



LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
San Geronimo, California

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Steve Rebscher, Chair. Members present were Steve Rebscher, Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, Richard Sloan, Stephanie O'Brien and Susi Giacomini. Also present were Larry Enos, Superintendent, Goldie Curry, Principal, and Amy Prescott, Business Manager. Donna Henderson recorded the minutes.
2. **APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:** Board Members approved the Closed Session Agenda.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:** There were no comments.
4. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:** Board Members recessed to Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957: Appointment, Employment, evaluation of performance, Discipline/Dismissal/Complaint against an employee, requested by Lawrence Enos, Superintendent and with respect to Section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator, Lawrence Enos, Certificated, Classified, Management/Confidential, requested by Lawrence H. Enos, Superintendent.
5. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** Open Session was reconvened at 6:35 p.m. The Chair announced that no reportable action had taken place in Closed Session.
6. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made after the public comments. There were approximately 15 members in the audience.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Dave Cort announced a workshop on the effect of the economic crisis on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The HVCCC will meet on Wednesday and June 8<sup>th</sup> is the SGVCC Barbeque. The community center will be publishing a special Stone Soup in the fall to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SGVCC. Lori Kimbrel, Superintendent of the Tam District, was in attendance to announce a special series of community forums on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss "What does a 21<sup>st</sup> century high school look like?" Jodie Newdelman announced that she would be in DC and might get an opportunity to speak with someone in Barbara Boxer's office regarding innovative schools.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Public Hearing to sunshine the District's proposal to the Lagunitas Teachers Association/C.T.A./N.E.A. was opened at 6:45 p.m. Questions were answered and the hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

8. **APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA:** Board Members agreed to the following changes in the agenda: Remove Item C-10 – Resolution #20104 in honor of the classified staff, add B-9 – Williams Quarterly Report, and change the Montessori field trip date from May 30 – May 31 to May 23-May 24.
9. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**
  - a. Susi Giacomini announced that a tentative opening date for the gym has been set for August 29, 2009. She attended a conference in Oakland regarding alternative compensation and received

some useful information. She will attend an LTA negotiation session on Wednesday and also reminded everyone to be sure to see the Fred Berensmeier art exhibit at the community center.

- b. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman announced that LEAP is ready for Valley Visions on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Golden Bell will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup>; Bonnie Nackley and Howie Cort will be honored.
- c. Steve Rebscher attended the gym day and said he was amazed at the space. He also announced that the Open Classroom spaghetti dinner was well attended. The Waldorf Inspired Program had a fundraiser in Samuel P. Taylor Park. He attended the middle school spaghetti dinner and also the same conference on alternative compensation that Susi attended.

#### 10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- a. Larry Enos, Superintendent, reminded everyone about the importance of the May 19<sup>th</sup> election. He received a password and a pin to fill out the application for the federal stimulus monies. He is trying to arrange share with Ross School District for psych services for 09/10. He gave an update on the legislation supporting School District of Choice. He and Amy met with the program treasurers and the Leap treasurer and they have agreed to be part of the ad hoc advisory committee for the parcel tax. The MTN governing board suspended MTN as it exists because of lack of funding. A group of superintendents has agreed to try to continue ongoing work with the remaining funds to support direct writing assessments and math assessment and perhaps get an outside facilitator to redesign K-12 coordination.
- b. Goldie Curry, Principal, reported on the assemblies that were attended by the students on "Cool the Earth", focusing on saving energy. In coordination with Safe Routes to School, a bicycle will be raffled off on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Fix your bike day has been scheduled. The Read-a-thon is ending. Open House will be held in May also – Montessori on May 13<sup>th</sup> and Middle School near the end of the month when portfolios are ready.
- c. Amy Prescott, Business Manager, will have a draft of an expenditure report and modernization projects encumbered but not completed for the May meeting. She recently met with Goldie and the food service program (Leonora and Melissa). An informal bid for the gym floor is under review. She will attend a SF2 Basic Aid Symposium on Thursday. She met with the San Geronimo certificated staff regarding the use of the Larsen Preserve. The auditors will be on site on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

11. OTHER REPORTS: There were no other reports.

12. COR RESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS: Items were reviewed, including a letter of March 15, 2009 from Wilderness Way, an email correspondence (March 27, 2009) from the parents in the Montessori Program, a letter of April 9, 2009 from the staff regarding staffing in 2009/10, a letter from Katie Rasmussen regarding staffing in 2009/10, a letter from the director of the County library services, regarding the closure of the San Geronimo Valley library facility, and a letter of April 15, 2009 from Karen Maloney, Asst. Superintendent of MCOE, regarding the submission of the Second Interim Report.

