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REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2003  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: COARSEGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board President 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, Irene Keener, Srinivasan, Bob Rose, Randy Haggard, Pat Hansen-Sedor, Kay Emmert, Meg King, Julie Davenport, John A. McMillen, Katy Penton, Sherry Graves, Valerie Porter and Paula McCabe

Audience: Jan Schoonard, Sandy Dew, Bob King, Priscilla Pike, and Brea Jacks

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addendum Item on Consent Agenda 6.11 Approve Instructional Material Services Agreement.

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

PRESENTATION - MESA

Randy Haggard introduced the Program Coordinator from MESA Shirley Lane. She gave a brief outline of her responsibilities and school involvement through the MESA Program. She noted her main responsibility is to get kids interested in participating not just students of Native American decent. Another part of her job is to bring new and different offerings for students and she showed just one of the Moon Rocks that were brought to schools in the area through the program.

Paula McCabe introduced Brea Jacks who for the last six weeks has been doing his senior project here at Coarsegold as the Assistant Track Coach. Brea presented a power point show of what he did as the Assistant Track Coach.

STUDENTS

None

CERTIFICATED STAFF

Paula McCabe expressed that she would like to recognize Sherry Graves and John McMillen for all their help during the year at Community Day.

Kay Emmert noted that the Madera County Track Meet just finished up thanks to Rivergold for taking over the coordination and Bob Rose for all his pre-meet help and Yosemite High for the usage of their track.

CLASSIFIED

None

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## MANAGERS

Principal Bob Rose reviewed the number of events scheduled and noted that Kori Davis was the FISH winner this month.

He further indicated that last Friday the lead singer Jack Hannah from the Sons of the San Joaquin taught all the students a song. He also noted that the EAST Program at Yosemite was funding raising for the Make a Wish Foundation and Jack and Dusty donated their proceeds from their performance to that foundation.

Mr. Rose continued and thanked the Board for the softball field and noted that students and staff held their softball game on it already.

Principal Randy Haggard noted that Debbie Carter was teacher of the month and Phyllis Porter was classified staff of the month and that the Golden Apple recipient from Coarsegold this year was PTA President Kari McCully.

He reviewed upcoming events and dates and indicated that sometime next week Coarsegold would be receiving the playground equipment.

MOT Director John McMillen reviewed the areas of pending construction and maintenance activities.

Director of Food Services Irene Keener expressed that she was honored to be asked to do a nutrition education lesson in Mrs. Porter's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and that next year one of her goals is to do more. She noted that the kitchen project was coming along.

## BOARD

Kathy Casey expressed a thank you to Kiwanis for the many things planned at the Rodeo for kids even though it was rained out for the most part. She further indicated how impressed she was about what an 8<sup>th</sup> grader wrote about the War in Iraq. She requested, on behalf of Nancy Flynn, help to man the Kiwanis booth at the upcoming Peddlers Fair.

Greg Schoonard expressed thanks to everyone for what he feels was an excellent school year for his kids.

John Reynolds thanked the Board for allowing him to go to Sacramento to the Delegate Assembly and reviewed a pending constitutional amendment that would help maintain quality of education and requested Board endorsement.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Sue O'Connor to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.11 as presented.**

- 6.1 Ratify Commercial Payment Order – Batch Number 20 Total \$98,306.26
- 6.2 Approve Commercial Payment Order – Batch Number 21 Total \$ \$5,871
- 6.3 Approve Commercial Payment Order – Batch 22 Total \$139,158.09
- 6.4 Ratify reprocessing Lost Warrant – Batch Number 23
- 6.5 Approve Commercial Payment Order – Batch Number 24 Total \$74,375
- 6.6 Approve Payroll
- 6.7 Approve Budget Transfers
- 6.8 Approve Meeting Minutes - April 9, 2003
- 6.9 Correspondence: Regarding Second Interim Report – Charlotte Lander MCOE
- 6.10 Approve Mandated Costs Agreement 2003/2004
- 6.11 Addendum: Approve Instructional Material Services Agreement

**The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

BUSINESS

Mr. Reynolds noted that he was going to jump around a bit on agenda items and some would be taken out of order.

Accountability Report Card

A brief thumbnail sketch was presented by Bob Rose on the Accountability Report Card data requirements and State template.

Rivergold  
Coarsegold  
Meadowbrook Community Day

Bob Rose presented Rivergold's Accountability Report Card.  
Randy Haggard echoed comments by Bob and presented Coarsegold's.  
Paula McCabe presented Meadowbrook's and noted she made changes from last year and now it is better aligned with the State template. She pointed out some differences between Community Day and Regular Ed.

**A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Sue O'Connor to approve Rivergold, Coarsegold, and Meadowbrook Community Day Schools' Accountability Report Cards as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

Greg Schoonard requested a discussion on the Accountability Report Cards be held at a future board meeting.

Textbook Adoption

Mr. McCabe noted that the Textbook Adoption Committee leaders were Bob Rose, Randy Haggard and Paula McCabe as chair.

Paula McCabe reviewed all the committee members and what textbooks the committee had narrowed down to. She indicated that at this time the committee was ready for review and response from the community and the goal was to have a recommendation ready for the June 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting for adoption.

There was a brief discussion on the textbook choices, potential costs, home and school books, supplemental materials and the importance of a good curriculum for Language Arts.

