

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

October 14, 2009

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 6:05 p.m. by Eric Holm, President. Roll was noted followed by the flag salute.

Item 3

Adoption of Agenda: Mrs. Jones moved to approve the agenda; second by Mrs. Weiner; motion carried 5-0.

Item 4

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mrs. Weiner moved to approve the items on the consent agenda with the addition of a Consent Item 11.7 regarding fundraisers; second by Mrs. Jones; motion carried 5-0.

Item 6

Introduction of Guests: None

Item 7

Student Report: Herbert Green School Principal Tim Smith introduced Student Council President Tyler Parker who reported that the Council has met once since school began and planned events including an October dance, a Halloween Costume Contest and a Kids Can Drive (with KCRA).

Item 8

Commendations/Acknowledgments: None

Item 9

President's Report: Mr. Holm had nothing to add.

Item 10

Statement from Public: Mary Bence spoke concerning the need for a progress report on the vacant Vice Principal position at Herbert Green and field trip transportation costs. Mr. Holm reported that the Board has not yet made a final decision on the vacant position, and that he and Mrs. Constancio addressed field trip transportation costs in August and set this year's rate based on 07-08 pricing. More information will follow. Tiffany Presgrave thanked the Board for hiring another teacher at Herbert Green School, and Mr. Verner for the Giant Pumpkin seeds he donated. Dr. Richard Boylan handed out information about County water needs and his candidacy for the EID Board.

Item 11

The Consent Agenda Items consisted of:

1. Warrants
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Held September 9, 2009
3. Minutes of Special Meeting Held September 23, 2009

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4. Minutes of Special Meeting Held October 7, 2009
5. Appointment of Debbie Murphy as District Representative for the El Dorado County SELP Advisory Committee for the 20098-2010 school year.
6. Acknowledged acceptance of donations for Indian Creek School

Item 12

Action Item Approved

12.2 New Website program through with San Joaquin County Office of Education in the amount of \$500 for set-up/training and \$500 per year for maintenance. Mary Bist presented information she gathered about the program and how it could meet our needs. There was some Board discussion and Mrs. Constancio explained that funds were available from the Technology restructure that could cover the expense. Mr. Verner moved the Board approve the expense; second by Mrs. Jones. Motion carried 5-0.

Action Item Tabled

12.1 First Reading of New and Amended Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Recommended in the CSBA July 2009 Update Guidesheet. This item was tabled and each Board Member was assigned a section to review, report on and make recommendations for.

Item 13

Discussion Item: Mrs. Weiner spoke concerning the controversy among parents and staff resulting from the decision that our District not broadcast President's Obama's September 8 address to school children, and requested that the taped speech be made available to all classrooms with an opt-out provided for parents. Mr. Holm pointed out that the timeline to address the broadcast was short, further impacted by the holiday and agreed that teachers should be encouraged to use it if it fit the curriculum they are teaching. Dr. Taylor said that the Principals met twice and concluded that it should be shown when it can be used effectively with a program to enhance the students' learning.

Item 14

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

Item 15

Personnel Items Approved

- 15.1 Reinstated from Layoffs (Certificated) Danielle Peterson, 2nd Grade Teacher, Charles Brown,
effective 9/28/2009
- 15.2 Reinstated from Layoffs (Certificated) Diane Schmidt, 7/8 Grade Teacher, Herbert Green,
effective 9/28/2009
- 15.3 Resignation (Classified) Bessie Palm, Noon Duty Indian Creek, effective 9/3/2009
- 15.4 Change in Assignment (Classified) (Certificated) Vicky Kennedy, SDC Teacher,
from Charles Brown to Herbert Green, effective 10/5/2009

Mr. Verner moved the Board approve items 15.1 – 15.4. Second by Mrs. Jones. There were no further audience comments or Board discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 16

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

Item 17

Board Member Reports: Mrs. Weiner said that in retrospect she would like to see the experience with the President's speech become a teachable moment with the use of technology. Nothing more was added.

Item 18

Interim Superintendent's Report: Mr. Taylor spoke concerning a convenience store being planned close to Herbert Green School that would sell liquor. Dr. Taylor contacted Attorney David Gerard. It may be worthwhile for us to fight, and there are concerns for the cost of such a fight. Mrs. Weiner hopes that there may be another option possible for objection. Dr. Taylor and Principal Smith have been meeting regularly concerning the vacant vice principal position to find various ways to handle the situation without large expense. The position was not cut from the budget and the funds have not been reallocated. Mr. Holm asked for a report and a discussion item for the November agenda.

Item 19

Information Items:

- 19.1 Update on Superintendent Search – Interim Superintendent Darrel Taylor distributed information on examples of options for searches for a district superintendent. The Board asked Dr. Taylor to arrange a presentation from County Superintendent Vicki Barber to help identify our needs and develop a strategy.
- 19.2 Judy Bryant and Tim Smith provided clarification on what particular numbers in the 2008-09 STAR Testing report mean. The Board is generally pleased with what the report means about our students' performance. Mrs. Bryant noted that our District was the only one in the County to beat the State's standards in English Language Arts.

Item 20

Reports

- 20.1 Principals: The Board acknowledged receipt of written reports from the Principals. Mr. Smith added that a limb fell on the bus circle walkway at a time that resulted in no injuries. Based on a botanist's assessment there is one tree that should be addressed.
- 20.2 M/O/T: The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report from Joe Grossman, Director.
- 20.3 Business: The Board acknowledged receipt of written report from Vanessa Constancio, CFO, who added that part two of the 08-09 audit went smoothly.
- 20.4 Federal and State Categorical Programs: The Board acknowledged receipt of a written report from Judy Bryant.
- 20.5 Special Education: The Board acknowledged receipt of the written report from Judy Bryant.
- 20.6 Technology: a written report was distributed: no surprises but there will be some replacement costs. The technician we've been assigned is a former Hebert green student.
- 20.7 Associations: Two CSEA positions for representatives are vacant from the resignation of Chip Heuser and Jose Calderon.
- 20.8 Foundation: Mrs. Weiner asked that all help circulate the applications for grants, which are at all sites.
- 20.9 Other: None.

Item 21

Closed Session: At 7:50 p.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss GC Section 54957.6 the parameters of Negotiations and GC Section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator-Employee Organization(s) – Unrepresented Employee(s). Present were Dr. Taylor and Mrs. Constancio. The Board would take no action in closed session and would not reconvene afterwards.

Item 22

Reconvene: Not necessary.

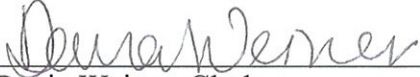
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Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

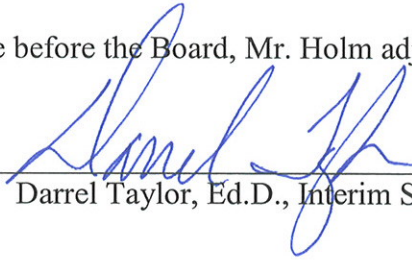
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Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Holm adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



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 November 18, 2009.