

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

**February 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Renee Faight, Acting Board President

Members present: Renee Faight, Clerk; Cindy King, Trustee; Stan Pura, Trustee; Ted Zanella, Trustee  
Members absent: Frank O'Connell, Board President

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Renee Faight, Acting Board President

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Ted Zanella the Board voted to approve the agenda, as presented

**Vote:**

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faight	Aye		

3. Recognition of Visitors

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**REPORTS/INFORMATION**

1. ASB President

Jaya Waller, ASB President reported the following: ASB Officers met at 7:45 a.m. on January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss Valentine Candy Grams, Spirit Days and t-shirt ideas which will be available for purchase for officers and room reps. There will be a "Pennies for Patients" campaign in the month of February. Spirit Days for February are Class Color Day, Valentine Color Day and Green Day. The Noon Time Activity on the 10<sup>th</sup> will be "Pin the Heart on Cupid".

2. SPED Program

Kristi Vieyra, Coordinator SPED/Administrative District Psychologist provided the Board of Trustees with an overview of the Spring Grove Special Education Program. The SPED Department includes Mrs. Vieyra, Matt Andrade, 5-8 Teacher; Sue Connors, TK-5 Teacher; Mary Beth Shores, Speech and Language Pathologist; Karen Yinger, Occupational Therapist; Liz Looney, Special Education Paraprofessional and Norma Nichols, CAC Co-Chair. Onsite services provided through SBCOE and SELPA include Janna Rudolph, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher and Gwen Baquiran, Program Specialist. Spring Grove currently has 75 students with IEP's which is 9.9% of total student enrollment – however without speech it is 6.4%. There are currently 48 students receiving resource support and 26 students are receiving speech only services. Students with needs that cannot be serviced attend other schools – 8 students attend HSD and 5 students attend the Early Childhood Education Center. Mrs. Vieyra also reviewed the referral process and current trends in Special Education highlighting the California Mandate relating to "Least Restrictive Environment" (LRE). Focus on LRE

has already begun at Spring Grove. *Research shows that students with disabilities perform better and have better outcomes when kept as much as possible in the regular classroom, stressing equality and full participation whenever possible.* Mrs. Vieyra reported the current year SPED budget is \$802,000 which includes \$454,000 from unrestricted general fund and \$348,000 from COE and taxes. She also noted the District has had 0 complaints to CDE; 0 filings for mediation and 0 filings for due process.

### 3. 2017/2018 Draft Calendar

#### **Public Comments on Agenda Item**

**Donna Johnson**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher spoke regarding the proposed 2017/2018 School Calendar. Mrs. Johnson shared she prefers a school calendar with as few as possible “broken weeks”. She feels that anything less than 4 days of teaching in a week is more like babysitting. She also feels that it is easier for a parent to justify keeping their student out of school if it is a short week. Mrs. Johnson also stated she feels the District should be respectful to parents who have students at Spring Grove as well as at SBHS. She prefers that North County Joint Union School District’s school calendar be as close as possible to San Benito High School’s calendar. She feels draft calendar #1 is the closest to SBHS.

**Laurie DeWitt**, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher also spoke regarding the proposed 2017/2018 School Calendar. She stated she has been a teacher at Spring Grove for 23 years and she has seen the calendar change many times over the years and is used to it changing. From a professional point of view, she does not like broken weeks if not aligned with San Benito High School. She said if the District calendar is not aligned with the SBHS most likely it will be the elementary students who will miss school. She feels the Board should consider the best way to serve all families.

**Julie Brantome**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher also spoke regarding the proposed 2017/2018 School Calendar. After reviewing all 3 draft calendars she likes Draft #1 the best because it is aligned closely with the SBHS Calendar. Mrs. Brantome shared she does not like broken weeks and likes an earlier start date because students forget less. She also likes the whole week off at Thanksgiving and prefers Draft Calendar #1.

**Jennifer Bernosky**, Superintendent reported she prepared 3 draft calendars which she included in the Board packet. Draft Calendar #1 is similar to the SBHS calendar. Draft Calendar #2 starts mid-week however, Mrs. Bernosky prefers a full week start. Draft Calendar #3 starts a little later with a full first week of school. This calendar also has broken weeks in November, December and January. Board Members Cindy King and Ted Zanella shared that after speaking with parents most would like the calendar to stay as is and align as close as possible with the High School calendar. Board Member Stan Pura shared a hand out “The History of School and Summer Vacation”. He feels input on the calendar should be based on how the District can improve academically and that the District should look at all options that will move all students over the 50% mark on proficiency. This could possibly require more days and/or hours in school. If more days are not possible, he feels the days we have must be organized in such a way to be more productive. Mrs. Bernosky said more days would need to be negotiated. She shared the calendar will not be adopted at

this meeting. She will continue research calendar options and bring the calendar back for adoption at a future Board Meeting.

