

Eureka City Schools Board of Education
3200 Walford Avenue, Eureka, CA
REGULAR "Workshop" MEETING
May 17, 2006
4:00 P.M.
MINUTES

4:00 PM (an audio recording is made of open session)

A. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR SESSION

The regular meeting was called to order by Anderson at 4:05 p.m.

Members Present : Anderson, Taplin, Pace, Fullerton, Gray

Members Absent : None

Staff Present : Scott, Aslanian, Davis

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge was led by Member Taplin.

C. BOARD RECOGNITION

● **Apple Pin Awards**

The following were recognized by the governing board for their exceptional contributions to the students and staff of Eureka City Schools: Vicki Jo Arneson, Alice Birney; Judy Bingham, Alice Birney (not present); Kristi Puz, Jefferson; Constance "Connie" Ross, Central Kitchen; Paul Cudney, from the Corporation Yard; Diana Witte, District Office Accounting; Loretta Saenz, Winship; Maurya Hicks, EHS; Ron Dias, EHS; Diane Mann; EHS; and Sue Costa, Washington.

D. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

E. VISITOR COMMENTS

ETA President David Orphal referred to the 2006-07 governor's budget and the settlement of the Proposition 98 debt repayment plan to California schools. Although being presented as one-time money, it was the intention of the voters that these funding levels become the minimum, and the California Teachers Association will work for sustained funding. The district's commitment to funding a 6% increase in benefit costs is appreciated. The Union will negotiate additional increases in benefits. Orphal urged the district to consider designating a portion of the COLA to funding the remaining 6% insurance increase.

F. INFORMATION

(1) Superintendent's Report

- On Friday Scott had an enjoyable tea in Terri Vroman Little's Montessori class.
- Scott thanked members Anderson and Pace for attending the town hall meeting at Worthington on Monday night regarding the placement of Zoe Barnum on the site. Senior Director Kim Kellenberg, Director Georgeanne Fulstone-Pucillo, teacher Dave Orphal, and Assistant Superintendent Jerry Johnson were some of the staff present to receive comments from the community. Scott expressed his respect for administration and Zoe Barnum staff that stood tall and strong against a very adverse group.

(2) Board Members

- Gray is thankful to be back from Japan, and shared pictures of her trip.
- Pace thanked all the people that helped present at the Worthington town hall meeting. She was very embarrassed for the Worthington community by the name calling and arguments.

(3) Update on Bond Facility Construction

- 3DI's Barbie Warren reported the high school bid opening is being moved to June 1, but should not impact the schedule through the summer. The contract will be awarded at the June

7 board meeting along with a presentation on the extent of the high school projects.
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(3) Update on Bond Facility Construction (continued)

- The EHS gymnasium draft EIR comment period ended with two letters receive; one from the City of Eureka and one from the Heritage Society. Winzler and Kelly will respond.
- Asbestos abatement is complete at Grant and Lafayette and construction can begin.
- The award of the \$2.5 million matching funds should be in hand in the next two weeks.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR – The Board is asked to receive/approve

On G(22), “review” was removed from the recommended action and clarification was provided on G(23). It was M/S by Taplin/Gray to approve the following consent calendar items:

