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WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
DISTRICT OFFICE
October 20, 2011
5:30 P.M.

All open sessions will be recorded. A CD of the recorded meeting is available upon request.

MINUTES

5:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION – District Office

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:32 PM

By Board President – Nicole Crabb

Members Present

Nicole Crabb- Board President

Denis O'Connor

Ish Medina

Barbara Warren

Colonel Douglas Barron – Beale Air Force Base Liaison

Members Absent

Wayne Bishop

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

2.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Guensler introduced Colonel Barron. Colonel Barron will be serving as the BAFB Liaison.

Mr. Guensler reported that the nurse that was recently hired for Plumas School District, Wheatland High School and the Wheatland Elementary School District has resigned. The District has hired Health Aides at each site and we will look for a nurse to come in once a month to make sure we meet all of our legal obligations.

Mr. Guensler said that all District students met the Whooping Cough immunization requirements.

The City of Wheatland has been awarded two grants through the State of California. The Safe Route to School Program Grants will provide funding for Sidewalks, curbs, gutters, crosswalks, bike paths, pedestrian paths and curb ramps.

Mr. Guensler reported that the kitchen staff continues to increase the number of meals that are being served in the District. On a number of occasions during the month of October the served over 900 lunches a day. The District is still pursuing the monies that is due to us from Preferred Meals from the commodities. Mr. Guensler stated that if this not resolved soon, that he will be turning it over to the attorneys.

Mr. Guensler informed the Board about the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). This act requires all school district to evaluate their current election process. Mr. Guensler will find out the specifics to make sure that we are in compliance.

2.2 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were recognized by the Board of Trustees:

Dixie Heuvelhorst – Bear River School
Karen Lewallen- Wheatland Elementary School
Dawn Garvin – Bear River/Wheatland Elementary
Linda Schutz – Wheatland Charter Academy
Tara Aroz- Grant Coordinator – After School/Summer Camp
Breanna Essary – After School Program
Caitlyn Spina – After School Program

2.3 ENROLLMENT REPORT

The current enrollment in the District is 1262 students. This is the exact same number of students that was enrolled at this time last year.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nick Steele addressed the Board of Trustees regarding concerns that he has about several incidents that happened with a teacher at Wheatland Elementary School. He stated that there was physical contact and that he requested that his child be moved to another classroom. Mr. Steele said that it took over a month to remove her from the classroom, and that was only after he had spoken to the Principal, Superintendent and several Board members.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1** Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 15 , 2011
 - 4.2** Approved Special Board meeting Minutes – September 8, 2011
 - 4.3** Approved Bills and Warrants
 - 4.4** Approved Personnel Listing
 - 4.5** Approved Williams Uniform Complaint Act Report
- It was MSC (O'Connor-Warren) to approve the Consent Agenda

5. ◇ ACTION ITEMS ◇DISCUSSION ◇INFORMATION

CODE: (A) = Action (D) = Discussion (I) = Information

Members of the public wishing to comment on any items should complete a yellow **REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** form in the reception area at the District Office. Request forms are to be submitted to the Board Clerk before each item is discussed.

5.1 (A) APPROVED SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLANS

It was MSC (Medina-O'Connor) to approve this Action Item

5.2 (A) APPROVED THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL SIP PLANS

It was MSC (Medina-Warren) to approve this Action Item

5.3 (A) APPROVED THE DISTRICT GOALS, OBJECTIVES; VISION AND ACTION PLAN

It was MSC (Warren-Medina) to approve this Action Item

5.4 (I) DISCUSSED THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY

No action was taken by the Board

5.5 (A) APPROVED OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THREE BEAR RIVER TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

It was MSC (Warren-Medina) to approve this Action Item

5.6 (D) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF THE WHEATLAND ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

Mr. Guensler said that each month the Board will be discussing the re-opening of the Wheatland Elementary Campus. He said that class sizes are at capacity at the Bear River campus. He stated that re-opening the Wheatland Elementary campus would give us the opportunity to open classes and lower some of the class sizes. He said that he recommends a K-3/4-8 split. That would give the District room for growth at each site.

Mr. Guensler said that Chad will walk through and give us some plans/costs for technology needs, alarms, telephones etc. He said that they will need to walk through each classroom. He said that carpet in the primary grade classrooms is nice, especially to keep sound down. He said that he will be bringing costs back to the Board.

Mrs. Crabb stated that the Board is committed to lowering classroom sizes, however the District is already deficit spending, and we need to prioritize the projects. She said we have to determine the needs versus the wants. Mrs. Crabb said that we need to have a budget and we need to stay within that budget. She stated that when Wheatland Elementary was closed, that the Board was assured by the Administration that there was plenty of room for a K-8 on the Bear River campus. That has not been the case.

Mr. Guensler said that the District has to be conscious of what it will cost. Mrs. Crabb inquired about the kitchen update. Will food be transferred or cooked on site? She said that she wants things planned out, and that everyone must stay within budget. Mr. Guensler said that they will be looking into the costs and the logistics. Mr. Guensler stated that not only will a discussion be held at each board meeting, but he will have a Community Meeting to discuss the move.

5.7 (A) APPROVED THE JOB DESCRIPTION, SALARY SCALE AND CONTRACT FOR THE SCHOOL NURSE

It was MSC (Medina-O'Connor) to approve this action item.

5.8 (A) APPROVED THE MODIFICATION OF EXISTING 403c/457b CONTRACT

It was MSC (Warren-Medina) to approve this action item.

5.9 (A) APPROVED MASTER PLAN FOR ENGLISH LEARNER SUCCESS

It was MSC (Medina-Warren) to approve this action item.

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Ish Medina stated that he wanted to remind everyone about the Harvest Festival on November 12th. He said that it is a great event.

7. CLOSED SESSION – 6:49 PM

**7.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
G.C. 54957.6**

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, the Board will meet in Closed Session to give direction to Agency Negotiator, Craig Guensler, regarding negotiations with W.E.S.T.A., CSEA #626, W.E.S.S. and unrepresented groups.

8.0 RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION – 8:25 PM

**8.1 DISCLOSURE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION.
IF ANY-**

There was no action taken in closed session

9.0 ADJOURNMENT- 8:28 PM