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REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: RIVERGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Clerk Sue O'Connor. All present stood and Mrs. O'Connor led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Board: Sue O'Connor, Kathy Casey, Christine Wilder and Greg Schoonard arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Absent: John Reynolds

Staff: Bill McCabe, Srinivasan, Bob Rose, Pat Hansen-Sedor, Julie Davenport, Duff McCartin, Irene Keener, Gina Hansen-Sedor, John A. McMillen, Katy Penton

Audience Signed In: Tyler Rasmussen, Benjy Stewart, Matt Domicini, Barbara Jensen, Travis Jensen, Trevor Jensen, and Steve Rasmussen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 6.6 approve Surplus – 1978 Bus and 7.6 Consideration and Action on Accountability Report Cards were pulled from the meeting agenda and 8.4 changed from Discussion Board Goals Workshop to Update on GATE.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve the agenda as amended. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

PRESENTATION

The meeting was adjourned to the Computer Lab for a presentation on Computers for Kids by Travis Jensen, Trevor Jensen, Matt Domicini, Tyler Rasmussen, Benjy Stewart from Rivergold's Advanced Computer Class taught by Gina Hansen-Sedor.

STUDENTS

None

CERTIFICATED STAFF

Katy Penton expressed that the Show Case of Schools was un-presented this year and Coarsegold's Valerie Porter's and Mary Ann Englehart's class collaborative efforts and presentation was fabulous.

Duff McCartin bragged about the District's Final Academic Pentathlon Competition winners and reviewed the Academic Pentathlon's competition categories. He expressed it was an honor and pleasure to have been the coach.

CLASSIFIED

None

MANAGERS

Director of Maintenance and Operations John

Principal Bob Rose reviewed Rivergold's activities, scheduled field trips and upcoming events.

John McMillen noted that he had received a really nice note and compliments from teachers this year on the District's bus drivers.

Bill McCabe congratulated Coach McCartin on the District's Academic Pentathlon performance and expressed caution on possible risks in taking class field trips out of the County and the need to engage parents with this concern

He further reported that there would be a four-page insert in the Sierra Star going out to all residents in Eastern Madera County about Coarsegold and Yosemite High School Districts.

Mr. McCabe noted the many districts were requiring TB shots on new enrollees to their district and possibly will be a procedure requirement to come for all districts.

BOARD

Greg Schoonard noted that at his work preparation was being made for up to a 10% cuts and there wasn't good news forthcoming on the State Budget.

Kathy Casey thanked Gina Hansen-Sedor for the Computer Class presentation and noted the Musical Group performance at Rivergold was really neat.

Sue O'Connor expressed that she had enjoyed the ceremony yesterday and suggested the Board consider adjusting their meeting time to accommodate several board members commute time from their work.

There was a brief discussion on board meeting time and it was determined in order to meet all the board business scheduled it was appropriate to maintain the 6:30 p.m. meeting start.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.5 as presented.

- 6.1 Approve Commercial Payment Order – Batch Number 19 Total \$86,258.90
- 6.2 Approve Payroll
- 6.3 Approve Budget Transfers
- 6.4 Approve Meeting Minutes - March 6 & 19, 2003
- 6.5 Ratify Interdistrict Transfers – Leaving: 02-03-141, 142, 143, 144, 145
Entering: 02-03-140

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

BUSINESS

Board Policies
Inter/Intra District Policy

Mr. McCabe reviewed the rationale for the added language to the Interdistrict permit.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the revised Interdistrict Permit Form as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

MASS Ski Program

Mr. McCabe noted that the principal met and established MASS criteria and that the fill in criteria would be established by sites.

There was a lengthy discussion on the criteria presented, the number of opportunities that would be available for each child to participate, the need to raise the program's fee from \$12 to \$15, and making sure that the program did not interfere with both the

student participating and students remaining at school academic learning environment.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the Mass Ski Program criteria as presented.

There was continued discussion on the number of students that are able to participate, the availability for more kids to participate, the number of times each child gets to participate, the reasons for lower participation numbers in the past, the cost of the program, the number of days students miss school because of their participation in the program, the fill in criteria and it was noted that it would be brought back to the board how each site handles fill ins.

The voice vote for approval of the MASS Ski Program criteria was unanimous.

Master Plan/Facilities

Mr. McCabe explained the difference between facility money and school budget and review the Facilities Committee's proposal and the highest priorities. He recommended authorization to move forward to take care of the school's needs.

A motion was made by Kathy Casey and seconded by Greg Schoonard to proceed with the restrooms; portable buildings, kitchen and office remodel projects as presented and to discuss purchasing the strip of land with the adjacent property owner to Rivergold.

There was further discussion on the proposal items and the need to check for design phase plans existence for the Coarsegold stage, that the stage was one of the Board Goals and that the Superintendent would check with the Architect and bring back to the Board a firm figure.

The motion was amended to include financing up to \$450,000 and the remainder out of Developer Fees. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Special Education SDC Class 2003-04

Mr. McCabe reviewed the new delivery model for Special Education that Coarsegold will be operating their own SDC classes and will receive an enhanced allocation from the County to operate those classes to cover the needs of our special day class population. He noted that he was please to say that Vernon Johnson will remain at Coarsegold and the District will also further hirer a part-time SDC and design a model to integrate the K-3 population into regular ed programs.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve the consensus of the agreement as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Spelling Bee Contribution

After a brief discussion as motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve a District contribution toward the Spelling Bee shortfall not to exceed \$700. The voice vote for approval was unanimous

Madera/Mariposa SELPA Local Plan

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve the Madera/Mariposa SELPA Plan as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Board Workshops

There was discussion on the April 30th Madera County School Boards' Workshop and who would be attending.

It was noted there was a Legislative Action Conference in May that may be very interesting and suggested to attend if possible.

INFORMATION

Update Enrollment

The enrollment growth was noted and discussion on the concerns for next year on kindergarten growth at Coarsegold and the possibility of having to provide a shuttle between campuses to accommodate new students.

There was further discussion on Community Day Schools number of students and the possibility to beef up staffing.

Update on Budget/Developer Fees & After School Clubs

Srini Vasan reviewed the Governor's budget at a glance handout with no good news forecasted and the anticipated reductions.

Update on Unification

Mr. McCabe noted that at the March 27th meeting with Christy White that she explained the parameters of the study and framed some issues. He noted that she expressed one of the main arguments is really as a board should they provided the opportunity for voters of the community to vote on the topic of unification. He indicated that May 27th at been set for a Joint School Board Meeting in the Coarsegold Library to hear the results of the study.

After a brief discussion on the unification topic Greg Schoonard expressed a concern about what will her report cover, why we were having an independent study done yet because he hasn't received any information and felt rushed. He indicated that he hoped he has enough information when the time comes to make a decision.

There was a lengthy discussion on unification, bonding issues, the type of unification the Districts were considering any why, the issues to be addressed and getting any questions to Christy White that needed to be addressed.

Update on GATE

Bob Rose gave a brief outline of the CUSD GATE program and that identifying component item was yet to be completed.

Update on Facilities Committee

Already discussed earlier.

Update Character Education

Mr. McCabe gave a brief update on the out growth of things that are occurring in regards to Character building and the program progress.

Sue O'Connor indicated that she would like to see at the next board meeting measurable markers outlined.

Update Public Hearing – Madera County board of Supervisors

Mr. McCabe reviewed the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing Agenda Hearing Item that could affect the school district in its outcome. It was noted the hearing was now schedule for May 19th at 9:00 a.m. He suggested board members put in writing their concerns to be presented to the Supervisors.

BREAK

A break was declared at 9:24 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS/ STUDENT DISCIPLINE/LITIGATION

The board reconvened and adjourned to closed session at 9:26 p.m.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to allow student #000168 to return to Coarsegold Elementary effective April 22nd. The voice vote was for approval.

PERSONNEL

Conference with District Negotiator -
Certificated/Classified

No action taken

SCD Teacher – 2003/2004

A motion was made in closed session by Christen Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to hire Vernon Johnson as a SDC teacher for the 2003/2004 school year. The voice vote was for approval.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session 9:56 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2003 Coarsegold Elementary - 6:30 p.m.
Unification Study Joint School Board Meeting was scheduled for May 27, 2003 Coarsegold Elementary – 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Secretary/Clerk