



LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Geronimo, California

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Stephanie O'Brien, Chair. Members present were Steve Rebscher, Christopher Sabec, Richard Sloan, Stephanie O'Brien and Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman. Also present were Larry Enos, Superintendent, Chris Francis, 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 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator, Lawrence Enos, Certificated, Classified, Management/Confidential, requested by Lawrence H. Enos, Superintendent, and pursuant to Section 54947 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and/or Reassignment, requested by Lawrence H. Enos, Superintendent.
5. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** Open Session was reconvened at 6:40 p.m. The Chair announced that no action had been taken during Closed Session.
6. **INTRODUCTIONS** were made. There were approximately 35 members in the audience.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Dave Cort, Director of the SGVCC, announced a Dad and Kids breakfast the first Saturday of April in the Lagunitas School Gym. He also announced the publication of the Valley Resource Guide 2011.
8. **APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION:** Board Members agreed to consider the Consent Agenda (Item B) and the Action Items (Item C) before the Discussion or 2011/2012 Preliminary Budget (Item A).
9. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**
 - a. Christopher Sabec thanked the SGVCC for hosting the Talent Show.
 - b. Steve Rebscher remarked that negotiations with CTA have been productive.
 - c. Richard Sloan has been in contact with Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Schools Superintendent, regarding the State Budget and its effect on local school districts.
 - d. Stephanie O'Brien said that she and Suzanne Sadowsky had met with Larry Enos, Superintendent, to talk about a possible Health Based Wellness Center located on the campus.
10. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. Larry Enos, Superintendent, commended Chris Leonard for quick thinking with the Heimlich maneuver that possibly saved a student's life. He also announced that Anita Collison and Michelle Benjamin were chosen to represent Lagunitas for the Golden Bell.
 - b. Chris Francis, Principal, on behalf of the school staff, thanked Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman and Jeanette Rosen for a great Book Fair. He also thanked Ilene Wolff for arranging a performance "Tall Tales" for the students by the Marin Theatre Company. The Montessori Program is going to Divine Meadows to celebrate the Spring Equinox. The School Site Council is working on the ever elusive "program goals". The Open Classroom has been working with Wild Care to build bird boxes. He also noted the native plant planting that has taken place by the Marietta Larson Preserve.

11. Other Reports – None.

12. COR RESPONSE/INFORMATION ITEMS: Board Members reviewed (1) Schools For Sound Finance Bulletin Issues Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 9, 2011, (2) an enrollment update for 3/15/2011 (3) a letter of March 14, 2011 to the Board of Trustees from Larry Enos, Superintendent, informing them that notice was given to certificated employees of the District whose services will be reduced or not required for the 2011/2012 school year, and (4) the nomination of Anita Collison and Michelle Benjamin as recipients of the Golden Bell.

B. CONSENT AGENDA: Richard Sloan requested that Consent Agenda Item 3 (Inter-District Transfer List #2, 2011/2012 SY) be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion as Action Item C-1. **Motion:** Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman moved to accept the Consent Agenda which included (1) Minutes of February 15, 2011, (2) Warrants, (4) Academic School Calendar for 2011/2012 SY, and (5) Request for overnight field trip to the Marin Headlands from Wed. April 20 to Friday, April 22nd for Scott Theisen's class. Christopher Sabec, second. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. ACTION ITEMS:

1. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Interdistrict Transfer List #2, 2011/2012 SY: **Motion:** Christopher Sabec moved to approve. Steve Rebscher, second. Motion carried, all ayes.

2. JOINT USE AGREEMENT between the Lagunitas School District and the San Geronimo Valley Community Center for the operation of the Lagunitas School Gymnasium: **Motion:** Christopher Sabec moved to table this discussion until the April Board meeting. Richard Sloan, second. Motion carried, all ayes.

3. NOMINATION FOR THE GOLDEN BELL FOR OUTSTANDING PROGRAM: Larry Enos recommended the nomination of the San Geronimo Valley Community Center's Teen After School Program. **Motion:** Steve Rebscher moved to approve. Christopher Sabec, second. Motion carried, all ayes.

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. 2011/2012 Preliminary Budget: Larry Enos, Superintendent, reviewed budget information and his recommendations for resource allocation for the 2011/2012 school year. Amy Prescott, Business Manager, presented a document "Budget Development – 2011/2012 – 2013/2014 – which listed the issue of loss of state funding, the challenge to the District, and 2 scenarios of multi-year projections (on file). Amy answered questions from the Board, staff and audience. Suggestions/ideas and questions from the audience were listed by Larry and are attached to these minutes. Larry reminded the board that the adopted budget is a policy statement; it reflects the priorities and the values that the Board has made. Trustee O'Brien remarked that the information given by Administration seemed to suggest a plan that would eviscerate the District and, instead, suggested that the Administration and Board begin to look at a strategy that would protect the integrity of the District in 2012/2013. Trustee Sabec suggested the formation of a "select" committee that would meet immediately and aggressively brainstorm to raise revenues. Larry Enos, Superintendent, asked for direction from the Board. Trustee O'Brien proposed that we keep our spending the same and address the shortfall with the formation of a "select" committee. Stephanie asked for parent volunteers and staff volunteers from each of the programs to the committee and suggested that the Board have a special meeting in two or three weeks (before the next meeting on April 26th). Dave Cort suggested that the treasurers from each of the programs be a part of the "select" committee. A special meeting of the Board was tentatively set for Thursday, April 7, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Lawrence H. Enos, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

4/26/11

Date

NOTES FROM BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2011

Committee/task force to review suggestions, seek others, develop recommendations.

“One latte a week” program

“One letter a week” program.

ACTION PLAN

1. Select committee: Revenue generating
 - a. Meegan Lee
 - b. Chris Atkinson
 - c. Stephanie O’Brien
 - d. Jodie Newdelman
 - e. Dave Cort
2. Admin. to cost out other ideas listed.
3. Make this effort a priority – reschedule other parent meetings.

OTHER

- Review school district of choice program
- Proposals to increase revenues
- Parcel Tax (explore election requirements)
- Foundation/Individual Donations
- Explore ways to see additional property taxes
- Scenarios for LWIP closure – what are the consequences?
- What are the consequences of not balancing the budget (qualified or negative certification)
- Seek funding for operating innovative programs including the use of different measures of success (public and/or private).
- Direct solicitation of potential donors.
- All LWIP students transferring into Montessori.
- Inter-district transfers – revenue generator?
- Leasing District land (e.g. – farming)
- Becoming politically active, letters, etc.
- Reduction of principal
- Programs taking back managing their own budgets
- Increased fund-raising efforts on part of individual programs
- Discretionary (parcel tax) funds being re-allocated to general fund expenditures
- Re-examination of program/class configurations
- Sharing funds raised among all programs.
- # teacher and # students to achieve a balanced budget
- Each program contributing to overall reduction (teachers)
- Alumni appeal – fundraising
- Redistricting – merging with another school district.