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REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2003
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: RIVERGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson John Reynolds. All present stood and Mr. Reynolds led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Board: John Reynolds, Sue O'Connor, Kathy Casey, Christine Wilder and Greg Schoonard.

Staff: Bill McCabe, Srinivasan, Pat Hansen-Sedor, Randy Haggard, Bob Rose, Ginny Moody, John McMillen, Marta Haggard, Irene Keener, Stuart Pincus, Russ Morey, Julie Davenport, Christel Biasell

Audience: Jan Schoonard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Sue O'Connor to approve the agenda as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

PRESENTATION

None

STUDENTS

None

CERTIFICATED STAFF

Christel Biasell expressed her concern and noted that she wished to call the Board's attention to the reduction in the band music program at Coarsegold this year.

It was noted that the Music Program at Coarsegold would be agendaized for Board discussion at their next meeting.

CLASSIFIED

Russ Morey presented to Board Members a handout outlining the workload at Rivergold for the janitorial staff with the increased number of classrooms.

Ginny Moody representing both the Rivergold School Office and CSEA expressed what a great start for the year and how having a K-8 campus completes the picture for Rivergold.

MANAGERS

MOT Director John McMillen reviewed the very busy summer accomplishments and what was left to finish up.

Director of Food Services Irene Keener expressed how excited the ladies at Coarsegold were with the new workspace, the big freezer walk-in and two windows; that they felt like they were in a palace. She continued by praising the outstanding job by Mr. Eads and in using local people.

Vice Principal Stuart Pincus noted that the year was off to a great start; that he would be serving campuses every other day and that the growth was exciting.

Principal Randy Haggard expressed what a great first week; thanked his staff for being so flexible; that the PTA Parents had worked hard to whip the campus in shape; echoed Irene's sentiments on the Cafeteria; and thanked the maintenance staff especially Jeff and John for all their hard work.

Principal Bob Rose also indicated that Rivergold was off to a great start; reviewed the exciting events planned with Back to School night happening tomorrow; gave the theme for the year of "Dream, Believe and Achieve"; and would be giving the Board a more in-depth report on the AYP scores, but was please with the results.

BOARD

Christine Wilder expressed how wonderful to see the kitchen working the first day and that it was nice to hear that parents were staying in the District due to Denise in the Home School Program.

Kathy Casey noted that it was a good summer and thanked Bob for a nice first day back.

Greg Schoonard thanked John McMillen; indicated that both campuses were looking great and noted he looked forward to the addition on the multi-purpose room.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.4 as presented.

- 6.1 Approve Commercial Payment Order
- 6.2 Approve Payroll
- 6.3 Approve Budget Transfers
- 6.4 Approve Meeting Minutes - July 2 & 16, 2003

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

BUSINESS

Board Policies
Revised Graduation Requirements

Mr. McCabe reviewed the AR modifications and noted that he would be bring the final revised policy back at the next board meeting for approval.

Discussion ensued on the revised graduation requirements policy and the additional language or changes that needed to be made.

No action was taken.

Resolution 2003/2004-03 Ensuring Text-
Books & Instructional Materials

A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Greg Schoonard to adopt Resolution 2003/2004-03 Ensuring Textbooks & Instructional Materials for each Pupil in District. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

2003/2004 Shared Services

A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the Shared Services Agreements with Yosemite Union High School District as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Trustee Areas

Mr. McCabe reviewed several options that were available for consideration on the trustee areas on the unification petition. He expressed concern that on the population-based format that it was inherent that demographics change every 10 years and that the District would have an on-going expense to adjust those trustee areas. He indicated that his recommendation was for the 3-3-1 model with 3 representatives

from the Bass Lake School District area, 3 representatives from the Coarsegold School District area and 1 from the Raymond School District area.

There was a lengthy discussion on the options with Greg Schoonard continuing to indicate his feeling that Coarsegold was going to have the majority of students in attendance at the high school and that Coarsegold should have the majority representation. Sue O'Connor indicated her support for the 3-3-1 option. Christine Wilder and Kathy Casey both concurred with Mr. Schoonard's feeling, but Mrs. Wilder didn't feel that the 4-3 model would pass. John Reynolds noted that the current model of the high school board structure has been successful for all students.

