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REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: COARSEGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairperson Sue O'Connor. All present stood and Mrs. O'Connor led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Board: Sue O'Connor, Christine Wilder, John Reynolds and Greg Schoonard arrived at 7:52 p.m.

Absent: Kathy Casey

Student Rep: Coarsegold - Dominique Ferralotta.

Staff: Bill McCabe, Srinivasan, Randy Haggard, Pat Hansen-Sedor, Diane Sefton, Earlene Ward, John McMillen, Margaret King, Katy Penton, Mary F. Gomez, JoAnne Steffke, Kathy Costin, Ed Costin, Jennifer Withrow, Rich Sischo, Karen Fruth, Jon Corippo, Sherry Graves, Kathy Anderson, Sally Simpson, Linda Webster, Mary Ann Englehart, Doug Rudholm, Joyce Struthers

Audience signed in: Susan Martyn, Vicki Bordwine, Mimi Beck, Linda McFadden, Nimai Black, Jessica Boyer, Martha Medina, Dan Median, Priscilla Pike

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 8.2 Consideration and Action on Approval of Board Policy was pulled from the agenda.

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

GOVERNANCE NORMS

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Jessica Boyer, Linda McFadden, Vicky Boardwine, Susan Martyn all spoke on how the teachers are feeling unappreciated, that teachers were underpaid and deserve a cost of living raise, that it was a slap in the face to be only offered 1% after not having a raise in 3 years, that they were afraid of what's to come for future programs and the long term repercussions and the District needs to make it a priority in order to keep the teachers we have.

JoAnne Steffke presented copies to the Board of contracts from the Madera County Office of Education showing their cost of living increases paid over the past number of years.

Ed Costin questioned what the word COLA means and to get back to him.

Teachers Jennifer Withrow, Rich Sischo, Karen Fruth, Jon Corippo, Doug Rudholm, each spoke on issues that concerned them alluding to areas of the budget, end of the year figures, and the ending balance reserve percentage that were not clear and why the only person representing the District in negotiations was a lawyer. Rich Sischo thanked the parents that spoke on the teacher's behalf. Concerns were also expressed that the last two budget meetings were cancelled, that there was a lot of misinformation, good information was not forthcoming, and that there was no faith in the budget presented. Jon Corippo stated with only two board meeting left that the Board owes it to the kids and the community to solve this before time runs out.

Mary Ann Englehart reported that she had taken the GATE Student to the Peach Blossom Festival and thanked the parents and Mr. Haggard for coming down to see the kids participate, but noticed that there were not any board members there.

Joyce Struthers expressed that she feels deceived that every year, as a negotiator, were told we were deficit spending and had to wait to see what happened with the Unification, now we are told we are in good shape and only worth 1% for the last 3 years. Valerie Porter expressed that someone needs to be held accountable; that we were led to believe we would be compensated for those sacrifices and that the Measure P money was going to be used for Coarsegold.

Sue O'Connor noted that it was a practice not to address comments, but appreciated the hours and how hard of everyone who worked on Measure P and that it was not for not because it raises the revenue limit and gives more in general fund to work with next year.

Sherry Graves clarified that they were talking about Coarsegold's budget not Measure P and the Unification.

## REPORTS

### PRESENTATION

Principal Haggard noted that at some point they'll bring the Peach Blossom presentation to the Board. He further reported that through the efforts of Mrs. Graves and Mr. Sischo they procured a Tec Grant funded by Vision Corporation which allows five students to be trained as Tec Mentors to other students.

### STUDENTS

Coarsegold's Student Body President Dominique Ferralotta reported on the movie night held March 31<sup>st</sup>, on the upcoming Country Fair April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Soccer Tournament April 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Spring Performance for Coarsegold on Thursday at Rivergold and on May 12<sup>th</sup> a Dance.

### FACILITIES COMMITTEE

No report presented.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report presented.

### CERTIFICATED/CLASSIFIED STAFF

No report presented.

### MANAGERS

MOT Director John McMillen questioned the possibility of purchasing another school bus for the next school year.

There was a brief discussion and it was determined that the purchase of a new school bus be agendized for consideration at the next meeting.

Principal Randy Haggard expressed his appreciation to staff at Coarsegold and at Rivergold and how lucky he was to be a parent of children in this District.

## BOARD

John Reynolds briefed the Board on the issues and concerns for rural schools presented at the Small School District Council Meeting he attended in Sacramento. He noted that he has asked our County Superintendent to forward position papers to the Superintendents in the Bass Lake, Chawanakee, Coarsegold and Yosemite School Districts to be sent to our Congressman on the financial effects of what is being considered at this point in time.

Sue O'Connor noted that she had received word from a parent stuck on the bus on its way to the Catalina trip for Rivergold's 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.7 as presented.**

7.1 Approve Commercial Payment Order

- 7.2 Approve Payroll
- 7.3 Approve Budget Transfers
- 7.4 Approve Meeting Minutes - March 1, 9 & 15, 2006
- 7.5 Approval as Surplus Reach In Refrigerator – Coarsegold
- 7.6 Ratify Intradistrict Transfers – 5/6-215, 216, 217, 218
- 7.7 Ratify Interdistrict Transfers - Leaving: 5/6-053, 054, 059,059,060, 061,068, 069, 072, 073, 075, 077, 078, 079, 080, 081, 084, 085, 086, 089, 090, 091, 092, 093, 094, 096, 097, 098, 099, 100, 101, 103  
Entering: 055, 056, 057, 058, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066, 067, 070, 071, 074, 076, 087, 088, 095, 102, 104

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

**BUSINESS**

Rivergold’s Leadership Team’s Request To Reinstate After School Bussing

Mr. McCabe presented estimated costs to reinstate the after school buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays with condensed run of 104 miles at \$8.22 per mile not including the extra part-time custodian to cover the bus driver and the opinion of the Management Team to reinstate the after school bussing.

