

ADOPTED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on the date and place mentioned above.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by President McMahon at 5:03 PM.

PRESENT: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: By President McMahon at 5:03 PM to discuss Student Discipline/Expulsion/Readmit (1 case); Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Conference with Labor Negotiator Laurie McLachlan-Fry: AEA, CSEA, ACSA; Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (3 cases).

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION: by President McMahon at 6:31 PM.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chipman Middle School students.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF: Board Members and staff present introduced themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Member Mooney

SECONDED: Member Tam

That the Board of Education adopt the agenda, as presented.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR – The Board of Education approved the following consent items (such items are identified by a plus (+) mark in the body of these minutes):

+Certificated Personnel Actions: The Board of Education approved 2 retirements (Hartwig, Rossiter); 6 resignations (Blanche, Crowe, Furuichi-Fong, Hans, Lee, Morgan); and 1 change of status (Goodwin).

+Classified Personnel Actions: The Board of Education approved 5 appointments (McMahon, Parish, Ruge, Archibeque, Kazmierski); 1 resignation (Coleman); and 1 retirement (Dayrit).

+Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers: The Board approved warrants numbered 852938, 876529-876663, 876625-876706, 876707-876902, 798706, 798726, 799318, 799364.

+Resolution No. 09-0032 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases

+Resolution No. 09-0033 Delegate Authority to Approve Year-End Budget Transfers

+Resolution No. 09-0034 Delegate Powers to Agents to Approve Interfund Transfers to Meet the Year-End Obligations

+Resolution No. 09-0035 Authorization to Purchase As Needed Various Commodities through Contracts Awarded by Other Public Agencies

+Resolution No. 09-0036 Authorization to Apply for Federal Funds under PL 81-874

+Resolution No. 09-0037 Finding NEA Community Learning Center Charter School Project at Longfellow Education Center Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act and Approval of Filing and Recordation of Notice of Exemption

+Declaration of Certain Textbooks Unusable or Obsolete

+Approval of Donations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 2009 and the special meeting of May 20, 2009 were considered.

MOTION: Member Jensen

SECONDED: Member Spencer

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 2009 and the special meeting of May 20, 2009 as submitted.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Written Correspondence: An e-mail dated May 3 from Patsy and Roger Baer regarding the Adult School yoga class; a letter received May 27 from Karen Englund regarding opposition to the Caring Schools Curriculum; a fax dated May 29 from Debbie Hendrix regarding opposition to the Caring Schools Curriculum; a fax dated May 29 from Ken Dewitt regarding opposition to the Caring Schools Curriculum; a fax dated June 2 from Kerry Cook regarding the Caring Schools Curriculum teacher survey; an e-mail dated June 5 from Michael and Linda La Fleur regarding Adult School budget cuts; an e-mail dated June 5 from Randy Marmor regarding AYB facility usage fees; an e-mail dated June 6 from Stephanie Northington regarding AYB facility usage fees; an e-mail dated June 8 from Bonnie Boller regarding Adult School budget cuts.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Kirsten Vital read the names of the 2008/09 AUSD retirees, many of whom were in attendance. Superintendent Vital also noted colleges and scholarship information for AHS and EHS graduates. Mr. Dan Dooha-Chambers, retiring band director of Lincoln Middle School, conducted the LMS band in a medley in honor of all retiring employees.

Oral Communications:

Patricia Sanders, AEA President, noted that AEA also provides small scholarships to graduating seniors as they pursue higher academics and reported that AEA provided \$1,000 in scholarships this year.

Gary Blank, AYB Treasurer, addressed the Board regarding facility usage fees. President McMahon noted facility usage fees will be incorporated into the June 23 budget hearing.

Calendar Review: President McMahon reviewed the calendar of events for Board Members.

Closed Session Action Report: There was no action taken in Closed Session.

DONATIONS: President McMahon thanked the community for their generous donations.

Employee of the Month

Laurie McLachlan-Fry, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced the item. The employee recognition program is a district-wide program to promote a greater appreciation of district employees and to publicly honor special employees for outstanding service which directly or indirectly contributes to students in the Alameda Unified School District. Each month, at the first Board meeting of the month, those employees selected will be recognized by the Board with a presentation by the President of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools. The person so honored is Sue Presco – SPED Paraprofessional, Resource – Wood Middle School.

Jeanne Mellor, Vice Principal of Wood Middle School, read the nomination form as completed by Betty Shebesta, RSP.

