

Cabrillo Unified School District

498 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Minutes (Adopted) of Regular Governing Board Meeting

Date and Place: March 10, 2010 – Cunha Intermediate School Library

Board Members present: Dwight Wilson, President
Jolanda Schreurs, Vice President
John Moseley, clerk
Charles Gardner, Member

Board members Absent: Kirk Riemer, Member

Administrators at the Table: Robert Gaskill, superintendent
Elizabeth Schuck, Assistant Superintendent
John Corry, director, Personnel & Pupil Services
Diane Stupi, Director, Fiscal Services

CALL TO ORDER/QUAORUM ESTABLISHED

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board recessed to closed session at 6:01 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

President Wilson reconvened open session at 7:07 p.m. He reported that the Governing Board met in closed Session from 6:01 – 7:01 p.m. and took the following action: Under Public Employee Matters, the Governing Board voted 4 to 0 to non re-elect: Four (4) Probationary Zero certificated employees for the 2010-2011 school year, one (1) Probationary one (1) certificated employee for the 2010-2011 school year, and one (1) Probationary Two employee for the 2010-2011 school year. The Governing Board also voted 4 to 0 to reassign an administrator to a classroom teaching position. Under “Student Matters”: the Governing Board voted 4 to 0 to expel Students A and B from Cunha Intermediate School for the remainder of the spring 2010 semester and the fall 2010 semester with admission to Half Moon Bay High School on a behavioral contract effective the first day of school of the spring 2011 semester. The Governing Board also voted 4 to 0 to expel Student C from Cunha Intermediate School for the remainder for the spring 2010 semester and the fall 2010 semester with readmission to Cunha Intermediate School on a behavioral contract effective the first day of school for the spring 2011 semester.

PLEDGE LED BY: Chris Probert, Student Representative

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to amend and include two additional items under consent. Add items:

12. f. Approve out of state travel for Maria King, Hatch Elementary School to attend Minority Leadership Training Seminar March 17 – 19, 2010, Reno, Nevada.
- g. Approve overnight trip for Half Moon Bay High School FFA students to attend the North Coast Regional meeting and Speaking Competition in Ukiah, California, March 26 – 27, 2010.

Mr. Gardner made the motion to approve and amend the agenda, Dr. Schreurs made the second.

Passed: 4 – 0 (M-40)

STUDENT STAFF/COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Mr. John Corry, Personnel and Student Services Director, introduced Mr. Dudley Hughes, lead teacher at CUSD's Alternative Education Program, and Ms. Melissa Moriarity, teacher at Alvin S. Hatch Elementary School, to share how students engaged in a community service project for the children of Haiti after the devastating earthquake.

Mr. Hughes thanked his students with certificates for their unselfish efforts in coordinating a clothing drive. The following students were recognized: Elizabeth Hernandez, Hilaria Carrillo, Julie Flores, Darren Loreto, Alexa Oliva, Gabriela Ornelas, Sesar Partida, Zenaida Patino, Kala Queen-Walls, Luis Ruiz-Haro, Rocio Valle.

Ms. Melissa Moriarity's students held bake sales and crafted collection containers to raise money. With the help and generosity of other students and parents of Hatch community, they raised \$1,554. Students present for recognition were: Erika Gallagher, Grace Garcia, Lillah Ferriera, John Howell, Christopher Vana, and Keyana Ronquillo.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

President Wilson stated that comments related to staff or program reductions will be addressed under 13.d. of the agenda. No other public comments were made.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

Chris Probert, student representative from Half Moon Bay High School reported results from the "Battle of the Sexes" assembly and a "Power Puff", gender reversal football game. He also attended a WASC presentation and participated on a student panel. Friday, March 12, has been declared "Pink Friday" to raise awareness of the pink slips that are being distributed to many staff members. This will be held before school. The Musical, The Unsinkable Molly Brown hits the stage March 19-21 and March 26 – 28, 2010.

Tom Cox, representative for CUTA, spoke of the difficult times for members and the community. CUTA union leadership is working hard and in good faith to keep the morale of the members up. CUTA wanted it publicly known they support all of their teachers and will not represent one group over another.

Item 13.d. Approve Resolution No. 3-10: Decrease the Number of Certificated Employees. Mr. Gardner made the motion, Mr. Moseley made the second.

Mr. Corry reviewed the list of Certificated Employees as listed in the Governing Board Packet. He did meet with CSEA President Tom Cox to review this list.

President Wilson opened this item for public discussion.

Several parents spoke about their concern over losing the counselors. (Art Hofmayer, Lourdes Patino, Lena King)

Ethan Hofmayer and several students also voiced support for counselors at Half Moon Bay High School. He pointed out several ways the counselors work to assist the students: administering AP tests, creating letters of recommendation, assisting with college requirements and keeping the school safe. He read off a list of areas that could be cut from the list of Ranking of 2010-2011 Budget Reduction Items, February 23, 2010 as a way to keep the basic core of counselors.

Eileen Bragman, Counselor at Cunha, spoke about the counselors' various roles.

Half Moon Bay High School Students Maria Toxqui Jimarez, Rose Zilber and Giselle Mendoza spoke about the importance of having counselors. They also spoke in support of maintaining Mr. Gerber's position at the library.