4. 2015/2016 Audit Report

Sheila Maes, Manager, Fiscal Services reviewed the 2015/2016 Audit Report provided by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. She reported there were no findings and financially the District is operating within the guidelines of the State and Federal regulations and maintains a positive ending fund balance.

5. Monthly Attendance Report

Sheila Maes, Manager, Fiscal Services reported after the fifth full month of school attendance, enrollment is 744 with A.D.A. at 711.84, which equals 95.57% of attendance to enrollment. This month's A.D.A. is down about 2% compared to the beginning of school. Most likely this is due to heavy rainfall which caused flooding within the District's boundaries. Today's enrollment is 749.

6. Pre K; TK and Kinder Registration

Jennifer Bernosky, Superintendent reported registration for Pre-K, TK and Kindergarten began on Monday, February 6, 2017. Students who are entering via the Allen Bill, Interdistrict Transfer, or the Open Enrollment Act will be accepted in order of applications received based on availability. In District Pre-K students and siblings of alumni students will have from February 6<sup>th</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup> to enroll with priority. All other students will be able to enroll after February 21<sup>st</sup> on a first come first serve basis. Pre-K enrollment will remain at 12 students. Mrs. Bernosky anticipates 3 kindergarten classes and 1 TK class.

7. Fiscal Services Report

Sheila Maes, Manager, Fiscal Services reported fund 01 activity to date reflects revenues at \$3.6 million with expenses at \$3.4 million. Property taxes have been reported. Mrs. Maes also shared the projected CalSTRS and CalPERS costs through 2023/2024. Based on current assumptions and salaries there will be an increase of about \$223k over the next six years. These numbers will be reflected in 2<sup>nd</sup> interim.

8. Operations Report

Jennifer Bernosky, Superintendent reported the following:  
**Child Nutrition:** Due to the resignation of a Food Service Worker I, the District has opened the position and will be hiring soon. Christina Hval has been working with School Site Council to develop a new Wellness Policy. The current policy is very simple. The new policy will possibly contain guidance and direction relating to school snacks, class parties and food being brought in by parents. Once the policy has been developed it will come to the Board for adoption.

**Transportation:** Mrs. Bernosky reported the Bus Drivers have done a fantastic job dealing with the heavy rains and flooded roads. Buses are no longer able to travel on Lover's Lane. A temporary stop has been made at the corner of Lover's Lane and Shore Road. All families have been notified and worked cooperatively with the District.

**Building/ Facility Projects** – SBCOE is in the process of expanding the District's Bandwidth from 100mbs (megabits per second) to 1gb (gigabits per second). (Note: 1gb = 1024 mb

which is a 924% increase). This will help with the increase of technology on campus. The tarps in the lunch area, which are 14 years old, are ripped and in need of replacement. The District is seeking replacement bids. The District has 12 acre feet of water to carry over to next year through San Benito Water District. New water allocations are not available at this time. There has been leaking in portables 30-33 and there is a leak in the music room as well. Gutters need to be cleaned and the side of the building needs to be repainted. A roof inspection is scheduled for Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.

#### 9. Assistant Principal Report

Andrew Parra, Assistant Principal reported the following:

**Extended Day Intervention** – 46 students participated in round one of the Extended Day Intervention. Students received instruction in ELA and Math 3 days a week for 8 weeks. Teachers went with a different group of students this time. They chose a group of students that were struggling a little more than in the past. It seemed to be a long day for some who were already receiving other services. A different group of students may be chosen for the next round. Overall the Intervention was successful with most of the students showing growth. 32 Migrant students participated in the Extended Day Intervention as well. Students switched between Math and ELA. One of the problems some of the migrant students face is that they do leave for some time during the program so as well as missing school they are missing extra help. During the next intervention attendance and behavior will be addressed.

**School Accountability Report (SARC)** – Mr. Parra reviewed the annual School Accountability Report Card(SARC) with the Board of Trustees. He pointed out that enrollment is down a little this year compared to 760 last year. North County Joint Union School District CAASPP data is shown to exceed scores for the state. In Physical Fitness most students meet at least 4 of the 6 state standards. Suspension rates of North County Joint Union School District are less than those of the State. Mr. Parra shared the 2015/2016 SARC has been posted on the District's Website.