The was continued discussion and Mr. Reynolds concluded that the 3 elementary school district's model of 3-3-1 was a very very good compromise. Greg Schoonard expressed concerns that people would feel they have lost local control with that option.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Sue O'Connor to approve the 3-3-1 Elementary Trustees Areas model.

There was further discussion.

The voice vote for approval was Reynolds, O'Connor, Wilder – aye; Casey, Schoonard – opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. McCabe noted that Linda Olsen was the new Yosemite High School Board Member for Coarsegold and her name was submitted by Sue O'Connor. He further noted that there were 4 very qualified people from Coarsegold that were considered for the vacant position on the board.

Rivergold Parking Lot Student Pick Up & Drop Off

Bob Rose identified 3 vendors; presented a traffic diagram and indicated the cost for realigning the parking lot for better traffic control and safety would be from \$35,000 to \$36,000.

Crystel Biasell suggested another traffic routing idea for the parking lot and there was a brief discussion on her suggestion.

A motion was made by Kathy Casey to fund the expansion of the parking at Rivergold as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Christine Wilder with the addition to look at the other traffic flow suggestion too. The voice vote for approval was Casey, Schoonard, O'Connor, Wilder – aye; Reynolds – opposed. Motion carried.

Outstanding Legislator of the Year

No action taken.

Board Workshops

Mr. McCabe noted that the Back to School Workshop on September 17th looked good. It was noted that Greg Schoonard and Kathy Casey would attend.

INFORMATION

Update Budget/Developer Fees

Srini Vasan reviewed the highlights from the School Services Conference that the Business Office Personnel attended and updated the Board on the Developer Fee Fund 's activities.

There was a brief discussion on the information received. John Reynolds indicated that he would be presenting to board members a forecast summary at the next meeting.

Mr. Vasan further reported on the escalating medical benefit costs and how it would affect employees.

There was a brief discussion on benefit costs and possible alternative options.

Report Growth Trends Madera County

Mr. McCabe reviewed the State growth trends summary and noted the need to be proactive on CLAD training.

Report School Start

It was noted that the District was off to a fabulous start with enrollment at Coarsegold of about 529 and 549 at Rivergold.

Kathy Casey noted that she liked the color-coding rather than driver names for the buses that it made it easier for students.

Update After School Clubs

Stuart Pincus presented the new contract packet for parents that has to be signed before a child can participate in the program. He also presented a participation report for each club to-date.

There was a brief discussion on the participation numbers that looked very encouraging and that the District was aggressively pursuing the outstanding debt from last year. Mr. Vasan noted that this year there were stricter guidelines in the collection methods. Sue O'Connor questioned if the program would be breaking even.

Mr. McCabe reported on the staff in-service days before the start of school and the important topics presented. He noted that each board member should have received a copy of the Harassment and Child Abuse Reporting presentations. He also indicated that he would make copies for board members of a handout on the Role of Religion in Music/Choir Programs.

Update on Facilities Committee

Mr. McCabe expressed that the Facilities Committee has a bold agenda and will continue their efforts to facilitate as soon as possible to have equitable facilities. He also indicated that there were lots of things happening and we could expect some inconvenience, but the outcome will be worth it.

Greg Schoonard indicated that he would like a timeline and a financial plan brought forward as soon as possible to continue the multipurpose room expansion.

There was a brief discussion on growth in the district and methods to provide a new site to accommodate that growth.

John Reynolds questioned if safety plans were completed and available for both sites. Mr. McCabe indicated that Diane Sefton would be following up to update the Safety Plans.

Stephanie Smittle questioned if the District was currently adhering to the intra/inter district transfer policy. It was noted that both principals were adhering to policy.

BREAK

A break was declared at 8:58 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 p.m. and then adjourned to closed session.

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

PERSONNEL

Accept Resignation Instructional
Assistant – Kellie McConnell

A motion was made in closed session by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Kathy Casey to accept the resignation from Kellie McConnell as an Instructional Assistant. The voice vote was unanimous.

Rescind Layoff - Classified

A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to rescind the Classified Staff layoff as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Conference with District Negotiator –
Classified/Certificated

No action taken

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session 9:12 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The regular meeting that was scheduled for September 17, 2003 at Coarsegold Elementary – 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Secretary/Clerk