handicapped (4-8)

The retirement of:
Marianne Giddings, Educational Services Assistant at District Office, effective date to be determined.

c. The ratification of checks as listed;

CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

d. The service contract with Speech Therapy Associates for Speech and Language services;

e. The service contract with Speech Therapy Associates for Speech and Language services for extended year (summer school);

f. The preschool placement with Big Valley Christian School for an autistic student to meet educational goals;

g. The service contract for LVN services with MAXIM Health Care for a handicapped student;

h. The Nursing Intern Agreement with California State University, Fresno;

i. The approval of the listed donation:

- The donation of $2,713.33 from Crossroads PTA to Crossroads Elementary School for the purchase of three computers and software.

- The donation of $2,000.00 from Freedom PTA to Freedom Elementary School for student supplies.

- The donation of $508.74 from Save Mart Supermarkets to Woodrow Elementary School for participating in the SHARES program.

- The donation of $57.19 from Stockard Coffee Student Council to Stockard Coffee Elementary School for picnic benches.

- The donation of $55.40 from Stockard Coffee Student Council to Stockard Coffee Elementary School for a Safety Patrol barricade.

CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

i. Donations – Continued

- The donation of crayons valued at $109.00 from Robert and Nancy Norton (parents) to Crossroads Elementary School for all 2009-2010 first grade classes.

- The donation of an Alvarez Acoustic Guitar valued at $800.00 from Bob Lofgren (retired teacher) to Ustach Middle School Music Department.

- The donation of $732.00 from Ryan and Jamie Gutierrez to Crossroads Elementary School as a quarterly payroll pledge.

- The donation of $102.00 from PG&E to Freedom Elementary School as part of the Corporate Campaign for the Community program.

- The donation of $96.00 from PG&E to Somerset Middle School as part of the Corporate Campaign for the Community program.

TOTAL VALUE: $ 7,173.66

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Action Items: **ACTION ITEMS**

Student Discipline: **a.** The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mrs. Zeek, to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel in the matter of Student 2008/2009 – AH # 31.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

Student Discipline:

b. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel in the matter of Student 2008/2009 – AH # 30.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Student Discipline:

c. The motion was made by Mrs. Zeek, seconded by Mr. Rawe, to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel in the matter of Student 2008/2009 – AH # 29.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Student Discipline:

d. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mrs. Zeek, to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel in the matter of Student 2008/2009 – AH # 28.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Student Discipline:

e. The motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Rawe, to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel in the matter of Student 2008/2009 – AH # 27.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

Student Discipline:

f. The motion was made by Mrs. Zeek, seconded by Mr. Rawe, to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel in the matter of Student 2008/2009 – AH # 26.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Resolution 2008/2009 - #25:

g. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mr. Brown, adopting the Resolution 2008/2009 #25, Ordering a Governing Board Member Election.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Resolution 2008/2009 - #26:

h. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mr. Brown, adopting the Resolution 2008/2009 #26, Decision of Administrative Law Judge and Termination of Certificated Employees.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Contract Award-Somerset Carpet Project:

i. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mrs. Zeek, to award the contract to Floor Tec, Inc. for the Somerset MPR/ Classroom Building Carpet Project.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

LLB Agreement-Somerset Locker Room Project:

j. The motion was made by Mrs. Zeek, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GPM) and Lease-Leaseback agreements with J.L. Bray & Son for modernization of the Somerset Locker Room.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Inspection Svcs-Somerset Locker Room Project:

k. The motion was made by Mrs. Zeek, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the proposal from Randy Rocha of B&R Enterprises for construction inspection services at the Somerset Locker Room project.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Expenditure of Construction Funds:

l. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mrs. Zeek, to approve the Expenditure of Construction Funds for the Somerset MPR/Classroom Building Project, Somerset Locker Room Project, Central Kitchen Project and Corporation Yard Improvement Project.

AYES: Brown, Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Mr. Brown excused himself from the Board Meeting (stepped outside) during the Expenditure of Construction Funds (Tivoli) item.

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

Expenditure of Construction Funds:

m. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mrs. Zeek, to approve the Expenditure of Construction Funds for the Tivoli Project.

AYES: Collins, Rawe, Zeek
NOES: None
ABSENT: Brown, Lindsey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Mr. Brown returned to the Boardroom for the remainder of the Board Meeting.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Budget Discussions:

a. Continued Budget Discussions:

The Board of Trustees continued discussions regarding the budget.

Dr. Halverson presented more information about and shared the Multiple Year Projection spreadsheet.

All documents are available by emailing either Dr. John A. Halverson or Naomie Rodrigues. Per the timeline, the Board will meet on June 9th at 7:00 PM in the Sherwood MPR.

Chris Aguilar, SEA President, spoke about his concern regarding the budget.

Budget Q&A Session:

b. Budget Q&A Session:

No questions were asked.

