

**NORTH COUNTY JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members present: Cindy King, Board President; Reneé Faught, Board Clerk; Rodney Bianchi, Trustee; Frank O'Connell; Trustee; Mark Wright; Trustee
Members absent: None

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led Breana Sicely, Student Board Member

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve the agenda, as presented
Vote: Unanimous

3. Recognition of Visitors

None

4. Student Presentation

Jenny Bernosky, Principal reported for Jennifer Andrade, Student Council Advisor that participation in the student council elections was very enthusiastic this year. So many students ran for office that several were appointed as assistants. The new student council is as follows:

President:	Breana Sicely
Vice President:	Sydney Lomanto
Activities Commissioner:	Isaiah Neal
Treasurer:	Jake Livingston
Asst. Treasurer:	Grant Bernosky
Spirit Commissioner:	Robbie Kelly
Asst. Spirit:	Giovanni Silva
Candy Gram Commissioner:	Tyler Yeager
Publicity Commissioner:	Neyva Martinez
Asst. Publicity:	Jacob Lewellen
Secretary:	Rachel Smithee

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parent Cathie Power commented on public use of School grounds. Ms. Power stated she has been coming to the school grounds with her children and dogs for the last 6 years and feels the new use policy is overly restrictive. She said she helped pass the bond, voted for and paid for it and is disappointed her family is not welcome here. She has checked with Hollister School District and found they do not have a use policy for their school grounds. As a parent and resident who supported Measure M she feels constituents are not being served.

Christine Hyde commented on use of athletic fields. She stated that she and her dog have used the fields to practice almost on a daily basis for many years. As a very good citizen she always picks up after her dog and other dogs as well. She would like to know what the concerns are and how they can be addressed.

Robert Bernosky commented on use of fields. Mr. Bernosky stated

he was on the North County Joint Union School District Board of Trustees during the time Measure M went to the voters. At the time Measure M was promoted to the community there was no indication the facilities would be used for dogs. He also said the issue is not the responsible community members but those community members who do not clean up. The District has a huge investment and responsibility to make sure the facilities are kept in the best possible condition. He also noted Hollister and state parks do not allow dogs. Mr. Bernosky urged the Board to think very carefully if this becomes an agenda item because the fields are for the children not dogs.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

1. Student Board Member Oath of Office and report

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent administered the Oath of Office to Breana Sicely newly elected Student Board Member. There was no Student Board Member report

2. CST, AYP and API results

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent, reported Spring Grove School's Academic Performance Index (API) rose by 20 points (from 2008) to 824 for 2009! Ms. Muro provided the Board with a power point presentation on Content Standards Tests (CST) results for 2009 which included comparisons of the last four years. CST Results have been provided to parents and students and results have been shared and discussed with staff. Annual Yearly Progress Report and Academic Performance Index (API) reports were also presented. Ms. Muro also shared the good news that Spring Grove School has met all of the criteria for 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 to move out of Program Improvement, although the District has not had official notice. Funds tied to Program Improvement (PI) can be diverted to other programs if the school is in fact out of PI. Increasing student achievement on Content Standard Test scores so all students are proficient or advanced is a District Goal. The District will continue skill building/focused standards instruction; include second and third grades along with fourth through eighth and keep focused on EL and ED performance while looking for ways to increase the white subgroup performance.

3. Monthly Attendance Report

Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services & Operations provided the Board with the Monthly attendance report noting a 97.83 attendance rate for the 1st month. She also shared a concern regarding the 2009/2010 attendance reporting calendar for P1 and P2. The District will lose 5 attendance days due to Spring Break. Ms. Hansen suggested an attendance/ incentive motivation to help keep attendance up. Enrollment as of today's date is at 735.

4. Unaudited Actuals 2008/2009

Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations referred the Board of Trustees to the 2008/2009 Unaudited Actuals report and reviewed the following:

- North County Joint Union School District received total revenues of \$5,409,733 and had expenditures of \$4,752,045.
- Unrestricted revenues, expenditures and contributions to restricted programs which included Class Size Reduction,

Routine Restricted Maintenance, Child Nutrition Summer Food, Local Textbooks, Transportation and Special Education.

- Restricted revenues received in 2008/2009 and not budgeted for which included American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Impact Aid; and State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (IDEA). State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) and Impact Aid; and State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (IDEA) funds required expenditures in 2008/2009 and could not carry into the 2009/2010 school year.
- Approval of the Categorical Funds Sweep of Tier III programs as of 6/30/2008 ending fund balances which resulted in a total sweep of \$138,375. By sweeping these funds the District was able to retain staff and current program delivery.

The district financials reflect a positive fiscal position with reserves maintained at the 8.0% designation for economic uncertainty.

5. District Organizational Chart

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent reviewed the North County Joint Union School District Organizational chart which was updated to include the newly appointed position of Assistant Principal.

6. NCTA

NCTA President, Cathie Power, presented the Board with the September edition of “What’s Happening at the Grove?” and reviewed activities at each grade level. Sixth graders are excited about Science Camp in October. After school sports include 7th & 8th grade Girls Volleyball and Boys Flag Football. She also reported that NCTA will be sending teachers to a Rural Issues Conference in January and that she will be attending a Leadership Conference at Santa Clara. NCTA is also working on a possible scholarship for high school graduates that are Spring Grove Alumni. With regards to negotiations Ms. Power stated NCTA presented a response to the District on September 7th and there is a stall because the District withdrew a good faith offer. Ms. Power feels negotiations have taken a step backwards and hopes to report settled negotiations in October.

