



LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
San Geronimo, California

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Susi Giacomini, 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: Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release requested by Lawrence Enos, Superintendent.
5. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** Open Session was reconvened at 6:50 p.m. The Chair announced that no reportable action had taken place in Closed Session.
6. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.
8. **APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA:** Board Members removed 12.5 – Update on the San Geronimo Branch of the Marin County Library and Item C-4 – Proposed Changes to the Contract with Solar Power Partners.
9. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**
  - a. Richard Sloan announced that Jodie Newdelman (Montessori parent) will be going to Washington DC in early May.
  - b. Steve Rebscher attended the second meeting with the Safe Routes to School group.
  - c. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman announced that the Golden Bell event will be held at Dominican College this year. The Valley Visions event will be held at the Dickson Ranch (with their gracious consent) in Woodacre the first Saturday in May. This year's honorees are: Amy Valens, Tony Miceli, Thelma Weiss and Steve Charrier. The Book Fair begins Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - d. Susi Giacomini thanked the LEAP Board for initiating the joint meeting with the Lagunitas Board of Trustees. She also thanked the participants who attended the Special Board Meeting/Forum on Finance that was held on January 27<sup>th</sup>. MTN has received an interim grant to finish this school year. The Gym Committee received a \$100,000 grant that will help the gym construction move forward through Phase 3.
10. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. Goldie Curry, Principal, announced that the District enrolled 20 new in-district students for the 2009/10 school year. The District is moving to computer generated report cards for the Middle School.

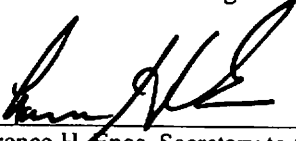
- b. Amy Prescott, Business Manager, announced that the student chair/desks that had been in the old portable had been picked up to be used by the Larkspur School District. During the break, alarms at the septic tank were going off. The solar panel replacement estimate is \$12,000. The District will pay the \$1000 deductible and District insurance will cover the balance.
  - c. Larry Enos, Superintendent, advised the board of SB 129 – introduced by Senator Huff in support of School District of Choice. Larry also acknowledged and gave a special thank-you to classified staff member Chris Leonard who helped with noticing the solar panel theft and for being the person who worked with the sheriff in getting a detailed report of the theft. Larry also announced changes in the entryway to the Montessori wing from the community center, including a chain across the walkway and a screened area in front of the girl's restroom.
11. **OTHER REPORTS:** Dave Cort, representative of the Facilities Committee, announced a very productive meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee hopes to have the Long Range Land Use Plan to the Board in April.
12. **COR RESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS:** Items were reviewed, including the Lagunitas Water Usage Summary, the Update on the School Lunch Program, DGS correspondence re: Modernization Savings Money, Property Tax History and Projections Packet, Update on Environmental Ed Center, SPAWN request re: parcel taxes, and the State/Federal Budget Update.
- A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-ONLY:**
- 1. **PARCEL TAX RENEWAL:** Board Members briefly discussed the Parcel Tax Renewal. Larry Enos announced that Christopher Sabec has volunteered to be on the committee. The Board will charge an ad-hoc committee at its regular meeting in March.
  - 2. **CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE REASSIGNMENT:** Board Members and community members discussed the possibility of a reassignment of certificated staff for the 2009/10 school year.
- B. CONSENT AGENDA:** Steve Rebscher asked that item B.3 – a request from the Waldorf-Inspired Program for a 4 night, 5 day field trip to Emandal Farm near Willits, CA from April 27 to May 1, 2009. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to accept the Consent Agenda which included (1) Minutes – January 21, January 27 and February 2, 2009, (2) Warrants, (34 Interdistrict Transfer List #2 of the 2009-10 and (5) the Block Grant Proposal from the Open Classroom. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, second. Motion carried, all ayes.
- C. AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVAL OF 4 NIGHT, 5 DAY FIELD TRIP TO EMANDAL FARM, APRIL 27 – MAY 1, 2009 FOR THE WALDORF-INSPIRED PROGRAM.** Steve Rebscher asked questions about the availability of scholarships for the field trip. **Motion:** Richard Sloan moved to approve the request. Steve Rebscher, second. Motion carried, all ayes.
  - 2. **RESOLUTION #28009 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10.** **Motion** Stephanie O'Brien moved to approve Resolution #28009. Richard Sloan, second. Motion carried by roll call vote: 5 ayes - Stephanie O'Brien, Richard Sloan, Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, Steve Rebscher, and Susi Giacomini.
  - 3. **DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS:** **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Steve Rebscher, second. Motion carried - 5 ayes.
  - 4. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT WITH SOLAR POWER PARTNERS:** This item was removed from the agenda.
  - 5. **CHANGE ORDER #1, HVAC CONTRACT FOR THE GYMNASIUM:** **Motion:** Steve Rebscher moved to accept Change Order #1, with the conditional requirement that the Gibbs invoice be revised. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, second. Motion carried, all ayes.
- D. HUMAN RESOURCES/ACTION AGENDA**
- 1. **LETTER OF REQUEST FOR PART TIME LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for the 2009/10 school year from Janet Clover: **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to accept the request for a leave of absence from Janet Clover for the 2009/10 school year. Steve Rebscher, second. Discussion followed as Board Members reviewed Janet Clover's request for a part-time leave of absence which included a request from Janet that she share a position in the Montessori Program with Rae Turner. Members

of the audience asked for clarification of contract language re: a leave of absence, clarification of a job share, teacher rights upon return from a leave of absence and concerns about who would be placed in the Kindergarten classroom in Montessori. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien amended her original motion to a give provisional approval of a 0.5 FTE request for a leave of absence for the 2009/10 school year from Janet Clover, contingent upon program input and shared contract details. Steve Rebscher, second. Further discussion followed. **Motion:** Richard Sloan moved that the Board table the motion until the Montessori parents had time to meet. Denise seconded the motion for discussion. Motion failed - 1 aye (Sloan) and 4 no. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien amended her motion again to simply grant the 0.5 FTE leave of absence as requested by Janet Clover with no staffing conditions associated with it – staffing issues to be worked out at a future date with parent input. Steve Rebscher amended his second. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 1 no (Sloan).

2. **AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY** Helena Barras as a temporary 12.5 hr/week Instructional Assistant in a Montessori Program. **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to authorize the employment of Helena Barras as a temporary 12.5 hr/week Instructional Assistant in the Montessori Program, fully funded by the Montessori Program. Richard Sloan, second. Motion carried - all ayes.
3. **PROVISIONAL INTERNSHIP PERMIT:** **Motion:** Stephanie O'Brien moved to approve the employment of Alexandra Zulauf Cusick under a Provisional Internship Permit – Multiple Subject – to teach in the 2/3 grade class in the Montessori Program, Lagunitas campus, beginning March 2, 2009 and ending June 15, 2009. The permit will be submitted to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for final granting. Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman, second. Motion carried - all ayes.

**AGENDA PLANNING:** The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for March 17, 2009. Future agenda items include the Second Interim Report, Budget Revisions, charge to the ad hoc committee for Parcel Tax Renewal, staffing assignments for the 2009/10 school year, and updates on the State of California budget.

**ADJOURN** – The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
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Lawrence H. Enos, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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