

**MOTHER LODE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING/BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**August 12, 2009**

**ADOPTED MINUTES**

Members Present:	Absent:	Others:
Eric Holm	Kerry Steed	See Attached
Karen Jones	Shaun Verner	
Davia Weiner		

Joan Stek, Recording Secretary

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Eric Holm, President. Roll was noted with Mr. Steed and Mr. Verner absent, followed by the flag salute.

Item 3

**Adoption of Agenda and Consent Agenda:** Mrs. Weiner moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: June 24, 2009 minutes, page 2, item 13.5 "Mr. S moved the Board approve..." should be Mrs. Jones; in this meeting's agenda the header on pages 2,3, and 4 should be dated "August 12" rather than June 24; Item 14.5 in the agenda, point 2, date says this item shall become effective June 30 2008. As it should be 45 days after today...that would be a Saturday, September 26, so the date should be effective that Monday September 28, 2009; Item 16 "Closed session" says that Shanda will be present, should be Dr. Taylor; Item 17.4 Jennifer Spiva is being reinstated at Indian Creek, not Herbert Green; second by Mrs. Jones; motion carried 3-0.

Item 4

**Closed Session**

At 5:03 p.m. the Board convened into closed session to discuss GC Section 54956.9 Employee Dismissal/Release/Resignation: Certificated, Classified, Management (Present was Dr. Darrel Taylor, Ed. D., Interim Superintendent and Mrs. Constancio). No action was taken in Closed Session.

Item 5

**Reconvene:** The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:03. It was announced that no action had been taken in Closed Session. Mr. Holm introduced Darrel Taylor, Ed. D., Interim Superintendent.

Item 7

**Introduction of Guests:** None

Item 8

**Student Report:** None

Item 9

**Commendations/Acknowledgments:** Mr. Holm read a summary composed by Dana Hall, and himself, of Mrs. Cruickshank's career and impact during her 37 years of service.

Item 10

**President's Report:** Mr. Holm reported that it was a very interesting summer which included Mrs. Hahn's retirement, and Herbert Green Vice-Principal Dave Ramirez' resignation. The Board worked with Dr. Vicki L. Barber to find an interim solution while they conduct a search for Mrs. Hahn's replacement, and he introduced Interim Superintendent Darrel Taylor.

Item 11

**Statement from Public:** Kathy Ide spoke about her concerns regarding class size and requested clarification of

how the budget will impact this. Mr. Holm stated that he does not have enough information to answer all questions at this time. Due to budget cuts effecting money that we normally would be receiving from the State, but will not this year, class size will be effected with increases. Denise Dellagatta reiterated Mrs. Ide's comments. Mr. Holm will get more information and reply to Mrs. Dellagatta and Mrs. Ide.

Item 12

**Approval of all Consent Agenda Items:**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. Warrants
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Held June 24, 2009
3. Minutes of Special Meeting Held July 9, 2009
4. Minutes of Special Meeting Held August 6, 2009

Item 13

**Budget Update:** None. There will be a full presentation month of the budget that reflects the one passed by the State.

Item 14

**Action Items Approved**

- 14.1 The Board accepted the resignation of Kerry Steed, effective August 12, 2009. Mrs. Jones moved the Board accept the resignation. Second by Mrs. Weiner. There were no audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14.2 Filling of Board Vacancy by Provisional Appointment: The Board chose to fill the vacancy by provisional appointment within 60 days of the date of the resignation. All appointment dialog will take place in open session with the public invited to be present and comment. Mr. Holm noted that this will require at least two special meetings to be held before the October regular meeting. One meeting will be to determine the timeline plan and the advertisement; and another for the official appointment. Mrs. Jones moved the Board accept the process. Second by Mrs. Weiner. There were no audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14.3 Second Reading and Approval of New and Amended Board Policies and Administrative Recommended in the CSBA March 2009 Update Guidesheet: Mrs. Weiner moved the Board accept the policy updates. Second by Mrs. Jones. There were no audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14.4 Resolution 2009-10-002 For Master Contracts for Guiding Hands School Inc., Sierra Ranch School, Shining Star Children's Therapy, American River Speech, and Burger Physical and Rehabilitation: This Resolution authorizes the Interim Superintendent to enter into contracts with the named agencies to provide services to MLUSD students whose IEP state that a non public school placement or non public agency service is the most appropriate placement for them to meet their academic, behavioral, and emotional needs. Mrs. Weiner moved the Board accept the policy updates. Second by Mrs. Jones. There were no audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14.5 Resolution 2009-10-003 Elimination of one Management Employee Service: The District finds that due to lack of work and/or funds, as of September 28, 2009 certain services now being provided to the District should be eliminated and/or reduced. Susan Surburg, Teacher at Herbert Green, distributed copies of a letter concerning attempting to operate without tech support. Mrs. Weiner said that the District does not intend to

