

-Eureka City Schools Board of Education
3200 Walford Avenue, Eureka, CA
SPECIAL "Workshop" MEETING
May 31, 2006
4:00 P.M.
MINUTES

A. 3:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL SESSION

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

C. CLOSED SESSION (closed to the public)

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: None

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

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

(1) Employee discipline, dismissal, release, accept the resignation of, or otherwise affect the employment status of a public employee (no additional information required)

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

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

D. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Member Pace reported there was no action taken in closed session.

E. 4:00 P.M. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

The special meeting was called to order by Anderson at 4:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent : None

Staff Present : Scott, Aslanian, Davis

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge was led by Member Fullerton.

G. BOARD RECOGNITION

● **Citizen's Oversight Committee Reception**

President Anderson thanked the Citizen's Oversight Committee for the four years they contributed to oversight of bond construction expenditures. Dr. Scott recalled some of the lessons learned and the district's appreciation for the Committee's work. Scott introduced outgoing members Melinda Ciarabellini, Bob Marino, Marge Custis, Susan Seaman, Chairman Ken Skaggs, and Lynn McKenna, who recently came on the board replacing Fred Nelson. Lynn will also serve on the new Committee. The newly appointed Citizen Oversight Committee introduced themselves: Heidi McLean, parent; Theresa Nelson, parent; Karen Suiker, parent with budget experience and serving at large; Nancy Pritchard, senior citizen and member of the Tax Payers League; Sue Alton who worked with CR's bond project and member at large; Robert Avrill, parent; and Ralph Lindstrom, businessman (not present).

Each board member thanked the outgoing Committee for all their hard work. Assistant Superintendent Johnson also thanked the Committee and key staff Project Inspector Mike McKay, 3DI Project Manager Barbie Warren, and Director of Maintenance Bruce Slightom. Johnson briefly highlighted some of the projects that were accomplished during the Committee's service.

Bob Marino mentioned the three members of the Committee that were not present; Liana Simpson, Larona Farnum, and Kurt Kramer. Marino also thanked Ken Skaggs for his leadership and devotion as Chair to the Committee.

● **Citizen's Oversight Committee Reception**

Marge Cutis was very happy to serve and would be happy to do it again. Melinda Ciarabellini thanked the board for the unique opportunity and experience and for their vision of what they wanted to see in the schools. The staff and Committee had a good working relationship. Susan Seaman appreciated the depth of knowledge the Committee acquired and knowing the blood sweat and tears that went into every decision. Lynn McKenna looks forward to continuing in a full term. Ken Skaggs appreciated the opportunity to work on the oversight of two bonds.

Skaggs was impressed with staff's resiliency to complete the projects with a fixed amount of funding. Skaggs suggested for continuity to consider ex-officio members from the outgoing Committee. Skaggs asked to be kept on the mailing list so that he may continue to attend meetings.

A brief PowerPoint presentation of past bond construction was displayed. The board presented each out-going member with an engraved memento of appreciation and moved to recess for refreshments.

Anderson reconvened the meeting.

H. VISITOR COMMENTS

David Orphal, ETA President, recalled ETA requesting the district fund the increase in SISK health benefits. This should be possible with the new state money flowing into the district. Orphal thanked the board for funding this year's benefit increase. ETA looks forward to negotiating a new contract next year.

H. DISCUSSION - The Board is Asked to Receive

(3) Report on 2006-07 Budget

Information recently received indicates the governor's "pay back" of Proposition 98 funding will be designated as "one-time" money. The district budget resource base represents unrestricted General Fund revenues and includes the revenue limit, district lottery, class-size reduction, community school, and special education. Assumptions used in the budget include an actual COLA of 5.61%, a decline in enrollment of 127 students, a revenue limit deficit of 0%, mandated cost reimbursements of \$60,000 (which should cover the additional 5.6% increase in certificated health benefits for one year only), health and welfare at the FY 05-06 rate plus 6%, and certificated non-replacement of 5.6 FTE. The budget is built on some one-time funding, but the reserve will be maintained if not increased.

There may be one-time block grants that will provide per ADA grants to districts for one-time site expenditures such as deferred maintenance, music and arts, physical education, libraries, and classroom supplies. If the board is interested in any cost-saving measures, now is the time for ideas. It appears there is a good chance the state budget will be signed by June 15. The budget before the board is an estimate received from HCOE. Johnson briefly explained specific object code accounts. In relation to the transfer between general fund and the special reserve fund, the transfer will result in a 3.1% reserve. Positions covered by categorical funding will not be reflected in the unrestricted general fund. The board will be provided a copy of the certificated health benefit cost analysis. The health and welfare listed does not include the additional 5.6% the district has committed to fund for one year only. The board will receive the categories broken down by restricted and unrestricted funds at the June 21 meeting. The replacement of the district's outdated computers must be considered. The General Fund does not include any funding for technology replacement. The board was invited to question any category for restoring or reducing.

L. ADJOURNMENT

President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:55 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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