

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

October 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cindy King, Board President
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Reneé Faught, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve the agenda, as presented
Vote: Unanimous
3. Recognition of Visitors
None
4. Student Presentation
Lisa Sinclair, Seventh Grade Teacher reported that 7th grade students recently completed a science project on the structure of plant and animal cells. Two students, Jacob Lewellen and Sofia Deleon attended the meeting and explained the detail of their projects to the Board. Other projects by the remainder of Ms. Sinclair's 7th grade class were on display in the Board room for the Board to preview.
5. Staff Recognition
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reported there was a new 7th grade teacher, Ms. Armenta. Ms. Armenta was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Ms. Muro also reported that teachers Addie Muenzer and Rob Picha have achieved permanent status at North County Joint Union School District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS/INFORMATION

1. Student Board Member Report
None
2. Complaint Summary relating to the Williams Settlement
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reported there were no complaints relating to the Williams Settlement during the periods July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.
3. Spring Grove School Signs
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reported that at the last Board meeting two community members voiced concerns relating to the recent signage on school district fences which states dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Ms. Muro reminded the Board that at the June 25, 2009 Board meeting the Board discussed proposed signage and at that time directed Shannon Hansen, Director, Maintenance and Operations to provide the District with signage that reflects "No Animals" and "No Golf" and to indicate the park will be open from dawn to dusk. After comments from the last meeting Ms. Muro contacted Don Kelly from the Parks & Recreation commission and asked for his thoughts – he stated the Parks Department would stand behind whatever the District decided to do. He did say that County parks require dogs to be on a six inch leash. Ms. Muro also informed the Board that San Benito High School has signage which states No Dogs. Board President Cindy King stated that as indicated in a public comment at the last Board meeting some visitors pick up after

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their dogs and some do not. Trustee Rodney Bianchi stated that most residents live on at least 5 acres and wonders if we really need to allow dogs on property. It would be great if it were guaranteed that everyone on campus with dogs picked up after their dogs but unfortunately the District is not able to provide that type of supervision. He feels the District should stick with the No Dogs policy.

Spring Grove Resident Cathy Power stated her daughter cannot ride her bike on Tevis Trail or Spring Grove Road because it is not safe. Spring Grove is the closest Community Center with the nearest park being 8 miles away in Hollister. Spring Grove is where families come to play and she is disappointed dogs and bikes are not allowed. Board President Cindy King stated that riding bikes on school property is also unsafe due to bike riders running into people walking on campus. If someone gets hurt, who is responsible? Trustee Reneé Faught stated she has been called to the campus on the weekends due to children riding skateboards on the picnic tables in the lunch area – what if someone got hurt when no adults were available?

Resident Christine Hyde stated she is a law abiding citizen and a tax payer and does not want to go all the way into town to train her dog. She feels the new regulations are unfair to law abiding citizens. Evelyn Muro, Superintendent, said she understands how the residents feel but it is the District's responsibility to maintain the facility. Trustee Reneé Faught asked if possibly a dog park area could be designated, Board President Cindy King said she was not in favor of a dog park. Trustee Rodney Bianchi requested Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services & Operations provide the Board with information on a facilities use agreement for "dogs only" at the next Board meeting.

4. 2008/2009 Title III Accountability Report

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent provided the Board with information on the Title III Accountability Report which reflects whether English Learners are making adequate yearly progress. Ms. Muro provided the Board with information indicating that North County Joint Union School District has met every single bench mark on the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO's).

5. Attendance Incentives

Due to the potential loss of five days of ADA because of the way the 2009/2010 school calendar was developed, Jenny Bernosky, Principal, and Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations, provided the Board with an update of attendance incentives. Ms. Hansen shared several ideas such as trips to the movies, morning breakfast, movie and gift card, trips to the Gilroy bowling alley and pizza parties. Ms. Hansen did say that the District does not want parents to bring students to school who are sick. Discussion was also held regarding independent study.

6. New Classified Position/Job Description

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reported on a new classified position, Interview Support Specialist, needed to provide support for RtI. A job description was also presented to the Board for approval. The job description will come back to the Board for approval at the next regular scheduled Board meeting.

