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SPECIAL/REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: COARSEGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sue O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. All present stood and Mrs. O'Connor led the flag salute

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Bill McCabe, Srinivasan, Pat Hansen-Sedor, John McMillen, Diane Sefton, Randy Haggard, Bob Rose, Irene Keener, Katy Penton, Jessica Medrano, Stephanie Smittle, Karen Fruth, Jennifer Withrow

Audience: Joseph Donnell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was noted there was an addendum under Closed Session 10.1.1 Students and 10.1.1.1 Danger Hearing. A request was made to move 9.6 Update on Construction as the first item under 9.0 Information.

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

GOVERNANCE NORMS

Sue O'Connor reminded everyone of the Board Norms and to try to keep to the posted timelines.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

PRESENTATIONS

None

STUDENTS

None

CERTIFICATED/CLASSIFIED

None

MANAGERS

Director of Food Services Irene Keener reported that the lunch program application process was completed and thanked Diane Sefton for her help on completing that task.

Principal Bob Rose reported that the first recipient of the on-going staff award program for the start of school was Kay Emmert; he thanked all the board members for being involved in Rivergold's Back to School Night; that a number of 8th graders were taking Geometry through the GATE Program and the Hawk Festival will be held on Friday, September 16th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

BOARD

John Reynolds provided board members posters and starter pack materials for the county-wide campaign "It's All Here! Discover Madera County Schools" that will be unveiled formally for the public on September 28th. He asked the board to agendaize at their next meeting Discover Madera County Schools for discussion and consideration. Mr. Reynolds continued by thanking Irene Keener, Bob Rose and Miss Ginny for their efforts in hosting the Madera County School Boards Association meeting. He also noted that he attended both schools Back to School Nights.

Kathy Casey expressed that both schools Back to School Nights were wonderful and also thanked Irene and Miss Ginny for their efforts at the Madera County School Boards Association meeting held at Rivergold.

Christine Wilder also noted what a lovely evening at the Association meeting and thanked everyone very much.

Greg Schoonard reported on a brief meeting in support of Unification.

Sue O'Connor indicated she enjoyed Back to School Night and was returning the training video for the Second Step Program.

Principal Randy Haggard thanked all for attending Coarsegold's Back to School Night and expressed his appreciation to the PTA who sponsored a Dinner that night and that he has received positive comments from parents on the Second Step Program.

He continued by introducing the new 5th/6th grade teacher Jessica Medrano and noted that Janie Smith was filling in as a long-term substitute.

Greg Schoonard added that it was reported to him by a parent (his wife) that there were 25 to 30 parents who attended the PTA Meeting last night and how exciting it was to see lots of energy coming to the PTA Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.6 as presented.

- 7.1 Ratify Commercial Payment Order – Batch #5
- 7.2 Approve Commercial Payment Order – Batch #6
- 7.3 Approve Payroll
- 7.4 Approve Budget Transfers
- 7.5 Approve Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2005
- 7.6 Accept Music Department Band Instrument Donation – Rivergold

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

BUSINESS

Reaffirm the Board Code of Ethics

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by John Reynolds to Reaffirm the Board Code of Ethics as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Single Wide Bathroom Facility – Rivergold

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to authorize the administration to secure a singlewide bathroom facility for the Rivergold site.

There was a brief discussion on the restroom facility placement, original site plan and if any drawings were available. There was also a request for the timeline budget and Master Plan for Rivergold.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Katy Penton questioned why it is so important to bring the Board Code of Ethics forward at this time to just pass over it so quickly tonight without any consideration, especially after the discussion at the last board meeting. She read one particular ethic that was a concern and felt it needed further interpretation.

After brief comments by several board members Sue O'Connor indicated that the conclusion at the last meeting was that board members could speak out as long as they identify that it was their own opinion and not the majority of the board.

Tractor Purchase

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to discuss the purchase of a tractor.

Mr. McCabe briefed the board on the need for a new tractor at Coarsegold and noted that Rivergold already has one.

Srini Vasan indicated that he would review the best funding area for a tractor purchase.

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the purchase of a tractor for the Coarsegold site. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Amendment to Joint Use Agreement

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to approve the amendment to the Joint Use Agreement as presented.

There was a brief discussion.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Adding Elective/Enrichments for Summer School 2006

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to add Electives & Enrichments to Summer School 2006.

There was a brief discussion.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Home School Program

Mr. McCabe reviewed his recommendation to create a competitive Home School environment with major changes such as off site housing, changing staffing percentages that would allow expanded opportunities for the home schooler population in order to appeal to that home school population that the District is not currently serving in our current program, and changing the administrative structure and assignment.

There was board discussion and consideration.

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve reformatting the Home School Program.

Stephanie Smittle expressed her concern on the split percentage for Home School teachers that they would never have the opportunity for benefits and how hard it might be to get qualified applicants part-time.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Board Meeting Dates

After a brief discussion it was determined that a special board meeting be held on October 3rd at Coarsegold – 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to approve the special board meeting date, time and place. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Board Workshops

Board information only.

- a. Annual Education Conference & Trade Show – December 1-3
- b. Rural Education Summit – November 17th & 18th
- c. Back to School Conference – September 27th
- d. Collective Bargaining Summit – October 12th

INFORMATION

Update on Construction

This was Board information item only.

Update Schools
Enrollment

This was Board information item only.

Academic Performance Index

Update Budget/Developer Fees

This was Board information item only.

Update on Unification

This was Board information item only.

Update After School Clubs

This was Board information item only.

Master Calendar

This was Board information item only.

BREAK

A break was declared at 8:25 p.m.

RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened and adjourned to closed session at 8:30 p.m.

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

STUDENTS – DANGER HEARING

A hearing was conducted from 8:30 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. No Board action was taken.

PERSONNEL

Declaration of Need for Fully
Qualified Educators

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

Ratify Classified & Certificated Personnel	A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to ratify Denise Bausch as a 6th grade teacher at Rivergold and Jessica Medrano as a 5th/6th grade teacher at Coarsegold. To ratify Robin Jacks' appointment to the 5 hour Library position at Coarsegold and to authorize administration to hire Susie Dooman as a 3/5th's Home School Teacher and Michelle Brewer and a 1/5th Home School Teacher. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.
Home School Staff	A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to hire Paula McCabe as the Principal In-Charge of alternative education Home School and Community Day School. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.
Conference with District Negotiator Certificated/Classified/Mgmt.	No action taken.
Complete Superintendent' Evaluation	No action taken
OPEN SESSION	The meeting was reconvened to open session at 9:35 p.m.
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA	None
NEXT MEETING DATE	The next regular meeting was schedule for September 21, 2005 at Rivergold Elementary – 6:30 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Secretary/Clerk