- (4) Personnel Report #18
- (5) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2006
- (6) Job Description: Food Service Warehouse Delivery Driver
- (7) Job Description: Food Service Warehouse - Lead
- (8) Job Description: Senior Secretary, Special Services
- (9) Resolutions#05-06-074, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel – Alice Birney
- (10) Resolutions #05-06-75, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel - Jefferson
- (11) Resolutions #05-06-076, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel-Lafayette
- (12) Resolutions #05-06-077, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel - Washington
- (13) Resolutions #05-06-078, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel - Winship
- (14) Resolutions #05-06-079, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel - Zane
- (15) Resolutions#05-06-080, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel – Food Service
- (16) Resolutions #05-06-082, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel – Indian Education
- (17) Resolutions #05-06-083, Reduction/Elimination of Classified Personnel - EHS
- (18) Reclassification Appeals
- (19) Position Title Change Only – Corporation Yard
- (20) Short-Term Position – Eureka High School
- (21) Short-Term Position – Homeless Education
- (22) History/Social Studies Textbook Adoption Review: K-5/6-9
- (23) Resolutions#05-06-081, 2005-06 Child Development Contract (CPKR-5122) – Winzler
- (24) Resolution #05-06-081, Eligibility Renewal Application for Federal Surplus Property Program
- (25) Shared Bussing Agreement for 2006/2007 School Year
- (26) Resolution #05-06-038, Transfer from Special Reserve
- (27) Certification of 2004-2005 Audit Findings Corrective Plan and Recommendations
Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION – The Board is asked to discuss/act

(28) Approval of Designating Jefferson Elementary School as Jefferson Learning Center and Discussion of Worthington Site Name

Staff recommended renaming Jefferson Elementary to the Jefferson Learning Center and Eureka Adult Education should retain their name. After experiencing the community reaction at

the Worthington town hall meeting, the same is recommended for Worthington. The recommendation is Eureka Adult School at the Jefferson Learning Center and Zoe Barnum Continuation High School at the Worthington Learning Center. The board discussed starting fresh with a new name for Zoe since the name may have negative connotations within the community. Changing the name may not accomplish anything because it does not change the program, and it may be seen as a reaction to masking the school at its new location.

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(28) Approval of Designating Jefferson Elementary School as Jefferson Learning Center and Discussion of Worthington Site Name (continued)

It was suggested Zoe Barnum staff discuss the name at tomorrow's strategic planning session. Zoe teacher David Orphal explained he has worked at the site for 10 years and the staff loves the school, loves the kids, and is excited about the programs. Changing the name does not change the school's image.

It was M/S by Taplin/Pace to accept the recommendation of changing Jefferson Elementary School to the Jefferson Learning Center, Eureka Adult School and Worthington Elementary to the Worthington Learning Center, Zoe Barnum Continuation High School. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

I. DISCUSSION - The Board is Asked to Receive

(29) Middle School Presentation

- Zane Principal Teddie Lyons spoke of the beautiful construction, the staff collaboration, and the personalizing of the school environment at the middle schools. Through a mentoring program, staff is matched with individual students for a personal connection throughout the student's middle school career. The schools are aggressively pursuing remediation to assist students meet grade-level standards. Remediation will also include a jump start summer school late in the summer. In 2006-07, the EAST program and print media will be expanded and AVID will be offered. The ZAP program was highlighted
- Winship Principal Kim Cobine mentioned that last year because of rain, both middle schools held graduation at the Municipal Auditorium. This was so successful the schools will again use the Muni for graduation. Winship is still finishing up construction in the multipurpose room, some classrooms, and the heating system. The school feels new. One challenge is restructuring the day to provide more educational opportunities for students because intervention has moved into the school day. Teachers from both schools will be attending training this summer to begin the AVID program for 8th grade. The following two years will add 7th and 6th respectively. The goal is that every student has the AVID experience through every classroom.
- A collection of Winship and Zane students shared information on classes, programs, activities, and all the fun things they do at their schools.

(30) EHS Counseling Department Student Support Personnel Accountability Report Card (SPARC) Award

EHS Counselors Willa Mauro, Ron Dias, and Jacki Rajkovich were introduced by Counselor Carole Cox. The EHS Counseling Department is an award winning group. The EHS SPARC was recently selected as an Academy Award winner from amongst a large applicant pool from across the state. This is an honor and speaks to the quality and comprehensiveness of the service the department provides the students. Counselor representatives Carole Cox, Jacki Rajkovich, and Willa Mauro recently attended the California Association of School Counselors Conference (CASC) where they were officially presented with the honor. They will perform an

annual update, and if the award is won three times in a row, you become the "The Best in the West." The department will utilize the SPARC to:

- Present a self-evaluation of their support system
- Promote the program to school and district administration as well as to the school board, community partners, and parents/guardians
- Prepare reports for accreditation, grants, and recognition
- Implement the American School Counselor Association National Standards and the National Model for School Counseling Programs.