#### 10. Principal Report

Jenny Bernosky, Principal reported the following:

**Student Activities:** During the last week in January all students in grades 1-8 participated in the annual poetry contest. Finalists were judged by Evelyn Muro, Cindy King and Suzie Souza. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will recite their poems at the March Board meeting and will also recite them at the Rotary meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Wrestling season has started with Mr. Parra coaching the Spring Grove Tigers. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be included in the wrestling program this year. Theater Arts will begin at the end of February under the supervision of Michele Perez-Picha, ELD Teacher. Over 50 students will participate. The play this year will be Lion King Jr.

**Student Academics:** All students took the Winter District Writing Assessment. Data will be shared in March. Students scoring below grade level have been placed in intervention to address their needs. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are working on their science projects.

**Professional Learning Communities (PLC's):** Grade level teachers are working on scoring writing assessments and interim

block short answers to gather data. TK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers are working on implementing Footsteps to Brilliance. A parent night will be held in March. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers met with Mrs. Bernosky to review reading results and to set a plan of action to move students to grade level in reading.

**Professional Development:** All certificated staff participated in PD provided by teachers. Primary teachers attended the Thinking Maps training and upper grade teachers attended a google docs/forms training provided by teacher Aaron Griffin. Trainings went very well and teachers were able to implement strategies immediately. Mrs. Bernosky is working with 6 teachers on the Whole Brain Teaching strategies.

**Discipline/Suspensions:** There have been 3 suspensions so this year. There were 2 in house suspensions this week.

11. Board Member Report

None

12. Area Trustee Report

None

13. Superintendent Report

Jennifer Bernosky, Superintendent reported the following: Bulletin Board presentations were provided by 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The presentations included different types of poems written by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The PTO Wine and Roses fundraiser will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**San Benito County Joint Board Meeting:** The San Benito County Joint Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30 at San Juan Oaks.

**Board Member Walkthrough:** A Board Member walkthrough will be held sometime in March.

**Enrichment Round 2:** 160 students will participate in Round 2 of after school Enrichment. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be offered Art and Footsteps to Brilliance. Art will also be offered to 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Art classes will enter their art into the San Benito County Art Exhibit. After school tutoring is also available to 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:10 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

**Current and Projected Enrollment:** Current and projected enrollment numbers were provided in the Board Packet. Numbers are based on filling 4 TK/K classes at 24:1 in each class. Projections do not include retentions. The largest classes will be 5<sup>th</sup> grade with about 30 students per class. Mrs. Bernosky plans to maintain FTE at 34.6 for the 2017/2018 school year.

Mrs. Bernosky asked the Board if they would like to participate in a Plannint Workshop. She would like to discuss goals and possibly come up with a 5 year plan. She asked Board members to let her know dates they would be available.

## CONSENT ITEMS

In a motion by Cindy King, seconded by Stan Pura, the Board approved Consent Items 1-4, as presented

**Vote:**

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

## ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. 2017/2018 District Budget Calendar and Guidelines

In a motion by Ted Zanella, seconded by Cindy King the Board voted to approve the 2017/2018 District Budget Calendar and Guidelines, as presented

Vote:

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

2. 2015/2016 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

In a motion by Cindy King, seconded by Stan Pura, the Board voted to approve the 2015/2016 School Accountability Report Card, as presented

Vote:

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

3. CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot

In a motion by Cindy King, seconded by Ted Zanella the Board voted for George Wylie for CSBA Delegate, and authorized the Superintendent to complete, sign and return the ballot, as presented

Vote:

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

4. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

In a motion by Ted Zanella, seconded by Stan Pura, the Board voted to adopt the updated and/or new Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, as presented

Vote:

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

**TRUSTEES FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Calendar
- b) Wonder Woofs
- c) CAASPP Action Plan
- d) Summer School
- e) Solar

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

- Thursday, April 6, 2017
- Thursday, May 4, 2017
- Wednesday, May 31, 2017
- Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

In a motion by Ted Zanella, seconded by Stan Pura, the Board voted to Convene to Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

Vote:

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

In a motion by Cindy King, seconded by Stan Pura the Board reconvened to open session at 9:45 p.m. There was no action taken in closed session.

**Vote:**

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

In a motion by Ted Zanella, seconded by Cindy King, the Board adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

**Vote:**

Cindy King	Aye	Stan Pura	Aye
Frank O'Connell	Absent	Ted Zanella	Aye
Renee Faught	Aye		

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jennifer Bernosky, Secretary  
North County Board of Trustees