



LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Geronimo, California

MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Susi Giacomini, Chair. Members present were Susi Giacomini, Stephanie O'Brien, Steve Rebscher, Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, and Richard Sloan.
2. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA: Board Members approved the Open Session Agenda.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA: There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 5:05 p.m., The Chair Larry Enos read the re-opener from the LTA. The Chair asked for any public comments. There were none. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:


1. REQUEST FROM SPAWN to assess their 5 adjoining parcels as one parcel for the Lagunitas School District Parcel Tax Assessment: Amy Prescott presented information from legal counsel as requested by the Board. **Motion:** Richard Sloan moved to approve the request from SPAWN as presented. Stephanie O'Brien, second. Discussion followed. Motion failed, 1 aye (Sloan), 4 no (O'Brien, Giacomini, Rebscher, Santa Cruz-Bohman).
2. REVISIONS TO THE FIVE YEAR MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR 2007/08 TO 2011/12: Amy Prescott, Business Manager, presented the revised Five Year Maintenance Plan for approval. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to approve the Five Year Maintenance Plan as presented. Steve Rebscher, second. Motion carried, all ayes.
3. STAFFING AND CLASSROOM/PROGRAM CONFIGURATION FOR THE 2009/10 SCHOOL YEAR: Larry Enos explained the key decisions that the Board will need to make within the next month regarding class configurations, number of certificated staff, classified support services, and administrative services for the 2009/10 school year as the District moves forward to developing and approving a school district budget for the 2009/10 school year. He also reiterated that, in order for the District Budget to pass review of the Marin County Office of Education and show that the District has enough funds for 2009/10 and the 2 years following, the district has to show significant reductions. He also asked the Board to indicate if they were willing to support program transfers for current certificated staff, either voluntary or involuntary, and if they were not, where the District would achieve other savings in order to support more than 14 classroom teachers. Representatives from both the Middle School and the Open Classroom expressed their program needs. Middle School staff also responded. Roberta Bickel, classified employee, read a statement from the classified staff in the District (on file). Administration and the public continued to discuss possible District staffing for the 2009/10 school year. The Waldorf Inspired Program asked the Board to consider giving 3.5 teachers for their program for 2009/10 since their needs and numbers were so closely aligned to the needs of the Montessori Program who had also asked to have 3.5 classroom teachers at the previous board meeting. The Chair polled the Board about number of classroom teachers for 09/10. Based on the number of enrolled students, Richard Sloan advocated for no less than 15 teachers, Stephanie O'Brien suggested 4 in Open, 3 in Waldorf, 3.5 in MS and

4. 3.5 in Montessori for a total of 14 classroom teachers and 1.5 certificated staff in Resource. Steve Rebscher and Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman concurred that 14 classroom teachers were needed. Susi Giacomini supported the reduction of 1.5 FTE certificated teachers and also wanted to look at reducing the unrestricted reserve from 8% to 6.5% as a short term solution. She also noted that the Board will need to have a future conversation about the structure of the elementary programs in 2010/11, whether they should be K-5 (all) or K-6 (all) and what that means for the Lagunitas Middle School. The Chair also asked the Board to give direction to Amy Prescott regarding classified support at all levels – library services, classroom instructional assistants, special ed services, intervention services, and administrative services. Each category was discussed and a question and answer period followed. Board Members also confirmed to Larry Enos that they would not be in support of involuntary certificated transfers.
5. SECOND INTERIM REPORT: Amy Prescott, Business Manager, presented the Second Interim Report for approval. Motion: Steve Rebscher moved to approve the Second Interim Report for the 2008/09 SY as presented. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, second. Motion carried, all ayes.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: At 8:15 p.m. Board Members recessed to Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator, Lawrence H. Enos, Certificated, Classified, Management/Confidential, requested by Lawrence H. Enos, Superintendent.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: Board Members reconvened to Open Session at 8:40 p.m. The Chair announced that no action had been taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Lawrence H. Enos, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

4/21/2009
Date