

Board of Directors' Meeting MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Multi-Purpose Rm. at 6:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President (6:01)
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Leah Warson (LW), Board President (2016)	Present
Mitchi Dragonette (MD), Treasurer (2016)	Present
Chrystine Urban (CU), Secretary (2015)	Present
Melanie Sutton Hodgdon (MSH) , Member at Large (2015)	Present
John Porter (JP), Member at Large (2015)	Present
Mark Swanitz (MS), Member at Large (2016)	Present
Debbie Trujillo (DT), Middle School Teacher Rep.	Present
Joanne Rosenberg (JR), Elementary School Teacher Rep.	Absent
Jim Brown (JB), Superintendent College School District	Present

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Mark Palmerston (MP), School Director	Present
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Attendees: Parents- Erik Raney, 8th Graders: Nathaniel Tagles (6:05-7:57), Wyatt Meyer, Jaxson Urban (6:05-6:50)
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for March 25, 2013 JP moved to approve, MSH 2nd; **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 4) **Public Comment**, See page 1 for instructions
- 5) Consent Agenda
 - a) **Approval of Minutes for February 25, 2014** Motion to approve by MD, 2nd MSH; No discussion; **Motion passed unanimously**
 - b) **Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting March 14, 2014** Motion to approve by MD, 2nd MSH; No discussion; **Motion passed unanimously**
- 6) Standing Reports
 - a) Teacher's Report- DT
 - b) Treasurer's Report- MD Kitchen revenues \$8500 for month; received cash for in lieu of hours; Financial Status Balance 8590 working budget 2002 column s/b \$109K vs.\$202,860 reported ; 8699 s/b \$43K vs \$110K; Total Revenue: bottom number remains accurate per County; MP working with Nina at District to update records and reflect monies in accurate line items.
 - c) Santa Ynez Education Foundation Report- JP Proceeding; "Where's the mask?" campaign currently underway; Golf Tournament publicity will be launched after Auction
 - d) Director's Report- MP
 - 50/50 tickets will go out Friday
 - Hosted 2 teachers from Charter School Almond Acres in San Miguel
 - Parent Volunteer Hours, report provided to Mark reflects 3,300hrs.+ submitted; most support Field Trip; Board Activities;

- Tardies/Absence: implemented violation notification system to parents, reduced violations by approx. 50%; many unexcused absences cleared, working with Mercedes. Next year MP will address handling ‘planned absences’.
 - Outdoor speakers, Jim Messina proposal to increase communication on campus; PTSO has purchased those speakers.
 - Observations; Actively encouraging positive language from adults, parents, staff towards one another and students.
 - Chrome Books, new computer lab (portable) online; additional lab will be arriving soon. Current testing of computers by students has been positive.
- 7) Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Presentation-(State Priorities Handout) MP Goals aligned to the 8 STATE priorities; SYVCS Goals Draft- MP suggests creating “Action Items” for implementation.
- 8) Discuss Smarter Balanced Assessments- MP Chrome Books work, 3 weeks following Spring Break each grade will take Assessments; Students that need accommodations will be provided small group time before and after Spring Break.
- 9) Discuss 2014-2015 School Year:
- Enrollment- MP Letters of Acceptance have been sent out for new students; openings remain in 1st, 4th, & 8th grades; 206 currently enrolled for 2014/15 school year.
 - Middle School Block Scheduling- MP has been working with Middle School teachers as they would like to return to Block Scheduling; MP feels math should be daily, exploring additional scheduling models.
 - 5th Grade Scheduling- (2014-2015 5th Grade Scheduling Handout) Parents have suggested both (keeping schedule as is and multiple subject teacher)
 - Meeting for current 5th grade families; after that date incoming 5th families will have meeting. Decision to be made in May. Families unable to attend will be sent a written survey. Date to be set for first week of April.
 - Transitional Kindergarten- (Transitional Kindergarten Handout) It is not MP's recommendation that we establish a full TK; 3 current families have children that have early Birthday's; some flexibility in Ed Code regarding enrollment in K after 5th birthday. This would be 20 students for K. Charter states K-8 but conversation with JB and District it would be fine, will be addressed during Charter renewal next year. Potential TK students will be assessed in May. Funding is same level. ERIK RANEY, (speaker slip); parent of potential TK student, supports proposal for TK Hybrid Program.
 - Garden (SYVCS Garden Plan) MP Credentialed or non-credentialed for part time position; Budget limitations is part of process. Seeking community input and assistance, proposing school parents take active role.
 - Staffing Timeline- (Staffing Timeline Handouts) Position (K-5) posted on EdJoin and applications have been coming in; current staffing reviews will be complete by end of April, dates for Contracts due may

slip; MP recommends specific Board Mtg. for Contracts. Tentatively set for April 7th at 6:00pm.

- Policy for In The Absence of Director (Policy Handout)- MP has conferred with Kelly Scott; Second Reading: under Short Term, Unavailable Absence, change “their” to “his/her”; “country” to “county”; 2nd page Permanent Absence change “their” to “his/her”; LW suggests including examples of situations under “Short-Term Temporary Absence”
- 10) Discuss vacancy for Board 2014-2015 CU will be vacating position at end of this year; MP suggests encouraging Community members to serve as well as parents.
 - 11) **Vote on Selection of Auditor Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP**
Motion to approve made by MS, 2nd by JP; Open for discussion: NONE
Motion passed unanimously
 - 12) **Vote on Transitional Kindergarten for 2014-15 School Year**
MP recommends that we adopt the proposition. **MS/ MSH**
Motion to approve by MS, 2nd by MSH; Motion passed unanimously.
MS moves to allow for the enrollment for the 3 students in recommendations, MD 2nd
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 13) **Vote on Calendar for 2014-2015**
MP recommends adoption with changes made.
Motion to approve by JP, 2nd by MD. Open for Discussion: MP states changes made to Dec. 19th, Start date, Valley wide pieces are in alignment.
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 14) Public Comment on Agenda items NONE

Adjourned Open Session 7:57

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(b)): One Case
 - a. Frank Blundo (phone call)
 - b. MS motioned to approve final settlement agreement giving latitude to Director and legal counsel to proceed with agreement with no substantial alterations. JP 2nd.
 - c. **Vote AYES 8, 1 NAY (MSH), 1 ABSENT**
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)): Office for Civil Rights Case Number 09-14-1045
 - a. No update
3. Certificated Teacher Negotiations- DT excused 8:25
 - a. (Board Update on Negotiation with Certificated Staff for the 2014-2015 School Year Handout- FOR BOARD EYES ONLY)
4. Personnel Report- Report by MP

Closed Session Adjourned 10:10

OPEN SESSION

- 15) Report from Closed Session
 1. Board approves motion to approve final settlement agreement giving latitude to Director and Legal Counsel to proceed on agreement with no substantial alterations. Vote 8 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent
 2. No Update
 3. No action to report
 4. Accept personnel report as presented

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM