

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

**February 24, 2010**

**ADOPTED MINUTES**

Members Present:

Eric Holm

Karen Jones

John Parker

Shaun Verner

Davia Weiner

Others:

See Attached

Joan Stek, Recording Secretary

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

Item 4

Mrs. Jones moved to adopt the agenda with the following change: Move Item 7 to follow the Salute to the Flag; second by Mr. Holm; motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Heuser thanked Mr. Smith for assembling the Budget Development Team and that Mr. Smith made the point that there will be reductions in staff. Mr. Heuser asked for guidance from the board regarding services to be cut back such as less frequent cleaning, mowing of fields, how long to keep kids on the buses. Mr. Holm asked for how often services are being done now and the current length of time that kids are on the buses.

Item 5

At 5:04 p.m. the Board convened into closed session to discuss Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (G.C. 54957); Expulsion Case # 002132; Suspension/Expulsion with Voluntary Consent to Discipline Case # 000169; Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6)

Item 6

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:05 and announced that no action had been taken in Closed Session.

Item 7

Statement from the Public: Mrs. Muraoka spoke concerning reduction in staff with the understanding that in these tight budget times, though reductions may be necessary, that the Board keep in mind that last year's classes were understaffed resulting in safety issues and grades suffered.

Item 8

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

8.1 Reinstatement of Student in Expulsion Case # 002132. Mrs. Weiner moved to approve; second by Mr. Holm; motion carried 5-0.

8.2 Approval of Suspension/Expulsion with Voluntary Consent to Discipline Case # 000169. Mrs. Weiner moved to approve; second by Mr. Parker; motion carried 5-0.

Item 9

Discussion of potential reduction in certificated services: Mr. Smith noted that this was the opportunity for the Board to call on the resources available in the room to help plan for action.

Mrs. Constancio distributed a document illustrating possible Class Size and Program Reform options. Last year there was a deficit of up to \$300,000 to address. This year we are facing \$950,000 - \$1,000,000. This figure is

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an accurate estimate of what is needed for the District to survive. It presents very difficult decisions because 85% of the District's expenses are in salaries and benefits. The \$950,000 - \$1,000,000 is from \$600,000 in Federal stimulus funds, and a revenue limit of \$350,000. The District has \$771,000 in reserve of which 3% must be kept.

Under the Program Reform options there would be no sports. Mr. Smith explained that this is because the coaches are not certificated. The Board asked for reports from the Music teacher, Counselor, Nurse, Vice-Principal and Director of Categoricals describing their programs, the number of students served or impacted, including mandated needs.

Mrs. Weiner announced that the Budget Development Team met on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and brought some creative ideas to the table, ex: starting a charter school to bring in revenue. The board asked Mr. Smith to start a task force to explore the idea.

Item 10

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Weiner adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved and adopted into the proceedings of the meeting held on March 10, 2010.

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John Parker, Clerk

Tim Smith, Lead Administrator/Secretary