

**MOTHER LODE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING/BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 10, 2010**

ADOPTED MINUTES

Members Present:

Eric Holm
Karen Jones
John Parker
Shaun Verner
Davia Weiner

Others Present:

See Attached

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Davia Weiner, President. Roll was noted.

Item 3

Mr. Holm moved to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Item 10 Commendations/Acknowledgements moved to April; Items 13.5 and 13.6 removed from the agenda pending ratification from MLTA; in Items 15.1 and 15.2 the school year date should be "2010-2011: rather than "2009-2010".

Item 4

The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations.

Item 5

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:04 p.m. and reported that no action was taken in closed session.

Item 6

Salute to the flag.

Item 7

Approval of Consent Agenda;

Mr. Parker moved to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Mr. Holm; motion carried 5-0.

Item 8

Introduction of Guests: Oral Interpretation Presentations - Will Buelna, 5th Grade, "Just Before Christmas"; Jeryn Trulli, 4th Grade, "Our Mother's at a Meeting"; Jana Hudak, 4th Grade, "I have a little shadow"; Anna Salvestrin, 4th Grade, "Grimlay Palace"; Sam Estolas, 4th Grade, "The Gettysburg Address".

Item 9

Tyler Parker reported that a dance/social for the 6th Grade will be held on March 19; Girls vs Boys volleyball tournament on March 23; Talent Show tryouts on April 8th; and a 7/8 grade dance on April 9.

Item 10

Postponed until April

Item 11

Statement from the Public

Arlyn Ward spoke concerning layoffs and in support of Susan Simpkin as a valuable asset in her role as counselor to students. Tiffany Presgrave spoke concerning layoffs and appealed to the Board to listen to suggestions from the Board Development Team. Shelly Bishop spoke concerning budget cuts and offered suggestions to cut costs. Kathy White spoke in support of school consolidation. Chris Gaither spoke concerning the impact that the loss of the music program would have on students' academic performance.

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Item 12

The consent Agenda consisted of; Warrants, Minutes of **Regular** Meeting Held February 10, 2010, Minutes of **Regular** Meeting Held February 24, 2010, Authorization for Name Change on Bank of America Visa card from Shanda Hahn to Mary Bist, Three-year contract with Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright to perform audit services for the Mother Lode Union School District (2009/10 – 2011/12), Acknowledgement of Acceptance of Donations for Indian Creek School.

Item 13

Individual Items Requiring Board Action

- 13.1 The Second Interim Report of the 2009-2010 fiscal year was presented by Mrs. Constancio. Mr. Parker moved to approve; second by Mr. Verner; motion carried 5-0.
- 13.2 Resolution 2009-10-015 Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services. Mr. Holm moved to approve with one change being removal of item 5h; second by Mr. Parker; motion carried 5-0.
- 13.3 Approval of Contract with Office of Administrative Hearing for services in the event a hearing is necessary due to certificated layoffs. Mr. Holm moved to approve; second by Mr. Verner; motion carried 5-0.
- 13.4 Resolution 2009-10-016 for Participate in the California Cash Reserve Program for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Mr. Verner moved to approve; second by Mr. Holm; motion carried 5-0.
- 13.5 and 13.6 postponed until April.
- 13.7 Resolution 2009-10-017 on Governor Schwarzenegger's Proposed Budget opposing further cuts to education funding and urging the legislature to take responsibility for California's future by making education a priority. Mrs. Jones moved to approve; second by Mr. Verner; motion carried 5-0.

Item 14

Discussion Item

Mr. Smith reported that discussions are ongoing for reconfiguration of school grade levels. The option of K-2 school, 3-5 school, 6-8 school does not generate much in savings or revenue. Option 2 does in that the 3rd property can be used to generate revenue by rental to the community. He distributed a document that illustrated facts, potential savings/costs and outlined potential revenue, educational benefits, issues and challenges and some questions that have come up. Discussion ensued with many concerns from attendees. Public information sessions will be held at the schools to gather input from the community.

Item 15

Personnel Items Approved

- 15.1 Request from Debra B. Murphy to extend her Half-time Job Sharing Leave for the 2009-2010 school year in accordance with Article VII, 7.3.4 of the Certificated Contract.
 - 15.2 Request from Laura Short to extend her Half-time Job Sharing Leave for the 2009-2010 school year in accordance with Article VII, 7.3.4 of the Certificated Contract.
 - 15.3 Retirement (Certificated) Charles Brown Teacher, Christina Ferry, effective 6/1/2010
- Mr. Verner moved to approve Items 1 and 2; second by Mrs. Weiner; motion carried 5-0. Mr. Holm moved to approve Item 3; second by Mrs. Weiner; motion carried 5-0.

Item 16

Information: School Districts are required to report to the board of Trustees and the Community the results of the Annual Physical Fitness Test. Jim Harrington offered Mr. Smith an in-depth explanation of some of the ratings as they relate to age development. The test results are a positive report and a feather in our cap.

Item 17

Reports

- 17.1 Board Member Reports: Nothing to add
- 17.2 Lead Administrator's Report: Mr. Smith reported that there will be a budget information meeting on March 25. He will be attending two meetings regarding district reorganization in March and April. District

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Reorganization is very different from reconfiguration. Classified layoffs will be looked at later according to legal date requirements. ADA make up days would have to occur before April 15 in order to benefit our revenue and are not doable at this late date. Ideally we would want to do one per quarter. Mr. Smith thanked the Principals and Mrs. Bryant for their work on the school reconfiguration effort.

- 17.3 Principals: The Board acknowledged receipt of written reports from the Principals to which Mr. Harm added that there will be a Green Jobs Expo Career Fair at Herbert Green. The students honored the Wilczynskis at a Spirit Rally, and Home Depot is supporting a book that resulted from the Garden Project. Mrs. Atkinson worked with the Soroptimists to coordinate an all-girls assembly. Mr. Watkins reported that Charles Brown is participating in The Big Read and they purchased the books from a local small business book store: Books and Bears in El Dorado. Charles Brown will miss Noon Duty Kathy Evans.
- 17.4 M/O/T: The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report from Joe Grossman, Director.
- 17.5 Business: The Board acknowledged receipt of written report from Vanessa Constancio, CFO.
- 17.6 Federal and State Categorical Programs: Mrs. Shannon distributed a report
- 17.7 Special Education: The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report from Mrs. Bryant.
- 17.8 Technology: No report
- 17.9 Mrs. Weiner reported that they have another round of grants coming up and encouraged all to apply.
- 17.10 Associations: Mr. Heuser expressed his disappointment that there has not been enough communication and negotiation regarding classified layoffs and hopes there will be more. Mrs. Atkinson was concerned that items 13.5 and 13.6 were struck from the agenda. Mrs. Weiner and Mr. Smith explained that the Board can not legally take action until their association has completed ratification of their agreement.

Item 18

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Item 19

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Weiner adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved and adopted into the proceedings of the meeting held on April 14, 2010.

John Parker, Clerk

Tim Smith, Superintendent