

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

**May 19, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President Reneé Faught

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

Members absent: None

1. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carol Hawkins, Teacher
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. Employee Recognition  
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent recognized retiring teacher Carol Hawkins and thanked her for her years of service and dedication to Spring Grove School. Ms. Muro presented Ms. Hawkins with a gift from the District.
5. Student Presentation
  - a) Theater Art Presentation  
Board Members were presented with a preview of the Theater Arts Production "High School Musical Jr." in the School Gym. The play will take place on May 21, 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b) Spelling Bee Winners  
Cheryl Waters and Renee Kretz, first grade teachers, presented the winners of the first grade spelling bee. Each student spelled a word for the Board Members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**REPORTS/INFORMATION**

1. Student Board Member Report  
Erica Chapa, Student Board Member, reported ASB is getting ready for the end of the year with games, spirit days and noon time activities.
2. Withdrawal from SELF  
Tom Russo, Keenan & Associates provided the Board with information relating to financial and operational issues facing North County Joint Union School District membership in the Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) JPA. It was recommended the Board review options for withdrawal of membership in the SELF JPA
3. Graduation update  
Rachelle Lalande, Graduation Coordinator reported all is going well with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation plans. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> and preparations are being made for the last lunch which will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The graduation ceremony will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
4. 2010/2011 School Calendar  
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reviewed the draft of the school calendar for the 2010/2011 school year. The calendar mirrors the starting and ending date of the school calendar for San Benito High

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School. Ms. Muro requests approval of the calendar under Discussion/Action item E.1 at this evening's meeting.

5. Summer Professional Development Jenny Bernosky, Principal reported on summer professional development. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Grove Teachers will be invited to participate in the San Benito County Math Initiative which will be held in early August at Hollister School District. Spring Grove teachers will also be invited to attend Incorporating Reading Strategies into a K-8 RtI Framework with Anita Archer which will be held the week after school is out at Marguerite Maze Middle School Gym. Professional development will also be offered through San Benito County Office of Education throughout the summer.
6. Summer Facilities Projects Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations provided the Board with a prioritized list of projects to be accomplished during the summer. District Administration proposes the following list:
  - a) Remove stucco on the gymnasium and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade wing and replace with wood siding
  - b) Enlarge concrete pathway in front of rooms 30-33
  - c) Install irrigation system around building A and add plants/bushes
  - d) Expand warehouse entrance
  - e) Infrastructure for primary classrooms to maximize instruction
  - f) Concrete ramps in front of all classrooms to match the library

It was suggested the drip irrigation and plants may be done by parents. The board requested Ms. Hansen come back to the board with bids for the concrete ramps.
7. Class Size Reduction Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations reported North County Joint Union School District current year funding for Class Size Reduction (CSR) is based on the 2007/2008 rate. The District will continue to use Option One – Programs operated for the full school day. This will result in a decrease and will require additional support from the general fund.
8. 2009/2010 Principal Apportionment (P-2) Report Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations reviewed the Principal Apportionment (P-2) Report with Board Members. Ms. Hansen noted the District P-2 Budget is based on 690 students with the District ADA at 711. Enrollment can increase to 37 before the District is penalized.
9. Monthly Attendance Report Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services & Operations, provided the Board with the Monthly attendance report noting after 9 months of attendance there is a 96.43% attendance rate. Enrollment as of today's date is 745 with an average daily attendance of 712.81.
10. NCTA Report Cathie Power, NCTA President, thanked the Mark Wright family for the recent lunch provided to the entire staff. She also provided the

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Board with the May copy of “What’s Happening at the Grove?” which listed activities at each grade level.

### 11. Director, Fiscal Services and Operations Report

Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations reported the Governors January proposal is still in line and requested to go forward for adoption. She also shared some of the new statutory rates for the 2010/2011 school year as well the proposed 18-20% increases for the health and welfare plans. Bargaining units have received information on alternate benefit plan options to review. Lottery revenues have been increased by \$1.00 from \$125.00 to \$126.00 per ADA. This will be reflected in adopted budget in June.

### 12. Assistant Principal Report

Elaine Klauer, Assistant Principal reported STAR testing has been completed and shipped off. The District should receive results between July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Klauer also reported on the upcoming Migrant Summer School Program which will begin on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teacher Laurie Dukes has been hired to lead the summer program. Four teachers will be hired to teach the Algebra Academy, Jumpstart Academies for First/Second, Third/Fourth grades and Pre K and Kinder as well. There will be a pre and post assessment of the 65 students. Transportation will be provided. Ms. Klauer also reported ELD classes will finish on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Ms. Klauer will bring the pre and post results to the Board at the June Board meeting.