#### A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. Policy on Fundraising (draft): Board Members reviewed the current policy (adoption date, May 1994) and the draft policy developed at the recent joint meeting with LEAP. Larry Enos, Superintendent, suggested that he merge the two documents and create a new draft to bring to the Board at a later date. It was also agreed that the agenda in June include an agenda item that addresses a plan for fundraising in 09/10.
2. Policy on Media Relations (BPI 112): Board Members reviewed the draft of the new policy. It was noted that the policy refers to a media communication plan and a crisis communications plan which will need to be developed. This policy will be further developed.
3. Update on the Lagunitas School District Preliminary Budget 2009/10 School Year: No additional updating per Amy Prescott.
4. Enrollment Update 4/21/2009: Board Members briefly reviewed the update.
5. Planning for Elementary/Middle School Configuration for the 2010/2011 School Year: Board Members discussed a process that could be in place to come to a decision about configuration in the elementary and middle school for the 2010/2011 school year. Board Members agreed to discuss the topic at the regular meeting in September, 2009 to plan a forum, have one community forum in October or November, and come to a final decision by January, 2011.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included Minutes of March 17, March 24, and March 27, 2009, Warrants, School Calendar for 2009/10 SY, Interdistrict Transfer List #4, 2009/2010 SY, Request from Anita Collison's class in the Open Classroom for an overnight stay on May 21 to May 22, 2009, a request from Scott's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class for an overnight trip to Marin Headlands April 29 – May 1, 2009, and Change Order Number 2, Joint Use Gym Project, Gibbs Heating & Air Conditioning. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, second. Motion carried, all ayes.

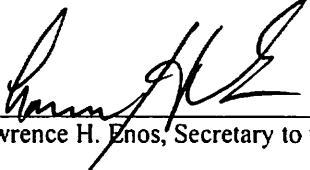
C. AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA: Board Members agreed to adjust the agenda for discussion/action.

1. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
5. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE WALDORF-INSPIRED PROGRAM: Stephanie Felton-Priestner, certificated staff member, brought forth a recommendation to welcome Yvette Connor as a 0.5 FTE certificated teacher in a voluntary transfer to the Waldorf-Inspired Program for the 2009/10 SY. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to accept the recommendation from the Program for the voluntary transfer of Yvette Connor. Richard Sloan, second. Motion carried, all ayes.
6. CERTIFICATED STAFFING AND CLASSROOM/PROGRAM CONFIGURATION FOR THE 2009/10 SCHOOL YEAR: Larry Enos outlined the challenges that still remain for staffing in the 2009/10 school year, noting that the majority of the Board supported 14 classroom teachers in 09/10 but the assignment of the teachers has not been finalized. Because of enrollment, the Middle School will not need 4 teachers in their program in 09/10, and, therefore, administration is still exploring a voluntary transfer of a half-time teacher from the middle school to the Montessori program, which will need more certificated support. The Board reiterated the need to consider all the financial constraints that schools are under for the next year and the need for the board, the staff, the parents, and the community to work together to find the best solutions for the 2009/10 school year. The Board also requested that the Montessori Program begin a process of evaluating a voluntary transfer from the Middle School to the Montessori Program. If the Montessori Program cannot find a match with a voluntary transfer, a majority of the Board agreed that the District would only be able to fund 14 classroom teachers and the Montessori Program would have to fund any additional certificated staff for the 2009/10 school year. The Chair asked for a motion to authorize a screening/interview committee to fill a 0.5 FTE certificated position for 2009/2010. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to authorize a screening/interview committee for a 0.5 FTE certificated position for 2009/10. Richard Sloan, second. Motion carried, all ayes.
7. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN THE 2009/10 SCHOOL YEAR: Larry Enos advised the Board that the District may be reducing the level of intervention, counseling and nursing support services for our students in the 2009/10 school year.
8. RESOLUTION #20101 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING REDUCTION/ELIMINATION OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE SERVICES: **Motion:** Susi Giacomini moved to approve Resolution #20101. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, second. Motion carried by roll call vote: Giacomini, aye, Santa Cruz-Bohman, aye, Rebscher, aye, Sloan, no, O'Brien, abstain.
9. RESOLUTION #20102 IN SUPPORT OF AB 1407: **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to approve Resolution #20102 in Support of AB1407. Richard Sloan, second. Motion carried by roll call vote: Susi Giacomini, aye, Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, aye, Stephanie O'Brien, aye, Richard Sloan, aye and Steve Rebscher, aye.
10. RESOLUTION #20104 IN HONOR OF CLASSIFIED STAFF: This item was removed from the agenda as requested.
3. CONSOLIDATION OF THE LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES: Larry Enos, Superintendent, recommended consolidating the school libraries into one at the Lagunitas campus, but asked for a delay so that he has an opportunity to meet with the staff and parents at the San Geronimo campus.
4. USE OF VACANT CLASSROOM SPACE AT THE SAN GERONIMO CAMPUS: This item was also tabled to a future meeting.
2. PROPOSAL FROM PERSINGER ARCHITECTS REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES: Amy Prescott asked that this agenda item be tabled.

D. HUMAN RESOURCES/ACTION AGENDA: There were no items.

AGENDA PLANNING: The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for May 19, 2009. Items to be discussed at this meeting include the Preliminary Budget for the 2009/10 SY, 2008/09 budget revisions, recommendation from the ad hoc committee for the parcel tax, Resolution(s) of Election – Board of Trustees and Parcel Tax, staffing and classroom configuration, Consolidated Application, and Board Policies – Fundraising and Media Relations.

ADJOURN – The Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

  
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Lawrence H. Enos, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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