Highlighting Alameda Unified School District Schools: Lum Elementary School

Every year, Lum Elementary School students in Ms. Tomine's 3rd grade classroom are featured in a comedy showcase. Students participate in singing, dancing, and acting. Unfortunately, this year marks the final production, as Ms. Tomine is retiring.

Principal Katie Lyons introduced a short DVD highlighting some of the performances was shared.

Recognition of Alameda High School Baseball Team – North Coast Section (NCS) Finalists

For the second year in a row, Alameda High School's varsity baseball team won the ACCAL crown. The Hornets were seeded #1 and scheduled to play #2 Clayton Valley (24-3) in the North Coast Section (NCS) Division II finals.

Ultimately, Clayton Valley beat Alameda 3-0 on May 30 at the Oakland Coliseum in the championship game.

The Superintendent and Board of Education would like to congratulate the Alameda High School varsity baseball team on their second ACCAL crown and being the #1 seeded NCS Division II team, marking their 3rd appearance in the championship game in 4 years. The Hornets end their amazing season with a 22-5 record, including an incredible 17-game winning streak.

Member Spencer noted both she and Member Jensen attended the game and it was great seeing the Hornets in action.

Teacher of the Year Update

Every year the District sends out nomination forms to be distributed to staff and the community to nominate and recognize excellent teachers in the District who exemplify experience, dedication and a particular passion for teaching.

Nomination forms were compiled and the teachers notified on their nominations. Each nominee was to complete an application and produce a one page letter of application and three letters of support.

The Teacher of the Year committee reviewed the documentation submitted and selected five (5) finalists: Dr. Carolyn Cover-Griffith, Jeannette Frechou, Sandy Wong, Anne Smith, and Roberta Rockwell. Nominees were notified and classroom visits were scheduled and observed by the nomination committee.

The nomination committee selected Roberta Rockwell as Alameda's finalist, who will be honored at a future Board of Education meeting and compete with other finalists throughout Alameda County.

Member Spencer noted the process was very enjoyable and watching the interaction between the students and teachers was great. It was very difficult to select just one finalist to move forward, and all teachers should be commended for the work that they do.

Patricia Sanders, AEA President, noted the Teacher of the Year process is inspiring and gives all teachers an opportunity to reflect on our own practices.

Math Plan Update

Sue Woerhle, Interim Assistant Superintendent, introduced the item with Phil Gonsalves, Math Coach on loan to AUSD from the County of Alameda. AUSD has completed the Math Textbook Adoption process. In addition, per the MOU with the Alameda County Office of Education, we have developed the Pacing and Assessment Guides for K – Geometry.

We are in the process of planning and facilitating the coaching, training, and support for teachers of Math in grades 2 – Geometry. There are 2 elementary coaches, 1 middle, and 1 high school Algebra 1 coach who will provide weekly site coaching support and monthly professional development, support textbook implementation and corresponding grade-level pacing guides, support implementation of district benchmark assessments and mid and final exams, support intervention programs and afterschool tutoring, assist with analysis of assessments and subsequent mitigations, and support district mathematics initiatives.

Next steps include:

Implement Theory of Action

- Regularly analyze results
- Re-teach where necessary
- Provide appropriate intervention
- Evaluate
- Share strategies

Report results

Mr. Gonsalves noted that he is thrilled to be back in a partnership with AUSD, as Alameda is an exemplary model. Alameda is the only district looking at data, finding out what the problem is, and providing instruction mitigation to work on it. We have data that shows huge growth.

Member Tam noted AUSD has excellent programs, but one challenge is how do we sustain the program over time? In order for any program to be successful in the long run, we need continuous collaboration. Ms. Woerhle noted we have purchased intervention materials that come with the adoption for K-7 and for the Algebra and Geometry students so we will have ongoing materials in order to close the gaps. Sites also have built in math coaching and collaboration for teachers.

Superintendent Vital added that part of the Master Plan has to address math and English language arts so we're really clear about what we're doing for the next 5 years. This work is funded by categorical resources, and as we have budget conversations, we need to keep in mind that this is an investment we're making. The intent is to keep us focused on math as we're really struggling in math in some areas.

Member Mooney asked if there are any coaching segments to help teachers deal specifically with our subgroups that are failing the most in math. Mr. Gonsalves replied that coaching is not just content focused, but also on student engagement and getting kids actively involved in what they do. Other support systems include Parent Night, Math Night, and college students from Cal State East Bay acting as mentors and tutoring students free of charge.

