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REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005
TIME: 6:45 P.M.
PLACE: COARSEGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sue O'Connor called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Bill McCabe, Srinivasan, Randy Haggard, Bob Rose, John McMillen, Irene Keener, Paula McCabe, Diane Sefton, Earlene Ward and Pat Hansen-Sedor

Audience signed in: Jan Schoonard, Priscilla Pike

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was requested to moved item 8.6 consideration and Action on Value Engineering Items to the first item under business as 8.0.1.

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the agenda as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

GOVERNANCE NORMS

Board President Sue O'Connor reminded everyone of the Coarsegold School Board's Governance Norms.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

STUDENTS

It was noted the Student Body President Dominique Ferralotta was absent.

CERTIFICATED/CLASSIFIED STAFF

None

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

None

BUDGET COMMITTEE

None

MANAGERS

Principal Randy Haggard reported on the last couple of weeks activities and expressed thanks to Irene for the wonderful job when Mrs. Porter's class was served in the cafeteria a wonderful meal and Mr. Bell acted as waiter. He announced the classes that were attendance winners, noted the Science Fun Day for GATE was coming up on January 26th and asked for interested volunteers, that the application for the Distinguished School Award was in the mail and thanked Earlene Ward for all her time and effort along with staff members Katy Penton and Cheryl Airey. He continued by adding that he attended a parent meeting regarding the upcoming Florida trip.

Alternative Education Principal Paula McCabe noted that there is a 100% attendance ratio for Home School, that today there was a trip to Kearney Mansion and concluded by reviewing the Science Fair activities.

Principal Bob Rose expressed that this past week was a very busy week, thanked Mrs. Biasell for the wonderful music performance, expressed thanks to Ron Mendez for his efforts in preparation for the performance, indicated that Mary Gomez will be taking over coordination of the Spelling Bee this year, thanked the PTA for new recess equipment and reported on the recognition of students for citizenship and that he will

continue to watch and monitor attendance. He shared the front page of the Rivergold Star.

MOT Director John McMillen expressed how great the inservice buy back days planned by Paula McCabe worked out. He noted he especially liked having bus and custodian training available and expressed a desire to have training days expanded a couple more days next year.

Director of Food Services Irene Keener handed out the lunch program statistics and noted how important it was that we were feeding our needy children in the District.

Superintendent Bill McCabe presented awards from CSBA to four board members for their completion of the Master in Governance Program. He continued by noting that Diane Sefton does a really great job on working on grants for the District. Mr. McCabe congratulated Priscilla Pike and Coarsegold's board members on placement on the Unified Board and wished them all good luck.

He noted that the Bureau of Land Management was going to give the Quartz Mountain site a safety uplift and also indicated that the District's permit expires in 2009 and will be asking to renew. He briefly touched on finance for California and the State Budget from conference information on School Financing.

Mr. McCabe thanked Srini and staff for all their work on the District's audit and thanked Paula for putting together the inservice.

BOARD

John Reynolds reported that he attended the Rural Summit and thanked the board for allowing him to participate. He indicated that next month he would present the report on the Delegate Assembly from the Annual Conference in San Diego.

He questioned if there was a possibility of obtaining the surplus science materials for our junior high students because of the curriculum changes in science at Yosemite High? He also questioned how the IB and AP programs were working now with the curriculum level changes?

Kathy Casey thanked Christel for the wonderful performance and thanked Randy for the Distinguished School Application and expressed what a really good job that was done.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.4 as presented.

- 7.1 Approve Commercial Payment Order
- 7.2 Approve Payroll
- 7.3 Approve Budget Transfers
- 7.4 Approve Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2005

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

BUSINESS

VALUE ENGINEERING ITEMS

John Reynolds excused himself from the meeting and the deliberation.

Mr. McCabe reviewed the significant evaluation warp to bring the project cost down. He discussed possible options and the need to aggressively look further in order to bring the project in at an affordable range.

There was a lengthy discussion that ensued with input from the District's Architectural firm for the project, Integrated Designs.