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operate without tech support, but rather to restructure the program through which support is provided, and that during the time between now and the restructure the Board will work with County Office of Education to carry on support. Mrs. Weiner invited input from staff on this matter and emphasized that only the “position” is being eliminated, and included in the possibilities of restructure is the hope to retain valuable, experienced personnel. Mrs. Weiner moved the Board approve resolution 2009-2010-003 to eliminate the position of Director of Information Technology. Second by Mrs. Jones. There were no further audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

- 14.6 First Reading of Management Plan to Prevent Spread of Infestation Administrative Regulation 5141.33: Mary Brown, District Nurse, has provided the update for head lice. Mrs. Weiner moved the Board accept the first reading. Second by Mrs. Jones. There were no audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14.7 First Reading of Revision of Interdistrict Attendance Administrative Regulation 5117(a): The revision provides new guidelines for Interdistrict Attendance Permits. Mrs. Jones moved the Board accept the first reading. Second by Mrs. Weiner. There were no audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14.8 Consideration of Vice Principal/Testing Coordinator Position: The vice principal position was combined with the testing coordinator position for the 09/10 school year. With a vacancy occurring in this position, the Board may consider elimination of the position of vice principal. This item will be for the “consideration of all options”, rather than the “elimination”, of the position of Vice-Principal for Herbert Green School. The Board asked Dr. Taylor to conduct a fact-finding mission to see what options other districts are using to fulfill the two positions, and that he will hopefully have enough background to evaluate the position and have a recommendation for action for the September agenda, including a revised job description. Mrs. Weiner moved the Board accept the consideration to restructure the position of vice-principal for Herbert Green School. Second by Mrs. Jones. There were no further audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14.9 Consideration of staffing for 2009/2010: The Board may consider rescinding one additional lay off in order to meet the enrollment needs. This was covered in Item 4, and no action was taken in Closed Session. The Principals reported their first-day attendance numbers: Charles Brown 435; Herbert Green 450; Indian Creek 428. Each site is aware of 2-5 more expected.

Item 15

**Discussion Items:** None

Item 16

**Closed Session:** There was no need for a closed session on personnel items

Item 17

**Personnel Items Approved**

- 17.1 Resignation (Certificated) Dave Ramirez, Vice Principal Herbert Green, effective Aug. 2, 2009.  
17.2 Reinstated from Layoffs (Certificated) Jill Kraft, teacher, Herbert Green, effective 8/10/2009  
17.3 Reinstated from Layoffs (Certificated) Todd Smith, teacher, Herbert Green, effective 8/10/2009  
17.4 Reinstated from Layoffs (Certificated) Jennifer Spiva, teacher, Herbert Green, effective 8/10/2009  
17.5 Reinstated from Layoffs (Classified) Chandra Brown, Special Ed Aide II, Charles Brown, 6 hour per/day, effective 8/10/2009