There was a brief discussion on the feasibility and value for bussing for the remainder of this year. Further discussion ensued with a consensus given to see if it was feasible and a worthy idea for the remainder of the school year and to get staff input.

Katy Penton noted part of the reason communicated that after school bussing was given up was there was no money and shouldn’t be considered again for action in 10 minutes at a board meeting.

Jessica Boyer expressed that it was offensive to be asking for extra programs right in front of teachers asking for a raise and now understands why they feel they’re expendable here.

A parent expressed that was her responsibility as a parent was to pick up her child and does so when teachers are taking their prep time to have after school activities.

Mrs. O’Connor noted that a lot of students don’t have parents available to be able to pick them up and the Board needs to keep in mind all students.

Approve Additional Field Trips

- a. Leadership – Overnight to Sonora
- b. Extended Day – Grades 4, 5 & 6 to Boyden Caves
- c. Primary to Dunlap

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

Approve Extension of Kindergarten Day

Randy Haggard indicated that teachers felt extending the Kindergarten day until 1:00 p.m. would be a real benefit for children because of the requirements of what a student should know and be able to do by the time they exit kindergarten. He noted specifically in the area of English/Language Arts they need to spend 2 ½ hours a day on just that area.

There was discussion regarding the request and some confusion between the two school sites on the extended day request was noted. Sue O’Connor indicated that the issue would affect the Unified Board and should move forward at that level. Direction was given for both school sites to meet with parents and staff for further consideration.

**A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to table the extending the Kindergarten Day consideration. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

Items 8.5 Approve Facilities Priority List; 8.6 Approve Leasing 4 Modular Classrooms – Coarsegold and 8.7 Approve Recommendation on Multi-purpose Building were moved until Greg Schoonard arrived. John Reynolds secluded himself from the discussion on all of the above agenda items.

Greg Schoonard arrived at 7:52 p.m.

Break

A break was declared at 7:53 p.m.

Reconvene

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Approve Facilities Priority List

**A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the Facilities Priority List as presented. The voice vote for approval was Wilder, Schoonard, O'Connor – aye; Reynolds – abstain. Motion carried.**

Approve Leasing 4 Modular Classrooms

There was considerable discussion on the condition of the four portables that are in need of replacement. It was the consensus of Wilder, Schoonard and O'Connor to move forward checking into the safety hazards and condemnation of the four portable classrooms as soon as possible and to make staff aware those portables will likely be condemned and students will be moved for the remainder of the year.

Approve Recommendation on Multi-Purpose Building Project

There was a brief discussion on the Multi-Purpose Building Project construction costs; the Joint Use Funds and that Integrated Design offered to do the Construction Manager process at no cost to the District. It was noted that by approving the Informal Bidding Ordinance that would allow the District to go out to individual contractors.

Adopt Resolution 2005/2206-02

**A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve and adopt Resolution 2005/2006-02 Informal Bidding Ordinance. The roll call vote for approval was O'Connor, Wilder, Schoonard – aye; Reynolds – abstain. Motion carried.**

- a. Board Workshop & Activities  
Legislative Action Conference –  
Hyatt Regency Sacramento - May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- b. Golden Apple Awards – May 8<sup>th</sup>
- c. July 6<sup>th</sup> Masters in Governance

It was reported that the Central Valley Educational Coalition will be meeting at the University Piccadilly Inn in Fresno on May 27<sup>th</sup> and dinner will start 6:30 p.m.

There was a brief discussion on the other upcoming events. No action was taken

## INFORMATION

Update Construction Projects

This was an information item.

Update Schools  
Enrollment

This was an information item.

Discipline

This was an information item.

Update Budget/Developer Fee Funds

It was noted that it was important to conduct a budget meeting before the next board meeting. This was an information item.

Update After School Clubs

Compliments were given to all of the After School Club's staff and Mr. Bell. This was an information item.

Update on Yosemite Joint Unified  
Board Meeting

This was an information item only.

Master Calendar

This is a place marker and information only item.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:25 p.m.

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

PERSONNEL

Consideration and Action to Recruit and Hire 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher - Coarsegold **A motion was made in closed session by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to authorize administration to recruit and hire a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

Ratify Personnel – Certificated & Classified **A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to ratify hiring Jenny Wentz as a 3-hour Instructional Assistant at Rivergold and Julie Davis as the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Support teacher at Rivergold. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.**

- a. Instructional Assistants
- b. Bus/Driver/Custodian
- c. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Support Teacher

Conference with District Negotiator (Superintendent) Certificated/Classified/Management No action taken.

OPEN SESSION The meeting was reconvened to open session at 10:12 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA None

NEXT MEETING DATE The next regular meeting is May 17, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

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Secretary/Clerk