Arvin Lynes, Special Education teacher at Cunha, is concerned due to the fact counselors are always present at IEP meetings. His other concerns are the money is not being distributed properly for special education services. If counselors are cut, students will be under-served which could place the school district in jeopardy of possible litigation.

Chris Drost-Hansen a parent of Half Moon Bay High School compared the school district to a business. When you are growing a business, you want to emphasize the importance of customer care she commented.

James Barnes, Social Studies teacher at HMBHS was the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Coordinator this year. He worked very hard through this process to prove we are the best school and to allow us re-accreditation. We were recommended in 2007. This process required a lot of work which would not have been possible without the counselors. He noted all counselors worked together as a resource team in support of ELAC, Renaissance, financial aid for students, credit recovery program, academic support classes, students who need extra help, cultural awareness and, serving different communities and populations. Over the next three years and with no counselors, he felt it would be extremely difficult for WASC to accredit Half Moon Bay High School. Shari Baldock, Social Studies teacher at Half Moon Bay High School spoke about how counselors are the glue that holds the school together.

Kate Livingston, teacher at Farallone View Elementary, applauded the young people who came out for the meeting and spoke in support of the counselors and, suggested cutting an administrator instead.

Anne Rykenbush, French teacher at Half Moon Bay High School felt the counselors are a crucial part to a successful high school. She also felt Mr. Gerber provides a comfortable and guided environment for the students. Holly at Repo Depo goes way beyond her job to welcome students with a safe and supportive place for students.

Passes: 4-0

(M-46)

Roll call:

Jolanda Schreurs - yes

Charlie Gardner - yes

John Moseley - yes

Dwight Wilson – yes

Item 13.f. Approve revisions to CUSD Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5117 Interdistrict Attendance. Dr. Schreurs made the motion, Mr. Gardner made the second.

Mr. Corry presented the proposed revision based on CUSD's new status as a Basic Aid school district.

Failed: 2-2

(M-47)

Dr. Schreurs asked how many students come in and out of our district on interdistrict transfers. Mr. Corry replied approximately 30 students come into the district with approximately 15 to 18 going out. Most students coming into our district come from the south with a large number going into Cunha Intermediate School this year. Dr. Schreurs stated she would not vote in support of this policy. She likes students to have the opportunity to attend our schools with their unique programs.

Item 13.g. approve proposed new course adoption of AP Art History at Half Moon Bay High School – *second reading*. Mr. Gardner made the motion, Dr. Schreurs made the second.

Dr. Schreurs asked how the course will be implemented. Ms. Silvestri, Assistant Principal, Half Moon Bay High School noted the course will run independently as a single course if enough requests justify it and, will be taught by Pati Kowalczyk. There were no other questions or comments.

Passed: 4-0

(M-48)

Item 13.h. Cast District ballot for Sub region 5-B Representatives to the California School Boards' Association's Delegate Assembly. Dr. Schreurs made the motion to nominate Peter H. Hanley and Shelly Mesur, Mr. Gardner made the second.

Passed: 4-0

(M-49)

Item 13.i. Determine date to complete the annual Board Self-Evaluation Process

Board members reached informal consensus to hold their annual self-evaluation meeting on May 1, 2010. The Superintendent will check with Dr. Riemer to make sure he is available on this date.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Moseley applauded the students for suggesting budget cuts and supporting the parcel tax.

Dr. Schreurs noted her interest in finding solutions, perhaps working with other districts to solve some of the personnel problems. She invited her colleagues to join her at the County School Board Association meetings and become active in areas over the hill.

Presented Wilson stated he received a call from Jerry Hill's office with an invitation to the Foster City Chambers meeting on March 19, 2010 from 2:00 – 4:00 and wondered if any one could attend along with Superintendent Gaskill. Dr. Schreurs and Mr. Gardner offered to attend.

Superintendent Gaskill noted Friday is Pink Slip Friday across the state. He encouraged everyone to support the protest being held before school at Half Moon Bay High School. The WASC Report was presented with significant amount of positive feedback. Principal for a Day was held today. The attendees were invited to start their morning at the Principals/Management meeting. The next board meeting will be held on April 15, 2010, the third Thursday of the month.

FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Receive and discuss report of the District Ad Hoc Solar Energy Advisory Committee. Mr. Moseley expects a report will be presented in the fall of 2010.

Receive and discuss report of the District Ad Hoc Capital Assets Advisory Committee. Dr. Schreurs noted the group was waiting to see how current deliberations on land and water use will turn out at the county level before considering possible next steps.

FUTURE EVENTS/DATES/REQUESTS

Dr. Schreurs requested an agenda item for April to discuss bringing back one or more counseling positions and to hear staff thoughts on finding related solutions. President Wilson would like to have a free flowing discussion including counseling positions at both schools. Mr. Gardner would like to save a minimum of two counselors and also would like to have comments on how that can be accomplished.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Wilson adjourned to open session at 9:23 p.m. and announced that the Board would be returning to closed session.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

President Wilson reconvened to open session at 10:36 pm. He announced that the board took no action

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janice Olson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes presented by Mr. Gaskill, Secretary to the board

Certified by the Clerk of the Board

Date