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- 17.6 Reinstated from Layoffs (Classified) Danita Gibson, Special Ed Aide II, Charles Brown, 6 hours per day, effective 8/10/2009
- 17.7 Reinstated from Layoffs (Classified) Dawn Bruno, Special Ed Aide II, Charles Brown, 1:1 Aide 6 hours/per day, effective 8/10/2009
- 17.8 Reinstated from Layoffs (Classified) Victoria Holder, Special Ed Aide II, Indian Creek, 1:1 Aide 6 hours/per day, effective 8/10/2009
- 17.9 Reinstated from Layoffs (Classified) Shannon O'Leary, Special Ed Aide II, Indian Creek, 1:1 Aide 6 hours/per day, effective 8/10/2009
- 17.10 Change in Hours (Classified) Noon Duty Aide, additional 1 hour Susan Lewis, effective 8/12/2009
- 17.11 Change in Assignment (Certificated) Geoff Skjelbred, involuntary transfer from Charles Brown to Indian Creek, effective 8/10/2009

Mrs. Weiner moved the Board approve items 17.1 – 17.11. Second by Mrs. Jones. There were no further audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Item 18

**Unfinished Business, Correspondence, Routing Reports, Legislation:** None.

Item 19

**Board Member Reports:** Mrs. Weiner thanked the school sites for their welcoming atmosphere for the students and Mr. Holm said that he heard many positive comments from parents as well.

Item 20

**Interim Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Taylor said that he is very impressed with the passion for education that he has observed in his visits to the schools and in the audience present. He has visited all the schools twice and sees phenomenal spirit and passion for the students and how the classified staff displays real sense of ownership for their campuses, even in this time of challenging budgets. He believes in the team approach of problem solving and together we'll do the best we can for our students with the resources we have. He is looking forward to the opportunities and appreciates the support and cooperativeness of the Principals.

Item 21

**Information Items:**

- 21.1 Quarterly Reports on Williams Uniform Complaints for Quarters ending April 2009. There were none.
- 21.2 FCMAT Update: the Fiscal Crisis and Management Team report arrived and will be available to the public at the September meeting.

Item 22

**Reports**

- 22.1 Principals: The Board acknowledged receipt of a written report from Mr. Bassett to which he added that Indian Creek is trying to establish a PTA program. Mr. Watkins reported that Charles Brown will have a counselor interim from Chapman University three days per week throughout the school year thanks to the work of Susan Simpkin. Charles Brown and Indian Creek both have been declared Title I schools this year. Mr. Smith reported that Herbert Green's Back to School Night was the best attended that he has seen, and that their first day went smoothly. The Principals welcomed Mr. Taylor.
- 22.2 M/O/T: The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report from Joe Grossman, Director.
- 22.3 Business: The Board acknowledged receipt of written report from Vanessa Constancio, CFO.
- 2.4 Federal and State Categorical Programs: None.
- 22.5 Special Education: The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report from Judy Bryant.

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22.6 Technology: The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report from the Tim Floyd, Director.

22.7 Associations: Mr. Heuser thanked staff for the smooth transition said CSEA is looking forward to working with Mr. Taylor. Mrs. Atkinson welcomed Mr. Taylor on behalf of MLTA and looks forward to working with him.

22.8 Foundation: reported that the Back to School Barbecue was a success and they also hosted a well-attended staff luncheon. They will be planning for grant applications at their meeting next week.

Item 23

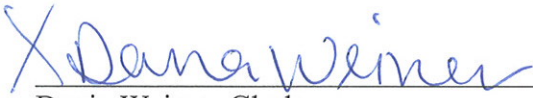
**Closed Session:** There was no need for a closed session

Item 24

**Next Meeting Date:** The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

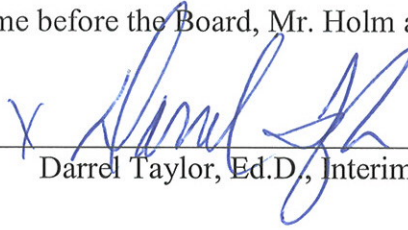
Item 25

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Holm adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Davia Weiner, Clerk

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Darrel Taylor, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent/Secretary

Approved and adopted into the proceedings of the meeting held on September 9, 2009.