The direction of the board was to give the Superintendent the authorization to move forward and work with the Integrated Designs and Eleven Western Builders to aggressively bring costs down appropriately for the scope of the project and call for a special meeting on January 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Coarsegold for consideration of the results.

John Reynolds returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to move item 8.4 Consideration and Action on Home School Graduation to 8.0.2. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

HOME SCHOOL GRADUATION

There was a lengthy discussion on Home School Graduation, the number of graduates varied yearly, what the District's goal was for Home School, the Board philosophy, the criteria that was used last year for site graduation allowance, graduating in attendance area, attracting more participants in Home School, and reviewing expectations clearly with the 8th graders this year in order to meet the requirements for graduation participation.

A motion was made by Kathy Casey and seconded by John Reynolds to move item 9.4 Update on Home School to 8.0.3. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

UPDATE ON HOME SCHOOL

Paula McCabe briefed the Board that she was working on a parent handbook and staff handbook for the Coarsegold Home School. That she was looking at the name to possibly state Coarsegold Family Home School. She discussed the Home School curricular needs and it was noted to bring back a needs list to the Superintendent and to agendaize textbooks reading needs for consideration at the next meeting.

AUDIT REPORT

Srini Vasan presented board members with a verbal Audit report outcome and noted the completed typed report would be presented for ratification at the next board meeting.

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the Audit Report as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

FIRST INTERIM REPORT

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the First Interim Report as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

QUARTERLY REPORT – WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the Quarterly Report for the Williams Settlement of no reportable incidents as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

BOARD POLICY – GRADUATION POLICY

This item was withdrawn for discussion and consideration.

ALLOTMENT FOR REFRESHING TO NEW TECHNOLOGY

Mr. McCabe reviewed the new State definition for student/computer ratios and that those ratios were for any machines less than 3 years of age. He noted within the Coarsegold School District there was a need to embark on a continuing process that would refresh the District's student/computer ratio to fall within the State definition. He indicated the recommendation to the Board was to set aside \$30,000 annually and for this year \$30,000 to start the process and move forward on refreshing about a quarter of our technology at each of our respective sites.

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve as presented.

There was a brief discussion on the topic of the District's technology and Tec Plan.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

CONSTRUCTION –

Accept Paving Bid on Meadowbrook

There was discussion on the bid of \$35,624 for paving the Meadowbrook bus approach area.

Approve \$15,300 for Establishing 5 Pads at Rivergold

There was further discussion on the quote of \$15,300 for pads for five portable buildings at Rivergold.

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the Meadowbrook bus area bid of \$35,624 and the quote of \$15,300 for building pads at Rivergold. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

COARSEGOLD'S POSITION –
TRUSTEE AREAS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO UNIFIED BOARD

Mr. McCabe presented Chapter 10 of the School District Re-Organization Handbook that covered board composition.

It was determined by board members to have time to read the information presented and have the item brought back at the next board meeting for discussion.

BOARD WORKSHOPS

Board discussion and information only.

INFORMATION

Update on Construction

This was an information item only.

Update Schools

Enrollment

This was an information item only.

Discipline

This was an information item only

Update After School Clubs

This was an information item only.

Feedback on 1st Quarter – Edusoft

This was an information item only.

Update Developer Fees

This was an information item only.

Update Unification

This was an information item only.

Master Calendar

This was an information item only.

BREAK

A break was declared at 9:55 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 10:05 p.m. and immediately adjourned to closed session.

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

PERSONNEL

Ratify 1 Hour Lead Hawk Club & 4 Hour Classified After School Club Personnel

A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to ratify an additional 1-hour to Laura Krucki Lead at the Hawk Club and Lisa Robinson as a 4-hour, Range 1, 9 month After School Club Activity Assistant for the Hawk Club. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Conference with District Negotiator –
Classified/Certificated/Management

The Board gave specific direction to the Superintendent in closed session. No action was taken.

Superintendent's Evaluation

No action was taken.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Agreement Principal In-Charge
Alternative Education

A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to approve the agreement for the Principal In-Charge of Alternative Education as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session 10:44 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2005 at Rivergold Elementary – 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Secretary/Clerk