

Eureka City Schools Board of Education  
3200 Walford Avenue, Eureka, CA  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
September 6, 2006  
7:00 P.M.  
**MINUTES**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR SESSION**

The regular meeting was called to order by Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no public comment on closed session items.

**C. 6:30 p.m. CLOSED SESSION ONLY (closed to the public)**

President Anderson moved the meeting to closed session.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Hartsell

*With respect to every item of business discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov.C Section 54596.9(a):*

( 1 ) Liability Claims: Eureka Heritage Society

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

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

( 3 ) Public Employee Appointment/Public Employment

*With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov.C. Section 54957.6:*

( 4 ) Conference w/ Labor Negotiator(s) Scott Regarding ETA/CSEA/Unrepresented Employees

**7:00 p.m.** (an audio recording is made of open session)

**D. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

The regular meeting was reconvened by Anderson at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Members Absent :** Scott

**Staff Present :** Munther, Davis

**E. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Member Pace read the following: "The Board took action in closed session to accept Dr. James W. Scott's resignation effective September 8, 2006, subject to terms of a Resignation Agreement and General Release between the district and Dr. Scott, which the board approved.

The Board is pleased to announce that Associate Superintendent Bob Munther will serve as Acting Superintendent until an interim superintendent can be employed to serve during the process for selecting and hiring a new Superintendent." The vote was as follows: *Governing Board: ayes: 4; noes: 1, Taplin; absent 0. Motion carried.*

**F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

FFA officers for the new school year introduced themselves and provided the board with an update on what they have done this summer with the FFA summer retreat and participation at the Humboldt County Fair (\$38,000 was made on animals). The officer initiation is schedule for September 13, at 3:30 p.m. at the Ag. Department; the board was invited to attend. The new members are excited for the new year and attending the annual regional meeting in Sacramento which includes officers from Crescent City to Half Moon Bay.

**G. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Munther called the board's attention to an addendum to J(8) Personnel Report deleting two

people from the report.

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**H. VISITOR COMMENTS**

The following citizens spoke against the release of the EHS Cheerleading Coaches for the 2006-07 basketball season: Ashton Averill, varsity cheerleader at EHS; Stephanie VanVuren, mother of a previous cheerleader and a current cheerleader (Ms. VanVuren provided the board a letter she wrote on behalf of an alleged incident being used in the complaint decision and a letter from her older daughter supporting the coaches and denying certain incidents); Teri Levitt, cheerleading coach (Ms. Levitt read and provided a letter she and fellow coach Brenda Bronson wrote asking for another hearing); Debra Poprawa, cheerleading parent; Mark Wahlund, representing parents, teachers, administrators, businessmen and women; and Mari Wilson, professionally the assistant county assessor and personally a mother of a varsity cheerleader. President Anderson asked Teri Levitt to put in writing the request to rehear the complaint by the board and deliver it to the Superintendent's office. She will then be notified what the decision is regarding the request.

**I. INFORMATION**

**( 5) Acting Superintendent's Report**

- Munther provided the board with enrollment figures (attached #2). Numbers are looking more stable than they have in awhile. The board asked for a copy of the additional enrollment figures being used by Munther for reference.
- Director of Transportation Dan Pires reported on the current numbers of students being transported. This year was particularly hard to coordinate since a school was closed, almost every principal was reassigned, and most the bell times were changed. The agreement with Freshwater and Kneeland is working very well.

**( 6) Update on Bond Measures S & T Facility Construction**

3DI's Barbie Warren thanked the board for joining the Citizen's Oversight Committee for the site tour. This summer the district was successful in the completion of a lot of construction activity. The portables were all set today at Grant and Lafayette, and they are on target for occupying in early October. The Office of Public School Construction will soon be releasing to the district \$12 million of hardship and state-match money for the high school.

**( 7) Board Members**

- Fullerton asked for a break down of the cheerleading program's total income and expenditures.
- Taplin shared that all the schools are looking very good even with construction. The grounds look great! She noticed that EHS drama has a very large class.
- Pace thanked everyone for their hard work over the summer and all the moves.
- Anderson echoed Taplin's comments on facilities.

**J. CONSENT CALENDAR - The Board is Asked to Receive/Approve**

*It was M/S by Taplin/Pace to approve the following Consent Calendar items with the addendum to the Personnel Report:*

- ( 8) *Personnel Report #3*
- ( 9) *Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2006*
- (10) *Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 25, 2006*
- (11) *Administrative Regulation #4113, Procedures for Verifying Subject Matter Knowledge*
- (12) *2006 Local Agency Biennial Notice for Amendments to the Conflict-of-Interest Code*
- (13) *Declaration of Equipment as Surplus and Authorization to Sell*
- (14) *Accept Reauthorization Approval for Continued Funding California School Age*

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**J. CONSENT CALENDAR - The Board is Asked to Receive/Approve (continued)**

- (15) *Administration on Children, Youth, and Families Memorandum of Understanding (COMPASS Grant)*
  - (16) *Newcomer Employment and Advancement Project Memorandum of Understanding*
  - (17) *Approve 2006-07 Annual Participation in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.*
  - (18) *Approval to Donate Leftover Food to Local Area Food Banks*
  - (19) *Morgan Hart 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class-Size Reduction*
- Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.*

**K. DISCUSSION/ACTION - The Board is Asked to Receive/Approve**

**(20) Board Policy and Administrative Regulation #6154(a) Homework/Make-Up Work**

The changes requested at the August 23 meeting were implemented.

*It was M/S by Taplin/Fullerton to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation #6154(a) Homework/Make-Up Work. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.*

**(21) Eureka High School Industrial Arts Building Exterior Mural Removal**

EHS Principal Bob Steffen and GRIP Coordinator Simona Keat provided the board a letter outlining the origination and creation of the mural. Staff's appeal is that the mural stays, and the artist is willing to correct the painting after construction. Most students involved in the painting have graduated. The place was chosen because it is where visitors come into the campus for games. The current students do notice the mural and have commented that it represents them. The board expressed concern with the appearance of other murals on campus. Anderson opposed the mural since this building is being renovated and restored to its original architectural design. 3DI's Barbie Warren explained the construction being planned for the mural wall. Fullerton noted the mural livens up the area and students like it. There is a gloss on the wall that keeps it clean and preserved. Taplin commented the mural is representative of the students' feelings and they feel ownership and therefore it should stay. It was suggested the district develop a review committee and/or policy for the placement of murals on ECS buildings.

*It was M/S by Taplin/Fullerton to leave the mural on the IE Building. Governing Board: ayes: 4; noes: 1, Anderson; absent: 0. Motion carried.*

**L. DISCUSSION - The Board is Asked to Receive**

**(22) Beginning of the School Year Report**

Munther referred to the report given under I(5). This is the second year that Sheldon Reber and elementary principals have been visiting pre-schools to share registration information. Perhaps this is the reason the kindergarten enrollment has increased.

**(23) Fall Board Workshop Agenda Items**

Following are some of the items suggested:

- A place holder for local board authority for the Highly Qualified Teacher
- The complaint process/hearing process with Steve Hartsell
- Guidelines for walk-on coaches; how they are in-serviced, evaluated, the background of walk-on coaches compared to other high schools, the process for appointing coaches
- The central kitchen, the food, and some complaints that are being heard

To be considered for future board meetings:

- The demographics of the student population and how we are responding to the growing diversity
- The variety of programs/strategies to address these learners school by school