Superintendent's Report:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Halverson shared the following information with the Board:

- The Missoula Children's Theatre group will be at Sanders Elementary School the week of June 8th thru June 13th and the students will be performing ***"King Arthur's Quest"*** Then the Missoula Children's Theatre group will move to C.F. Brown Elementary School the week of June 15th thru June 20th and the students will be performing ***"The Pied Piper"*** A big thank you to the Foundation for sponsoring these great events for the students in our District.

- We have some very exciting news to share. The Sylvan Union School District has been given the honor of having two teachers of the year and one finalist for teacher of the year:
  - Congratulations to Terry Daniels of Ustach for being chosen as a finalist in this year's Stanislaus County Teacher of the Year Program.
  - Congratulations to Karyn Garcia of Orchard for being chosen as the Elementary 4-6 Teacher of the Year for Stanislaus County.
  - Congratulations to Melanie Sluggett of Sanders for being chosen as Elementary K-3 Teacher of the Year for Stanislaus County.

- Deferred to Martha Gausman who shared the following information:

  1. Our middle schools attended the 36th annual Math Super Bowl for 7th and 8th grade students. The results were as follows:

  - 7th Grade Members – **1st PLACE IN TEAM EVENT**
    - Cindy Nguyen, David Altman, Vanessa Lopez, Mallory Hallford and Charles Litao

  - 8th Grade Members – **1st PLACE IN TEAM EVENT**:
    - Alex O'Brien, Lauren Stanislaw, Landon Dial, Camara Chea and Jonathan Apostal

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Con't)

- 7th Grade Singles:
  - Mallory Hallford/Cindy Nguyen – **1st PLACE**
  - Vanessa Lopez – **2nd PLACE**
  - David Altman – **3rd PLACE**
  - Kiley Kitchin – **4th PLACE**
  - Charles Litao – **5th PLACE**
  - Kaysie Gonzalez – **Honorable Mention**
  - Annamarie Panganiban – **Honorable Mention**

- 8th Grade Singles:
  - Kavin Tran – **1st PLACE**
  - Alex O'Brien – **2nd PLACE**
  - Landon Dial – **3rd PLACE**
  - Lauren Stanislaw – **4th PLACE**
  - Jonathan Apostal – **5th PLACE**
  - Kaysie Gonzalez – **Honorable Mention**
  - Annamarie Panganiban – **Honorable Mention**

- 7th Grade Doubles:
  - Cindy Nguyen – **1st PLACE**
  - Vanessa Lopez – **1st PLACE**
  - Charles Litao – **2nd PLACE**
  - David Altman – **2nd PLACE**
  - Kaysie Gonzalez – **3rd PLACE**
  - Mallory Hallford – **3rd PLACE**
  - Emily Jepson – **Honorable Mention**
  - Kiley Kitchin – **Honorable Mention**
  - Zerek Olson – **Honorable Mention**
  - Annamarie Panganiban – **Honorable Mention**

- 8th Grade Doubles:
  - Alex O'Brien – **1st PLACE**
  - Landon Dial – **1st PLACE**
  - Lauren Stanislaw – **2nd PLACE**
  - Catherine Tan – **2nd PLACE**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Con't)

- 8th Grade Doubles:
  - Jonathan Apostal – **3rd PLACE**
  - Kavin Trany – **3rd PLACE**
  - Camara Chea – **Honorable Mention**
  - Kristal Kurien – **Honorable Mention**
  - Eric Lopez – **Honorable Mention**
  - Andre Anvari – **Honorable Mention**

Mr. Daniels thanks all of the students for their hard work and dedication.

2. The Somerset Math Team was ranked 3rd by the California Math League in the region.

Algebra 1 Contest:
Andrew Rea – 1st Place
Thomas Norenberg – 3rd Place

7th Grade Math Contest:
Isaiah Stewart – 1st Place
Mike Hansen – 2nd Place
Josh Peterson – 3rd Place
Elizabeth Berry – 4th Place

3. Standiford students did very well at the County Science Fair. Seven Standiford students accounted for seven out of 52 gold medals earned county wide. SUSD had the only gold medalists and it was a nice ceremony at SCOE and we are all proud of the students and teachers who participated in this event.

Board Reports: **BOARD REPORTS**

Mrs. Lindsey was absent.

Mrs. Zeek had nothing to report.

BOARD REPORTS (Con't)

Mr. Rawe thanked everyone for the postcards he received from teachers. He appreciates the communication as it helps him make tough decisions.

Mr. Brown shared he visited Somerset and was excited to see the progress of the new facilities that the students and staff of Somerset deserve.

Mr. Collins recognized Dr. Halverson for being the recipient of the ACSA Region VII Marcus Foster Memorial Award. He also thanked Sanders for hosting the Board Meeting and thanked all attendees for coming to the meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Mrs. Zeek requested a report to the Board this summer regarding Head Lice. The report should contain the particulars in our District and what we are doing to address the problem.
- Next Regular Board Meeting: June 9, 2009 at Sherwood MPR.
- Next Regular Board Meeting: June 23, 2009 at District Office.

Final Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Board President Mr. Collins at 8:45 p.m.

WITNESS:

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Mrs. Terriann Zeek, Acting Vice President of the Board Date