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

Update on Unification

Mr. McCabe presented Draft-2 replacing Board Members Draft copy with just a few clarifications and the timeline that was in the Board packet. He gave a short sketch and a brief review of interesting points included in Draft-2. He presented and reviewed the May 27<sup>th</sup> Joint School Board Meeting Agenda.

Kathy Casey and Greg Schoonard expressed they were not comfortable voting at the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting that there was a lot to digest and issues to discuss.

There was a lengthy discussion on what questions needed to be asked, being rushed, perhaps scheduling a study session in early June, discussion with the Yosemite Board regarding areas of concern, and to continue to read the draft presented and formulate questions and concerns.

Katy Penton representing CTA2 read a brief statement that the association supports moving forward to include the community at large through a series of public forums and allow the voters of the community to decide the issue.

Sherry Graves added how important it was to bring the community into the picture and to continue the unification process.

Update State Budget  
 Director of Business Services Srini Vasan presented a summarized report of the State Governor's May Budget Revision.

There was a brief discussion on the constant uncertainty, mid-year budget cuts and the possible additional cuts that seem to be pending from the State.

Update Developer Fee Fund & Study  
 Mr. McCabe noted Board Members received a copy of the Justification Study in their packets and a public hearing would be agendized at the June Meeting to raise Developer Fees.

He also noted that he had given each Board member a copy of the letter he presented at the Madera Board of Supervisor's Meeting regarding the casino, the tax issue with the County and its impact to schools.

There was considerable discussion regarding what should be the District's position.

BREAK  
 A break was declared at 9:00 p.m.

RECONVENED  
 The meeting was reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

Facilities Second Phase  
**A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the second phase 1) Stage at Coarsegold approximately \$45,000; 2) Coarsegold Office Remodel approximately \$50,000; 3) Remodel Restroom Building 100 approximately \$25,000; 4) Lower Field Improvement Rivergold approximately \$20,000; 5) Student Pick Up Rivergold approximately \$15,000 as presented.**

Mr. McCabe noted after a brief board discussion that he would pursue financing and move forward aggressively with the projects as outlined.

Mr. Reynolds indicated that he agreed with the list presented with exception that item number two should not be funded through Developer Fees.

After further discussion it was noted that Mr. McCabe would bring a footprint of the stage to the next board meeting.

**The voice vote for approval of the second phase as presented was unanimous.**

Resolution 2002/2003-08  
 County Plan for Expelled Youth  
**A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve Resolution 2002/2003-08 County Plan for Expelled Youth as presented. The roll call vote was Casey, O'Connor, Schoonard, Reynolds, Wilder – aye. Motion carried.**

Revised 2003/2004 School Calendar  
**A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the revised 2003/2004 School Calendar as presented.**

There was a brief discussion on scheduled date for summer school.

**The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

Re-Defining Attendance Boundaries  
 John Reynolds indicated that he had given this item considerable thought and the District should move forward with a boundary change, but grandfather all current student attendance schools for the next 2 years. This would allow a smooth transition for the change.

Kathy Casey expressed that she felt any boundary changes would affect a lot of people and would rather see some type of notification out before any changes be made.

It was the consensus of the board to recommend bring back attendance boundary discussion in the fall after the start of the next school year and to inform the school community of that possibility.

No action taken.

2003/2004 Daily Schedule

Mr. Rose and Mr. Haggard presented both Rivergold and Coarsegold's proposed daily schedule.

**A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Sue O'Connor to approve both Rivergold's and Coarsegold's 2003/2004 Daily Schedule as presented.**

There was a lengthy discussion on the effects to several programs, staff articulation, and program equability with the daily schedules as presented.

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

2003/2004 Bus Transportation

It was noted that the District would not be offering after school bus services next year and that parents will have to pickup their child from after school activities; that all grades except K would run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a modified run to accommodate kindergarten's release time.

**A motion was made by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the 2003/2004 Bus Transportation Plan as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

Resolution 2002/2003-09  
Workers' Compensation

**A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Sue O'Connor to approve Resolution 2002/2003-09 – Workers' Compensation as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

Board Workshops

Bill McCabe noted that the Curriculum Institute in Monterey was a very good workshop for board members to attend and that he was not recommending that the whole board attend the annual CSBA Conference in San Diego this coming year.

No action taken.

INFORMATION

Update Enrollment &  
Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment

There was a brief discussion on enrollment and anticipated enrollment for the upcoming school year.

After School Clubs

Mr. McCabe reviewed the program's financial status and potential alternatives in order to make the program cash effective.

Update Character Education

Mr. McCabe indicated that a written plan would be presented in July.

Sue O'Connor expressed she hoped what the plan would show is the benchmarks.

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

PERSONNEL

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:40 p.m.

Conference with District Negotiator -  
Certificated/Classified

No action taken

Appointment Grant Writer

**A motion was made in closed session by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Christine Wilder to ratify the appointment of Diane Sefton as a Grant Writer for the District. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

Coarsegold School Office Staff

**A motion was made in closed session by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve expanding the staff in the Coarsegold School Office to extend an additional month of service in that office. The voice vote for approval was Casey, O'Connor, Wilder – aye; Schoonard & Reynolds – opposed. Motion carried.**

Declaration of Need for Fully  
Qualified Educators

**A motion was made in closed session by Sue O'Connor and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. The voice vote for approval was Casey, O'Connor, Reynolds – aye; Wilder – opposed; Schoonard – abstained. Motion carried.**

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session 10:58 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2003 Rivergold 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 11:00 p.m.

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Secretary/Clerk