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REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2003
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: COARSEGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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, Pat Hansen-Sedor, Randy Haggard, Bob Rose, Srinivasan, Meg King, Paula McCabe, John McMillen, Julie Davenport, Irene Keener

Audience: Bob King, Jan Schoonard, and Andrea Collins

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the agenda were noted at 6.8 Consent Agenda to Approve 5 year Deferred Maintenance Plan.

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

STUDENTS

None

CERTIFICATED STAFF

None

CLASSIFIED

None

MANAGERS

Food Services Director Irene Keener presented a recap on the number of meals prepared and served for the 2002/2003 school year. She thanked the Board for the kitchen addition and expressed that she had the very best staff at both school facilities.

MOT Director John McMillen noted that it was a great year, that there were still many on going projects to be completed, and an end of the year barbeque was held in transportation.

Paula McCabe addressed as Principal the graduation at Community Day School and thanked the board members who attended the ceremony. She gave a brief update on the Community Day School Program.

Coarsegold Principal Randy Haggard thanked the Board for being at graduation and noted the party after was a great success. He thanked all 8th grade teachers and parents for all their efforts in the graduation set up and ceremony. Mr. Haggard continued by thanking both personally and professionally John McMillen and his crew, the PTA, parents, and all staff and expressed what a great team to work with.

Rivergold Principal Bob Rose presented to the Board the first student-produced yearbook.

BOARD

Christine Wilder expressed that graduation was very nice.

Kathy Casey noted that the Spring Fling was great; the kindergarten graduation was especially touching and expressed what a super job the kindergarten teachers do. She continued that graduation really did look wonderful and that the Coarsegold playground equipment looks wonderful and what an amazing job was done with the installation organization.

Greg Schoonard indicated that he really enjoyed 8th grade graduation and being a part of it. He continued by questioning that maybe the second modular piece for the playground should be looked into.

Sue O'Connor expressed that she too enjoyed the 8th grade graduation and Community Day's graduation.

John Reynolds echoed the comments of the other board members on graduation and he expressed that he really wanted to commend staff at both campuses for such a successful school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.8 as presented.

- 6.1 Approve Commercial Payment Order – Batch Number 25
- 6.2 Approve Payroll
- 6.3 Approve Budget Transfers
- 6.4 Approve Meeting Minutes - May 14, 21 & 27, 2003
- 6.5 Approve Summer School Staffing
- 6.6 Approve 2003/2004 Consolidated & GATE Application
- 6.7 Approve 2003/2004 Legal Services – de Goede & Associates
- 6.8 Approve 5 Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

Sue O'Connor questioned the carryover balance in the GATE Program and it was noted that there were still outstanding expenses for the school year to come out of that fund.

Mrs. O'Connor asked for specify numbers of students served at both campuses and how funds were being spent on specially identified program students.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING
DEVELOPER FEE

Bill McCabe reviewed the Developer Fee Justification Study documentation and what the results indicated. He further indicated the fee increase would take effect 60 days after the last district's approval for this year and he would again in November in order to be effective January 2004 ask to raise fees again to the statutory rate.

John Reynolds declared the public hearing open asked for comments and if anyone wanted to address the board regarding the Developer Fee increase as requested. No input was given from the audience and Mr. Reynolds declared the public hearing closed.

Resolution 2002/2003-10
Raising Developer Fees with Fee-Sharing
Agreement

A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve Resolution 2002/2003-10 as presented.

Greg Schoonard questioned why no developers were at this meeting. Mr. McCabe and Mr. Reynolds reviewed the history of the fee implementation and past comments and feelings at other public hearings.

The roll call vote for approval was Casey, O'Connor, Reynolds, Schoonard and Wilder – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2002/2003-11
Adoption of a Notice of Exemption from
CEQA Regarding the Increase in
School Facilities

A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve Resolution 2002/2003-11 as presented. The roll call vote for approval was Casey, O'Connor, Reynolds, Schoonard and Wilder – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
2003/2004 District Budget

John Reynolds declared the public hearing open for the 2003/2004 District Budget.