Member Spencer asked for clarification on “huge growth”. Mr. Gonsalves noted at a minimum, 11% growth in math each year. We have seen results like this in Alameda before, and we have data accumulated which shows this kind of growth. The problem is that we need to stay focused and teach the intuitiveness of math.

Highlighting AUSD BTSA Participating Teachers, 2008/09

Mercy Jesswani, BTSA Coordinator, introduced the item and shared information from the BTSA Colloquium via DVD that highlights some of the incredible work being done by our participating teachers.

Member Tam commended Ms. Jesswani and our support providers for the efforts they put into the program. Member Jensen noted BTSA is a valuable resource and an important program to have in place. Member Spencer noted she attended the impressive BTSA community event. President McMahon added because of state budget cuts, the program is suspended for the next 5 years in terms of support at a multi-district level. The ability to maintain and sustain will fall to the individual districts. This is an important program as it is part of the overall process of credentialing and the induction process.

NEA Community Learning Center Charter School (NEA) Facility Use Agreement

Tim Rahill, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the item. On April 28, 2009, NEA accepted AUSD’s Proposition 39 final offer of facilities. To satisfy its obligation under Proposition 39, the district is allocating to NEA 11 classrooms and other reasonably equivalent furnished and equipped space at the Longfellow Education Center for its use during the 2009/10 school year. The next step is to approve the Facility Use Agreement between AUSD and NEA which sets forth the terms and conditions by which NEA will occupy and use the facilities at the Longfellow site. The term of the Agreement is for one year, expiring on June 30, 2010.

For the term of the Agreement, AUSD will not charge NEA a pro-rata charge for its use of the space at the Longfellow site, but AUSD shall charge NEA the actual costs of supervisorial oversight in an amount not to exceed three percent (3%) of the revenue of NEA pursuant to Education Code section 47613(b). The District will also charge NEA for its proportionate share of grounds maintenance and utilities use costs.

Member Jensen asked how other charges would be apportioned. Mr. Rahill noted the District will charge 3%, and NEA will pay for utility costs and its proportionate share of ground maintenance.

Member Jensen asked about certificated staff going to NEA. Ms. McLachlan-Fry noted we have a list of people who are planning to go to NEA and we’re in the final stages of that process. They will be resigning from AUSD to become employees of NEA.

Member Jensen asked about the status of NEA’s application to the El Dorado SELPA. Superintendent Vital noted NEA was accepted into the El Dorado SELPA.

MOTION: Member Mooney

SECONDED: Member Spencer

That the Board of Education approve the NEA Community Learning Center Charter School Facility Use Agreement.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rahill introduced the item. The community of AUSD provides for two school parcel taxes called Measure A and Measure H.

On June 7, 2005, the voters approved Measure A with a super majority vote of 67.2%. The \$189 annual per parcel assessment is both a renewal and an increase from the November 2001 Measure A.

On June 3, 2008, the voters approved Measure H with a super majority vote of 66.9%. The annual parcel assessment is \$120/parcel for residential property and \$0.15/square foot for commercial property. Both parcel taxes are scheduled to end with the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Rich Thomas, member of the oversight committee, briefly reviewed the annual reports for both parcel tax measures.

Member Spencer asked for clarification on exemptions. Mr. Rahill noted exemptions for seniors are available through June 30 and forms are available at the district office and the district website. For Measure H, there is also a disability exemption. Homeowners need to renew the exemption every year.

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Mr. Rahill introduced the item. Preliminary budget information was reviewed. It is preliminary because it has been gathered from various sources, prior to the annual State Budget Workshop which just occurred Friday, June 5 (after the Board packet deadline).

Since the last fiscal report, there have been additional major reductions in state funding to schools (impacting the current 08/09 year and the 09/10 budget year). At the same time, the federal government, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), has provided some federal funding to help offset the state funding reduction.

AUSD continues to face unstable state funding. Just since the January 2009 Proposal, there is an additional \$2M less in 08/09 and \$1.3M less in 09/10. This is what we call a \$3.3M “ongoing” loss. Ongoing losses are funds that are taken away in one year without any plan to return the funds in future years. In the very short-term for the 09/10 budget year, AUSD will utilize the “one time” Federal ARRA funds (\$2.9M for 08/09 and \$0.8M for 09/10). The important item to note here is that AUSD is using one-time Federal ARRA funds of \$3.7M to address the loss in ongoing state funds of \$3.3M since January 2009, and the loss in ongoing state funds of \$2M prior to January 2009.