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7. New Board Policy/Administrative Regulations
Evelyn Muro, Superintendent presented the board with a new Board Policy and Administrative Regulation BP & AR 2140 – Evaluation of the Superintendent. The policy provides evaluation based on Performance Standards and District goals and objectives. It would also allow feedback from observers outside the Board. This policy will come back to the Board for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.
8. Monthly Attendance Report
Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services & Operations, provided the Board with the Monthly attendance report noting a 96.76% attendance rate after 1 full month of attendance. Enrollment as of today's date is 732.
9. NCTA
Cathie Power, NCTA President, presented the Board with the October edition of "What's Happening at the Grove?" and reviewed activities at each grade level. Some highlights were attendance at the San Benito County Fair by the Kindergarten classes. Sixth graders are excited about attending Science Camp next week. She also thanked Mark Wright for auctioning baked goods at the Fall Festival.
10. Principal's Report
Jenny Bernosky, Principal, reported the following:
Student Academics – Progress reports were sent home on September 24th and the second round of progress reports will be given out November 2nd – 6th which is parent/teacher conference week. The semester ends on December 17th. Students have been taking benchmark exams in English Language Arts and Math. Results will be discussed with parents during parent/teacher conference week.
Student Activities – Associated Student Body Officers went to Salinas for a leadership conference. A middle school dance is planned for October 30th. Parent volunteers are running the Tiger Running Club which takes place during the student's lunch time. Sixth grade science camp will take place on October 19-23rd. The Fall Festival took place on October 9th and was fabulous making a great deal of money for classes.
Teacher Collaboration – Ms. Bernosky and Ms. Muro have been reviewing, with teachers by grade level, CST scores from last spring focusing on strengths and weaknesses. Scores were also compared with other San Benito County Schools and the State of California.
San Benito County Fair – 25 students attended the San Benito County Fair on contract. Ms. Addie Muenzer, teacher, was at the Fair as teacher on duty. Attendance remained about 97% during Fair time.
Response to Intervention – All students who are at risk have been assessed for RtI. Small groups will be formed and work will start the first week of November.
Suspensions – There was one suspension since the last Board Meeting for a total of 3.
Skillbuilding – 6th – 8th grade students have completed their first round of skillbuilding and there has been significant growth.
11. Director, Fiscal Services & Operations' Report
Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations reported the following:

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Facilities: Ceiling mounted projection systems have been installed. Classroom printers have been ordered.

Ms. Hansen met with a representative from Bellinger Foster Steinmetz regarding drainage problems in the contours of the southeast fields which are not working properly. More discussions will be held with Perma Green. There is much concern as to who will be financially responsible to correct the problem. Trustee Rodney Bianchi indicated he would be interested in attending future meetings regarding this issue.

A representative from P.G. & E. was here yesterday to conduct an energy audit. Many suggestions were provided to save energy. The District will receive a report outlining all measures that may be taken to conserve energy. Ms. Hansen will share the report with the Board at a future Board meeting.

Fork lift training has been scheduled for Pete Garcia and Jim O'Donnell. Eileen Wilson, Kitchen Helper will have training to be certified for her position

Transportation – Due to safety concerns it may be necessary to eliminate a bus stop.

Budget – October 31st is the ending date for First Interim reporting. The report is due to the County Office on or before December 15th.

12. Board Member Report

None

13. Superintendent's Report

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent, provided the Board with her work calendar for the month of October and thanked them all for attending the Board Member visitation of classrooms and the Measure M Celebration. She also reported the following:

The Plan for Expelled students was discussed at the Superintendent's Meeting and it was recognized there is a gap in the plan. Further discussion of the Plan for Expelled students will be held at the next Superintendent's Meeting. Also, during the Superintendent's meeting Dr. Susie Villa recommended North County Joint Union School District apply to be a Distinguished School. Ms. Muro said the District will apply if qualified.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Reneé Faight, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve Consent Items #s 1 & 2, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held regarding a resolution to certify whether each pupil has, or will have, prior to the end of the 2009/2010 fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the California Department of Education and Approval of the Disclosure of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the North County Joint Union School District and The North County Teachers' Association.

There were no comments.

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ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Resolution #09/10-04

Motion by Rodney Bianchi seconded by Frank O'Connell to adopt Resolution #09/10-04 to certify whether each pupil has, or will have, prior to the end of the 2009/2010 fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the California Department of Education.

Vote: Unanimous

2. Disclosure of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between North County Joint Union School District and North County Teachers' Association

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to approve the Disclosure of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the North County Joint Union School District and the North County Teachers' Association, as presented

Vote: Unanimous

3. Certificated Agreement between North County Joint Union School District and North County Teachers' Association

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve the 2009-2012 Certificated Agreement between the North County Joint Union School District and the North County Teachers' Association, as presented

Vote: Unanimous

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Use of Facilities (Sample of Facilities form requested)
- Attendance Incentives

2009/2010 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Tuesday, November 17, 2009
- Tuesday, December 8, 2009
- Wednesday, January 20, 2010
- Thursday, February 11, 2010
- 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

In a motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell the Board adjourned to closed session at 8:04 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous

RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN

In a motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Reneé Faught the Board reconvened to open session 8:53 p.m. and reported no action was taken

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell the Board adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous

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Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Muro, Secretary
North County Board of Trustees