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(30) EHS Counseling Department Student Support Personnel Accountability Report Card (SPARC) Award (continued)

The proposed budget that was referenced earlier contains a proposal for additional funding for counseling. The goal is to have 300 students to one counselor in the high school and 500 to one in the middle schools. California is very low in this goal. This is the first year for on-line registration with students using computer labs. Students are also being registered for summer school. The department is working with senior graduation and Learning Pathways enrollment for next year. PowerSchool makes this easy. AVID is an incredible program that has been very successful this year (a college preparation class for underrepresented students.) The group expressed their appreciation for the support received by the district and board. The counselors all expressed the amazing support received by Heidi Moore; she is a superwoman! Psychologist Barbara Olsson spoke highly of the counseling department.

(31) Preliminary Safe School Plans

Associate Superintendent Aslanian recalled that the California Education Code requires all schools to develop a comprehensive school safety plan that is updated and reviewed each year. The HCOE provided an in-service, and the district is moving forward on updating the plans. More training will be provided staff on how to deal with angry parents and students. Next year key staff will be required to attend National Emergency Management Service (NIMS) training.

Approximately 75 teachers will participate in this training which is funded by the HCOE. The plans received by the board are draft and the beginning of the process. *The completed binder will be brought back for final approval by December 2006.* It was suggested the matrix format be consistent for each school. Next year it will be a priority for schools to participate in crisis drills. Each site also has a Crisis and Disaster Preparedness binder.

(32) Governing Board Representatives for Secondary Graduation Ceremonies

Following are board representatives for graduations: Humboldt Bay HS, 6/13, 5:00 p.m. Wharfinger, Lisa Pace; Adult Education, 6/14, 2:00 p.m., Court Yard (AE) Judy Anderson; Zoe Barnum HS, 6/14, 4:00 p.m., Court Yard (AE), Fran Taplin; Winship MS, 6/15, 4:00 p.m., Municipal Aud., Elaine Gray; Zane MS, 6/15, 2:00 p.m., Municipal Aud., John Fullerton; Eureka HS, 6/16, 2:00 p.m., Albee, John Fullerton and Elaine Gray.

At 6:08, the board moved for a brief recess.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no comments on closed session items.

K. CLOSED SESSION (closed to the public)

Members Present: Anderson, Taplin, Pace, Fullerton, Gray

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Scott, Aslanian, Davis

The Board will consider and/or take action upon the following consent items:

With respect to every item of business discussed in closed session pursuant to E.C. Sec. 48918(c) or 76030:

- (33) Consideration of student expulsion(s) (no additional info required)
(a) Student #05-06-007, Discipline Agreement (Scott and Aslanian were not present during discussion)
It was M/S by Gray/Fullerton to accept staff's recommendation. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

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K. CLOSED SESSION (closed to the public) (continued)

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to E.C. Sec. 54956.95

(34) Potential Liability Claim

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to E.C. Sec. 54957:

(35) Employee discipline, dismissal, release, accept the resignation of or otherwise affect the employment status of a public employee

(36) Public employee appointment/public employment

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to E.C. Sec. 54957.6:

(37) Conference with labor negotiator Scott/Anderson regarding ETA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees – Superintendent's Evaluation

L. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Pace reported that action was taken to approve the discipline agreement on Student #05-06-007.

M. ADJOURNMENT

President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Scott, Ed.D.
Secretary of the Board of Education

Recording Secretary, Micki Davis

Board, Lisa Pace - APPROVED

Date

Clerk of the

The next regular meeting will be held June 7, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the district boardroom.

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