As reported in the 08/09 2nd Interim Financial Report, in order to address this Budget Crisis, AUSD will fully utilize its fiscal reserves (above the state recommended 3% reserve for economic uncertainties), the Measure H Parcel Tax, the Federal ARRA funds, the State Categorical Flexibility Program and/or Budget Adjustments.

The Board will conduct a Public Hearing and take action on the AUSD 09/10 budget at the next Board meeting on June 23, 2009.

Mr. Rahill reviewed 09/10 preliminary budget information via PowerPoint presentation, including the AUSD 09/10 Draft Budget Multi-Year Projections as follows:

In Millions	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
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REVENUES:					
Total Revenues	\$85.8	\$89.5	\$81.2	\$81.2	\$81.1
EXPENDITURES:					
Total Expenses	\$81.0	\$92.0	\$82.9	\$94.4	\$80.3
Other Sources (Uses)	(\$3.1)	\$0.0	(\$0.8)	(\$0.8)	(\$0.8)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1.7	(\$2.5)	(\$2.5)	(\$4.0)	\$0.0
Beginning Fund Balance	\$7.4	\$9.1	\$6.6	\$4.1	\$0.1
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$9.1	\$6.6	\$4.1	\$0.1	\$0.1

Strategy to Address Budget Crisis by Using Categorical Flexibility, Measure H, Reserves, Federal ARRA, & Possibly Budget Cuts – as of 6/5/09

Item	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
Categorical Flexibility	\$0.8M	\$0.8M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M
Additional Categorical Flexibility	-	-	-	\$5.2M	\$5.2M
Categorical Flexibility Carryover/Fac.	\$0.4M	\$1.0M	-	???	-
Budget Cuts	-	-	???	???	\$7.3M?
Federal ARRA Special Ed	\$0.2M	\$0.8M	\$1.1M		
Federal ARRA Stabilization	-	\$2.7M	-	-	-
Mandated Costs	-	\$1.1M	-	-	-
Multi-Year Projections	\$1.8M	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Special Ed	\$0.3M	-	-	-	-
Measure H Expenses	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	\$1.2M	-
Measure H Additional Expenses	-	\$1.5M	\$6.8M	\$2.8M	-
TOTALS	\$4.7M	\$9.2M	\$10.6M	\$10.7M	\$14.0M

Next Steps

- At the June 23, 2009 Board meeting, the Final Budget will be presented to the Board for a Public Hearing and Action vote
- Included in the budget presentation and Public Hearing will be the item to allow the Board to consider using Categorical Flexibility as an option to address the State Budget Crisis
- The 09/10 budget will include a positive certification due to the utilization of the Measure H parcel tax, Federal ARRA funds and Categorical Flexibility
- To the extent that Categorical Flexibility is not used, the district will need to consider budget cuts as early as 2010/11

Member Mooney noted this budget information underlines the important of the Master Plan process and the need to be able to figure out real flexibility, if any, as we move forward. Hopefully by December we will have plans in place, ready to implement quickly.

Board Member Reports

Member Jensen noted she works for another public entity and has personally felt cuts through work furloughs. However, the district can't shut down schools for 1 or 2 days per month like other government entities can. This is a real budget crisis that everyone needs to be conscious of. Member Jensen added last week, she participated in Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker's Health is Not Just Healthcare consortium. The group looks at ways that our communities can support youth better.

Member Mooney added he attended several meetings, including Teacher of the year and School Site Council meetings.

Member Spencer noted she also attended the Health is Not Just Healthcare event. Member Spencer added she participate as a judge for Mr. Dodge's three 8th grade science classes who debated various proposals for energy using different sources and fuels. She also attended the NCLC celebration party, AHS daycare graduation, NCS baseball game, Earhart's butterfly garden dedication in memory of Madeline Lee, and the Adult School Spring Concert.

Member Tam noted the Alameda Family Services Board is looking for ways to identify funds to support mental health programs and Island High School. Member Tam also attended ASTI's graduation event and will attend the Alameda Service Collaborative event where the Superintendent will be speaking.

President McMahon noted, related to the East Bay ROP, after passing the 3rd interim budget for the 09/10 year, the program was provided no more funds. Funding levels were based on certain budget assumptions, and although we are moving forward with a staff of 25.8 FTE's for next year, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Student Discipline

MOTION: Member Mooney

SECONDED: Member Tam

That student #51590 be expelled from the Alameda Unified School District through 6/11/2010, suspended from date of Board action with conditions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

President McMahon adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.