Director of Business Srini Vasan gave a power point presentation on the 2003/2004 District Budget.

There was a brief question and answer period. Greg Schoonard indicated that he would like to see a workshop on budget sometime soon and it was determined that a workshop would be set the first part of August. There were further questions on what impact there would be if the district didn't share services with the high school.

Adopt District Budget

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to adopt the 2003/2004 District Budget as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Textbook Adoption

Paula McCabe reviewed the Textbook Committee's process in evaluating textbooks. She then presented the Committee's recommendation for 6th, 7th and 8th grades the program books from McDougal-Littell. She reviewed the program books and noted that the publisher would furnish consumables free to the District for the life of the books and that enough books would be ordered for each student.

Mrs. McCabe indicated consideration of the K-5 textbooks was still being considered at the committee level and a recommendation would be forth coming.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve purchasing the 6th, 7th & 8th grades textbooks as presented.

It was noted that the purchase cost would be approximately \$25,000 for 6th, 7th & 8th grades and the K-5 would be approximately \$70,000.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Parent Request –
Early Admission to Kindergarten

Mr. McCabe reviewed both Ed Code and Board Policy regarding early admission to kindergarten.

There was a lengthy discussion.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder to deny the early admittance request. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

It was determined to direct the Superintendent to get a legal opinion on early admittance to kindergarten.

A motion was made by Kathy Casey and seconded by Greg Schoonard to table the parent request until the July 2nd board meeting. The voice vote for approval was Casey, O'Connor, Reynolds, and Schoonard – aye; Wilder – opposed. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion and it was determined that the next few scheduled board meetings would be conducted at Rivergold due to the construction at Coarsegold.

Unification Study

Addendum to Resolution #534 Unification Petition

Mr. McCabe gave a brief overview of the addendum to the unification resolution. The areas to clarify and be embedded on the resolution petition are (1) trustee areas, (2) bond indebtedness, and (3) continuation of the Developer Fee split.

Mr. McCabe further reviewed the demographers trustee areas with approximately 3060 people per trustee area and noted that every 10 years reapportionment would transpire.

There was a lengthy discussion on the trustee areas and concern expressed about the Coarsegold area representation on the new board. It was determined to direct the Superintendent to have other options presented on trustee areas such as 3 BLSD, 3 CUSD and 1 Raymond all elected at large and to set up a joint meeting between the boards to discuss options that will be presented.

A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the addendum item 10 Bond Indebtedness, 11 Future Bonds, and 12 Developer Fees as presented. The roll call vote for approval was Casey – opposed; O'Connor, Schoonard, Reynolds, Wilder – aye. Motion carried.

Break

A break was declared at 9:03 p.m.

Reconvene

The meeting was reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

Unification

There was additional discussion on the Unification Report Study and it was noted the questions and answers were on the District Website for public perusal.

John Reynolds requested he be e-mailed a copy of tonight's presentation.

Greg Schoonard expressed his concerns on the handling of information and board/superintendent interaction regarding the unification process.

Board Workshops

John Reynolds noted the next Madera County School Boards Association Meeting in Chowchilla next Thursday.

It was determined that John Reynolds would represent the school district at the annual CSBA Conference.

INFORMATION

Update Ending Enrollment

Board information.

Update After School Clubs

Mr. McCabe noted that the programs were for after school and not for day care services that would require other types of licensing. He further noted for next year the morning clubs would be dropped; that there would be a minimum hour requirement; fees would increase; and there would be a reduction of hours for the lead positions.

Update on Facilities Committee
Stage Foot Print

John Reynolds requested this item be tabled.

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

PERSONNEL

The board adjourned to closed session at 10:04 p.m.

Conference with District Negotiator –
Classified/Certificated

No action taken

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session 10:05 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Topics for the upcoming board meetings were discussed.

The next Board Workshop was scheduled for July 2, 2003 at Rivergold Elementary - 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting that was scheduled for July 16, 2003 at Rivergold Elementary – 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary/Clerk