7. Principal Report

Jenny Bernosky, Principal, reported on the following:

- Student activities which included a “rules assembly”; Student Council fall elections; Fall fundraiser assembly which will also recognize students who participated in the summer reading program.
- Student academics included information on 4th – 8th grade skillbuilding and assessing students for RtI. She also reported Spring Grove School has switched to a semester schedule with the first progress report going home on September 24th. Report cards will go home in January.
- Open House was a huge success with great attendance.
- The focus for collaboration has been identifying the Below Basic and Far Below Basic students and coming up with instruction strategies for these students to be successful.

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- San Benito County Fair. Students who show at the Fair will receive a contract to be filled out by the parent and signed by his/her teacher with the teacher assigning homework to be done while student attends the fair. Teacher, Addie Muenzer, will be at the fair to work with the students and sign them in and out each day.
- Communication. Connect Ed is now in place and will help the school to communicate more efficiently with Spring Grove families.
- As of September 10th there have been 2 suspensions.

8. Director, Fiscal Services and Operations

Shannon Hansen, Director, Fiscal Services and Operations reported the following:

- Budget - A significant loss in Base Revenue Limit (BRL) from \$6,102.66 to \$4,982.52. Based on the 2008/2009 P2 report the total loss of revenue to the district budget is \$166,362.14. This is understood to be a onetime cut and should not be a permanent reduction.
- Facilities - School signage has been installed. With financial support from PTO, ceiling mounted projection systems are scheduled to be installed on September 17th and 18th for 6th through 8th grade classrooms. District printers will be purchased for identified classrooms. New chairs and desks were ordered for 3rd grade.
- Transportation - Some bus routes have been changed and seem to be working well. Overall transportation is doing well and only 3 buses are running on Thursday.

9. Board Member Report

Cindy King, Board President reported the County Committee on School District Organization has been established and a meeting will be scheduled to appoint members. Ms. King will be a member of the committee. A new District representative will be appointed at the District Organizational meeting in December.

10. Superintendent Report

Evelyn Muro, Superintendent provided the Board with a copy of her work calendar for October. Ms. Muro also reported on the following:

- Discussion was held on Board Member campus tour/classroom visitations and decided it would be held on Monday October 12th at 9:00 a.m. The tours will be given by Jenny Bernosky, Principal, and Ms. Muro.
- Measure M Celebration. A committee has been formed to plan the Measure M Celebration. Shannon Hansen, Suzie Souza, Jenny Bernosky, Don Kelley, Laura Parks, David Kaplansky and Pete Garcia are committee members. Shannon gave the Board a copy of the brochure which was designed by Laura Parks and will be mailed to taxpayers and voters on Monday. Former Superintendent, Howard M. Chase, who spearheaded the Measure M Bond will attend the celebration and will also be a guest speaker.
- Funding for the ACCLAIM program will start in January

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2010. Several Spring Grove teachers attended training in August and will attend more trainings in October and November.

- The Small School District Association (SSDA) conference will be held in Sacramento April 14-16, 2010. Ms. Muro encouraged Board members to attend.
- Ms. Muro reported at the last Superintendent's meeting she requested the plan for expelled students be on the County Superintendent Agenda, however, it was not discussed. Ms. Muro was assured it would be on the October Agenda.
- Ms. Muro thanked Ms. Hillary William's Pre K class for the wonderful art work which was presented on the bulletin board.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Reneé Faught to approve consent items #1 - #6, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was opened regarding the Adoption of Resolution #09/10-02 relating to the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials as required by the Williams Legislation (E.C. 60119)

There were no comments.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Resolution #09/10-02

Motion by Frank O'Connell, seconded by Mark Wright to adopt Board Resolution #09/10-02, regarding the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials as required by Williams Legislation (E.C. 60119), as presented

Vote: Unanimous

2. Resolution #09/10-3

Motion by Reneé Faught, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to adopt Board Resolution #09/10-03 for the GANN Limit, as per updated copy presented

Vote: Unanimous

3. North County Joint Union School District Organizational Chart

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to approve the North County Joint Union School District Organizational Chart, as presented

Vote: Unanimous

4. Change Regular Board Meeting Date

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Reneé Faught to change the date of the October 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting to October 13, 2009.

Vote: Unanimous

TRUSTEES FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- School signage relating to dogs, skateboards, and motor vehicles
- Positive incentives for attendance
- Board member campus tour/classroom visitations

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2009/2010 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Tuesday, October 13, 2009
- 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

Motion by Rodney Bianchi, seconded by Frank O'Connell to convene to closed session at 8:09 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous

RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING AND REPORT ACTION TAKEN

Motion by Cindy King, seconded by Frank O'Connell to reconvene to open session at 8:47 p.m. There was no action taken in closed session.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Reneé Faught, seconded by Rodney Bianchi to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Muro, Secretary
North County Board of Trustees