

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

February 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Reneé Faught

Members present: Board President, Reneé Faught; Board Clerk, Cindy King; Trustee, Rodney Bianchi Trustee, Frank O'Connell; Trustee, Mark Wright

Members absent: None

1. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Reneé Faught, Board President
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Mark Wright to approve the agenda as presented
Vote: Unanimous
3. Recognition of Visitors
None
4. Student Presentation
David Belscher, Kindergarten Teacher's class sang the following songs for the Board of Trustees:
 - Down to the River, Three is a Magic Number, Abraham, Martin and John and a special song – We are the Spring Grove Tigers.The class did an outstanding presentation – the Board enjoyed it very much.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS/INFORMATION

1. Student Board Member Report
None
2. Spring Grove Athletics and PE Program
None
3. 2008/2009 Audit Report
Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations provided the Board with the 2008/2009 Audit report prepared by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. Financially the District is operating within the guidelines of the State and Federal regulations and maintains a positive ending fund balance. There were no Financial, Federal or State findings reported.
4. Monthly Attendance Report
Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services & Operations, provided the Board with the Monthly attendance report noting a 96.34% attendance rate. Enrollment as of today's date is 742 with an average daily attendance of 709.57.
5. Budget Plan for 2010/2011 School Year
Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Service & Operations presented the Board with a proposed budget plan for the 2010/2011 school year along with proposed staffing structure which included increased class size. Information provided included input from recent staff and community meetings relating to the current budget crisis.
6. 2009/2010 District Goals and Objectives Progress Report
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reviewed the progress of the 2009/2010 District Goals and Objectives. She noted that a midyear

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check was important to keep the District on track. An updated Goals and Objectives report was provided to the Board to illustrate progress that has been made on each goal to date.

7. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations BP 2210 and BP 3110
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent and Shannon Hansen, Director Fiscal Services and Operations reviewed the first reading of BP 2210- Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy and BP 3110 – Transfer of Funds. These board policies are necessary to allow the District the opportunity for full implementation of Tier 3 categorical flexibility.
8. NCTA Report
Cathie Power, NCTA President reported on March 4th Spring Grove teachers will be participating in CTA sponsored “Stand up for Schools”. Ms. Powers invited district administration to join in this event.
9. Director, Fiscal Services and Operations Report
Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations, provided the board with information on the budget, facilities and transportation. She shared that Blossom Valley has corrected the drainage problem with the playfields. She also reported a new water softener was purchased for the kitchen.
10. Assistant Principal Report
Elaine Klauer, Assistant Principal reported on the following:
 - STAR writing exam. 7th grade students will be taking the writing portion of the STAR test on March 2nd. District writing prompt will be administered to all other students in grades K-8th. The Board was provided with the 2010 STAR Writing Exam Action Plan.
 - School Accountability Report Card (SARC) – This report was tabled and will be brought back to the Board at a future Board Meeting.
 - California English Language Development Test (CELDT). Ms. Klauer provided the Board with 2009/2010 CELDT testing results. Students who score at Early Advanced or Advanced levels are eligible for re-designation. Out of 11 students that have been re-designated this year 9 are doing very well. The District has set a goal for students to be re-designated to Advanced within 5 years. There is also a goal to have 15 students re-designated next year. Ms. Klauer would like to have a ceremony for students that have been re-designated.
11. Principal Report
Jenny Bernosky, Principal, reported the following:
 - Student Academics. Kinder through 2nd grade students have been assessed. 1st through 8th graders took benchmark exams. Results will be shared with parents at conferences.
 - Student Activities. The Poetry contest was held on February 12th. The ASB students went to San Benito High School to attend the ASB Convention. The High School came to Spring Grove School for their annual feeder assembly for 8th grade students.
 - G.R.E.A.T. Program – The Gang Resistance Education and

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Training (GREAT) program for 8th graders has begun at Spring Grove School under the direction of the Sheriff's department. It takes place during the student's PE class on Wednesday mornings. The program is designed to help students deal with gang pressure when they get to High School.

- Academic Vocabulary Pilot Program. This is an RtI strategy funded by Title I funds to increase vocabulary for all students. There will be 12 powerful words that will be taught to mastery. An assessment on the 12 powerful words will be given at the end of the school year.
- Distinguished School. Ms. Bernosky provided the Board with a copy of the Distinguished School application that was submitted at the end of January. On Tuesday March 9th a team of evaluators will visit Spring Grove School to validate the application.
- The next set of skill building results will be provided to the Board in March. When skillbuilding ends in March the teachers will focus on preparing for the STAR test.
- Attendance. Letters have been sent home to parents of students who have exceeded the 10% absence rule or have more than 3 unexcused absences. After receiving 3 letters the student is sent to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)
- Discipline and Suspensions. There has been one suspension since the last Board meeting.
- After School Math Classes. Title I money is available to offer afterschool Algebra and Pre Algebra classes for 7th and 8th grade students. There will be pre and post assessments.

12. Board Member Report

None

13. Superintendent Report

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent, reported the following:

- The Annual County Joint Board Meeting has been changed from March 18th to April 21st which is the date of North County Joint Union School District April Board Meeting. The Joint Board meeting is held in part to honor the Teacher of the year from each District. However, it has been suggested that due to the current financial crisis in schools the teachers be honored at a County Board Meeting and at a District Board Meeting. The Teacher of the Year for Spring Grove School is 2/3 Combo Teacher Jeanne Munoz. Ms. Muro will keep the Board informed of meeting dates as they become available.
- Ms. Muro requested a Special Board Meeting be held on March 4th to consider layoffs.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve consent items # 1- #3, as presented

Vote: Unanimous

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ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. CSBA Delegate for Subregion 9-A Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to nominate Rachel Dewey Thorsett as CSBA Delegate for Subregion 9-A, and to authorize the Superintendent to sign, as presented
Vote: Unanimous

2. Resolution #09/10-12 – Week of the School Administrator Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to adopt Resolution #09/10-12 declaring the first full week of March as the “Week of the School Administrator”, as presented
Vote: Unanimous

3. School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Mark Wright to table this item and bring it back to the board for approval at a the March 4th Special Board meeting
Vote: Unanimous

4. Certificated Seniority List Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Mark Wright to approve the 2009/2010 Certificated Seniority List, as presented
Vote: Unanimous

5. Budget Plan for the 2010/2011 School Year Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve the amended Budget Plan for the 2010/2011 school year as presented at the meeting
Vote: Unanimous

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Poetry Contest Winners

2009/2010 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Thursday, March 4, 2010 (Special Board Meeting)
- Wednesday, March 10, 2010
- Wednesday, March 17, 2010 (Joint Board Meeting)
- Wednesday, April 21, 2010
- Wednesday, May 19, 2010
- Wednesday, June 2, 2010
- 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 convene to closed session at 7:40 p.m.
Vote: Unanimous

RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN

In a motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi the Board reconvened to open session at 8:41 p.m. There was no action taken in closed session
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Cindy King, seconded by Mark Wright the Board adjourned at 8:42 p.m.
Vote: Unanimous

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Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Muro, Secretary
North County Board of Trustees