

**NORTH COUNTY JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

April 21, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Board President Cindy King

Members present: Board Clerk, Cindy King; Trustee, Rodney Bianchi Trustee, Frank O'Connell;

Members absent: Board President, Reneé Faught and Trustee, Mark Wright

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM

No Comments

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:00 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 6:15 p.m. There was no action taken in closed session

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was let by acting Board President, Cindy King

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve the agenda as presented except for the following change:
Remove item G. c. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 24, 2010

Vote: Unanimous

3. Recognition of Visitors

None

4. Student Presentations

a) Science Fair Projects

Cathie Power, 6th Grade Teacher/Science Fair Coordinator, introduced Spring Grove School Science Fair winners. Present at the meeting to report on their displayed winning entries were: Josh Nehme, 6th grade; Bailee Nelson, 7th grade, Carly Zako, 7th grade; Javier Azcona, 7th grade; Corissa King, 5th grade; Ramiro Azcona, 5th grade and Pablo Azcona 8th grade. Ms. Power said this was the most successful Spring Grove Science Fair to date with 400 entries. Out of 9 County winners, 4 were from Spring Grove School. Pablo Azcona, 8th grader was present to recite his poem from the Poetry Contest that was held last month. Pablo was a first place winner in the poetry contest held in February.

b) Poetry Contest

5. Migrant Parent Presentation

Elaine Klauer, Assistant Principal reported several Migrant parents recently participated in the Early College Outreach Program (ECCOP) provided to involve migrant parents in the education of their children at an early age. The following parents were present at the meeting and spoke about their positive experience with the program: Leticia Soto said she learned how to recognize signs of children involved in gangs. Berta Jimenez learned how to get involved in her children's lives so they can do better in school. Maria Castro learned how to help her children by being involved with the school and the teachers. She is happy with the high expectations at Spring Grove School. Rosa Lopez learned a lot from

the presenters, especially how to talk to her children. Ms. Klauer reported 25 migrant parents attended the workshop and noted it was very empowering to the parents. The program is available every 4 years. Ms. Klauer would like to see this type of information available to migrant parents every year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS/INFORMATION

1. Student Board Member Report
Erica Chapa, Student Board Member reported the student body just had a fundraiser “pennies for patients”. Students donate their spare change with competition between classes. The winning class will be provided a pizza party. She also reported about noon time activities and student participation in preparation for STAR testing.
2. Student Parent Handbook
Jenny Bernosky, Principal reviewed proposed changes for the 2010/2011 Student/Parent Handbook. Changes related to cell phones, plagiarism, referrals, dress code and hair color. It was also noted to add the school calendar and bell schedule to the handbook. The tardy policy will also be amended. The Student/Parent Handbook will come back to the Board for approval before the end of the school year.
3. Certificated and Administrative Job descriptions
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reviewed the Language and Speech Specialist and the Coordinator of Special Education and Administrative District Psychologist job descriptions. Ms. Muro explained the speech and psychologist positions are currently filled by contracted employees. The district would prefer regular district employees to fill these positions and job descriptions are needed in order to open the positions to the public.
4. Complaint Summary relating to the Williams Settlement
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reported there were no complaints relating to the Williams Settlement during the periods January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010.
5. AR & E 4204 – District Mobile Device Use
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reviewed Administrative Regulation and Exhibit 4204 – District Mobile Device Use. These items are being revised to align with District practice and current laws. This is the first reading and will come back to the Board for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.
6. Monthly Attendance Report
Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services & Operations, provided the Board with the Monthly attendance report noting after 8 months of attendance there is a 96.35% attendance rate. Enrollment as of today’s date is 741 with an average daily attendance of 712.
7. NCTA Report
Cathie Power, NCTA President, presented the Board with the April edition of “What’s Happening at the Grove?” and reviewed activities at each grade level. She invited the Board to the 1st annual staff family picnic which is being planned by Julie Neff, Kindergarten Teacher.

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8. Director, Fiscal Services and Operations Report

Shannon Hansen, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations reported the cafeteria fund is operating wonderfully. The staff has done a superb job of containing costs. Discussions regarding summer projects have begun. A report with a result of the discussions will be provided at the next regular board meeting. The Transportation Department just received a satisfactory inspection by the California Highway Patrol for the annual terminal inspection. Julie Davis and Kelly Lomanto are commended for their efforts to update procedures.

The Governor has signed revenue deferrals into law. Revenues expected in June have been pushed back to July will now be pushed back to September. The October revenue limit will be pushed back to February; March revenues will be received in April. This will require the District to be self funded for a significant portion of time. Districts will be able to apply for waivers from the State. More information relating to deferred revenues will be provided at the May revise.

9. Assistant Principal Report

Elaine Klauer, Assistant Principal reported the following: STAR testing will take place from April 27-May 7, 2010. A packet of information relating to STAR testing has gone home with students. Ms. Klauer also shared information regarding the “12 powerful words” which are being introduced daily to students, and will help them with STAR testing. RtI and ELD groups have been reviewing UNRAAVEL strategies in preparation for the STAR test.

Migrant Summer School will be offered again this summer to Pre K through incoming 8th graders. There will be pre and post assessments. The Migrant Summer School program will run from July 5 through July 30, 2010.

RtI groups have completed the third and final round for the school year. 71 students have been serviced and 13 students were exited from RtI Tier 2. Teachers will receive final reports after STAR testing.

10. Principal Report

Jenny Bernosky, Principal reported the following:

Student Academics – Hayden Alvernaz, Spring Grove 7th grader won 2nd place at county spelling bee; progress reports go home tomorrow

Student Activities - 7th and 8th graders went to Washington DC over spring break; 1st graders went to the Discovery Museum; 3rd graders attended Farm Day; Open House will be held May 14th; the School Play “High School Musical Jr. will start on May 20th and the Annual Talent show will be held on May 28th

After School Title One: The after school classes offered in Algebra and Pre Algebra have been completed

Collaboration – Teacher focus has been on Tier 1 Strategies, test preparation and writing assessments.