### 13. Principal Report

Jenny Bernosky, Principal shared she had just attended the Teacher of the Year recognition at the San Benito County Office of Education which honored Spring Grove Teacher Jeanne Munoz. There were several Spring Grove students there as well to honor Ms. Munoz. Awards were presented to Ms. Munoz by Mary Ann Filice, Board Representative for North County.

Ms. Bernosky took a moment to thank Ms. Klauer for the great job she did on the STAR testing. Ms. Bernosky also reviewed the following student activities:

- Ms. Andrade took 15 8<sup>th</sup> graders to work at the Baler Gifted Games.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers took students to visit the Zoom Eyewear Office in Hollister
- Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> YMCA will sponsor a fun run during lunch
- On May 26<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will conclude the GREAT program
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders will take a field trip to Monterey on May 25<sup>th</sup> to the IMAX theatre
- Kindergartners will take a field trip on May 26<sup>th</sup> to Casa de Fruta for the morning
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will go to hear the Monterey Symphony in Salinas on May 27<sup>th</sup>
- The Talent Show will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>
- On June 1<sup>st</sup> Eighth graders will go to Great America and Pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the annual Spring Grove Play Day

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- The Final Awards Assembly will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day of school and the graduation will be held at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

After school math: Ms. Bernosky reviewed the growth results of the students that participated in the afterschool Algebra and Pre Algebra math program.

Academic Vocabulary Pilot Program: 12 teachers met to create grade level academic vocabulary lists which will focus on vocabulary development for all students.

Collaboration: Teachers are working on scoring writing samples, sharing and discussing instruction for next year.

Bullying: Ms. Bernosky visited 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes to discuss bullying and gave the students a survey she received from the County. The results will be reviewed and shared at a future board meeting.

Eighth grade students in danger of not being able to participate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities have been notified

Information will go home with students at the end of the month regarding the Summer Reading Program

There has been 2 more suspensions since the last Board meeting for a total of 15 suspensions for the 2010/2011 school year

PTO will provide lunch for the staff tomorrow and there will be a thank you for volunteers in the Board Room on May 26<sup>th</sup>

### 14. Board Member Report

Rodney Bianchi, Trustee met with San Benito County Supervisor Margie Barrios to discuss a stop light at Fairview and Spring Grove Roads. Mr. Bianchi asked if busses could come in at the shop driveway to help alleviate traffic congestion at the front of the school. He also suggested vests for employees with parking lot duty. Cindy King, Trustee reported there is County Committee on School District Organization meeting on May 27.

### 15. Superintendent Report

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reported she has talked to staff about the current situation with Interdistricts. The District has sent a letter to families of all interdistrict students letting them know the District is ready for them in the 2010/2011 school year. There are currently approximately 30 returning interdistrict agreement requests that have not been approved by Hollister School District. She noted that parents whose Interdistricts are not approved have the option of appealing at the San Benito County Office of Education. However the appeal process can take up to 45 days. Ms. Muro stated if Hollister School District revokes interdistrict requests North County Joint Union School District will take legal action. At this time it is not known who is in charge at Hollister School District so there is no one to speak to. However a new Superintendent is to be selected on May 31, 2010. Trustee Rodney Bianchi requested Ms. Muro send a letter to Hollister School District seeking information on their plans relating to interdistrict agreements for the coming years.

The following employees will be attending the Distinguished School Celebration in June – Teachers Cathy Power, Julie Neff and Kathy Kilday. Assistant Principal Elaine Klauer, Board Member René

Faught and Superintendent Evelyn Muro.

With the change in leadership Ms. Muro suggested a Board Retreat before school starts. Items to be discussed would be Board Norms, Goals and Objectives and Roles of the Board and Administration.

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**CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve Consent Items #1-3, as presented

***Vote: Unanimous***

**ACTION/DISCUSSION**

1. 2010/2011 School Calendar

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Cindy King to approve the 2010/2011 School Calendar, as presented

***Vote: Unanimous***

2. Board Meeting Dates for the 2010/2011 School Year

Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve the Board Meeting Dates for the 2010/2011 School year, as presented

***Vote: Unanimous***

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Projected Class Size
- Dates for Board Workshop before school starts
- Letter to San Benito County Supervisor Margie Barrios requesting she attend a future Board Meeting to discuss a stop light and Fairview and Spring Grove Road Intersection

**2009/2010 SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- Wednesday June 2, 2010
- Wednesday June 22, 2010

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments on closed session agenda items

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

In a motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Mark Wright the board convened to closed session at 8:25 p.m.

***Vote: Unanimous***

**RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN**

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Cindy King to reconvene to open session at 9:58 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

***Vote: Unanimous***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mark Wright, seconded by Frank O'Connell to adjourn at 9:59 p.m.

***Vote: Unanimous***

Respectfully Submitted,

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Evelyn Muro, Secretary  
North County Board of Trustees