

Eureka City Schools Board of Education
3200 Walford Avenue, Eureka, CA
SPECIAL MEETING
March 14, 2007
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL SESSION

The special meeting was called to order by Anderson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent : None

Staff Present : Jones, Munther, Johnson, Kellenberg, Davis

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge was led by Member Pace.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION - The Board is Asked to Receive/Discuss/Act

(3) Fiscal Stability Plan 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09

Interim Superintendent Denise Jones recalled the initial presentation of the Fiscal Stability Plan at Monday night's meeting. The audience received copies of the PowerPoint presentation and the Fiscal Stability Plan. Of the PowerPoint presentation given Monday, Jones shared the history of the budget and reductions due to on-going declining enrollment beginning with 2000-01. See the March 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m. minute's attachments for the PowerPoint presentation and the Fiscal Stability Plan. Reductions proposed in the Fiscal Stability Plan were listed.

Public Comments:

Wendy Davis, Lafayette parent, spoke in support of the elementary science program.

Jeff Self, ECS teacher, passionately spoke against removing science from the prep-period and what will result from putting it back with the classroom teacher.

Dorothy Thomas, Lafayette parent, spoke in favor of keeping the elementary science program in the prep-period.

David Orphal, ETA President, empathized with the board and staff and raised concerns with elimination of the counselor technicians, the .25 school nurse position, and the teacher in charge of the AVID program.

Greg Colyar, Winship teacher, expressed disappointment with the direction ECS is taking and advocated teacher input into reductions.

Becky Reece, ECS parent, suggested looking at staff contributing to the increase in benefits and received clarification on what counts as enrollment in the classroom.

Jerry Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, shared there are no employee costs for health and welfare benefits, and this is a bargaining issue.

The board reported out public contacts they have received on the Fiscal Stability Plan.

Fullerton received clarification on the current and proposed personnel structure of the science prep-period. Gray explained the deadline of March 15 set by law to show reductions in certificated staff and the statutes required by HCOE because of a qualified budget. Orphal and Colyar were invited to speak to teachers and bring ideas to the board. Fullerton also explained the necessity for reductions and invited teachers to come up with other ideas to save money. Taplin shared if changes were made to this plan, other reductions would have to be made; and to reach this point, the hours put in by staff and the board are overwhelming. Taplin shared her concerns with specific reductions. Pace spoke of the counseling technician's work at the high school and asked this be one of the first things to be brought back. Pace expressed her appreciation for the hard work of all those affected by the reductions. Anderson echoed comments made by board members.

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(3) Fiscal Stability Plan 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 (continued)

It was M/S by Gray/Fullerton to approve the Fiscal Stability Plan for 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09. Roll Call Vote: Gray: aye; Fullerton: aye; Anderson: aye; Pace: aye; Taplin: aye. Motion carried.

(4) Second Interim Financial Report

Johnson recalled the presentation and discussion of the report at the Monday night meeting. *It was M/S by Pace/Gray to accept and certify the Second Interim Financial Report as qualified for the fiscal year 2006-07. Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Absent: 0. Motion carried.*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no comment on closed session items. At 8:10 p.m., the board moved to closed session to discuss Items (3), (4) and (5).

E. CLOSED SESSION (closed to the public)

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jones, Kellenberg

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

- (3) Employee discipline, dismissal, release, accept the resignation of, or otherwise affect the employment status of a public employee (GC 54957 and 44951)
- (4) Public Employee Employment - Superintendent (GC 54957)
- (5) Conference with Labor Negotiator(s) Interim Superintendent Jones Regarding Eureka Teachers Association and Classified/Blue Collar Units (GC 54957.6)

F. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Pace stated there was no action to report on E(3) and E(4) and (5) were not discussed

G. ADJOURNMENT

President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Jones
Secretary of the Board of Education

Recording Secretary, Micki Davis

Clerk of the Board, Lisa Pace - APPROVED

Date