Academic Vocabulary Pilot Program – 11 teachers are participating in the Academic Vocabulary Program. Teachers will meet tomorrow to review the pilot program. Information will be included in the Single Plan.

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Skillbuilding – The final round of skillbuilding has ended. All students have shown growth. This program will be fine tuned and will continue next year. Ms. Bernosky provided skillbuilding results for March 2010.

Discipline/Suspensions – There have been no suspensions since the last Board Meeting. There have been 13 as of April 15, 2010. Ms. Bernosky has worked with students to get them to recognize when they are breaking rules.

11. Board Member Report

Cindy King, Board Clerk and Jenny Bernosky, Principal attended the Small School District Association Conference in Sacramento last week. North County Joint Union School District is ahead of other school districts in many areas.

12. Superintendent Report

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reported the following:

Transportation – Ms. Muro thanked Shannon Hansen and Kristie Urbina, Transportation Manager of San Benito High School for their efforts to provide transportation for Spring Grove School on March 11, 2010 when the District was in need of a bus. Ms. Muro requested Ms. Hansen to send a letter to San Benito High School

Superintendent and Board of Trustees to thank them for their help.

Distinguished School – Ms. Muro is very proud of the staff for their efforts in getting Spring Grove School out of Program Improvement and closing the achievement gap. She also congratulated everyone for being nominated to become a California Distinguished School. There will be a California Distinguished School Ceremony held at Disneyland on June 4th. Four staff /board members will be able to attend the ceremony; with the possibility of obtaining 3 more tickets to the celebration. Since Ms. Bernosky will not be able to attend, Ms. Muro, who will attend the ceremony, invited Elaine Klauer, Assistant Principal to attend. She would also like a Board Member as well as a staff member to attend.

Interdistricts – Ms. Muro was notified by Hollister School District Superintendent, Ron Crates, that as of last week Hollister School District is no longer approving Interdistrict Agreements. All interdistrict agreements will be put on hold for now. He stated he will not pull back agreements that have been approved so far.

Hollister School District has scheduled a board meeting for April 27th. Interdistricts will be on the agenda as an action item. Ms. Muro will attend the meeting. Any interdistrict that is not approved or rescinded can be appealed at the County Office of Education. Ms. Muro is concerned because currently there are no criteria pertaining to interdistrict appeals.

School Calendar –A Spring Grove School Calendar has not been developed because Hollister School District and San Benito High School have not approved their calendars for the 2010/2011 school year yet. It is important for the District's school calendar to align with other school districts in the county. Ms. Muro hopes to have a calendar for the Board to review by the May Board meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve Consent item #1 a) and b) and item #'s 2 and 3, as presented
Vote: Unanimous

ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. English Language Acquisition Program Application (ELAP)

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve the 2010/2011 English Language Acquisition Program Application, as presented
Vote: Unanimous

2. Resolution #09/10-15 Governing Board Election

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to adopt Resolution #09/10-15 calling for Governing Board Election to be held November 2, 2010 with the following orders:

- All costs of the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications be paid by ***Candidate***
- In the event of a tie vote the candidate will be selected as specified in Section 5016 of the California Education Code ***by lot***

Vote: Unanimous

3. Resolution #09/10-16 Teacher and Staff Appreciation

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to adopt Resolution #09/10-16 Day of Teacher and Staff Appreciation, as presented

Vote: Unanimous

4. Certificated and Administrative job descriptions

Cathie Power, NCTA representative commented that she had reviewed the administrative job description and noticed there were areas of overlap of this job description and current administrative job descriptions. She stated this in not the right time to increase the administrative FTE from 2.5 to 3.5. Evelyn Muro, Superintendent commented that the Coordinator of Special Education is covered in the Superintendent job description, however, with 48 special ed students there is a need for more time to be allotted to special education duties. The Psychologist position is currently contracted out at 2.5 days per week. Board member Cindy King commented that job descriptions are always broad and it is good to have job duty overlap to help with covering all positions. Ms. Muro stated even if we do not fill the position at this time; the District needs an approved job description. Ms. Muro recommended the Coordinator of Special Education and Administrative District Psychologist job description be tabled and brought back to a Special Board Meeting for a second reading.

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve the Language and Speech Specialist job description, as presented

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to table the Coordinator of Special Education and Administrative District Psychologist job description

Vote: Unanimous

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| 5. Classified 1:1 Specialist Aide and Instructional Aide/Migrant Seniority List | Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve the adoption of the Classified 1:1 Specialist Aide and Instructional Aide/Migrant Seniority List for the 2009/2010 school year, as presented
<i>Vote: Unanimous</i> |
| 6. Resolution #09/10-17 Reduce FTE in Classified Positions | Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to adopt Resolution #09/10-17 to Eliminate and /or Reduce FTE in the Classified Positions, as presented
<i>Vote: Unanimous</i> |
| 7. Surplus Electronics | Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve specified electronics to be declared as surplus, as presented
<i>Vote: Unanimous</i> |
| 8. Date for Special Board Meeting | Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
<i>Vote: Unanimous</i> |

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Summer Facility Projects Calendar

2009/2010 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Special Board Meeting, Thursday, April 29, 2010
- Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 2010
- Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 2, 2010
- Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 16, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on closed session agenda items

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to reconvene to closed session at 8:35 p.m.
Vote: Unanimous

RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN

Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to reconvene to open session at 9:24 p.m. There was no action taken in closed session.
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Cindy King to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Muro, Secretary
North County Board of Trustees