

Item #: 14. B

GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
429 Magnolia Street
Gridley, CA 95948

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 6, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the Gridley Unified School District met in Regular Session in the District Office, Eric Waterbury, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Present: Eric Waterbury, Ken Olson, Doris Pettersen, Nicki Herrera Llerenas, Diadra Cain

Absent: Linda Wilson

Administrator: Clark S. Redfield

It was established that a quorum was present and that the Board proceed with the order of business.

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed into closed session at 6:02 p.m.

4. RECALL TO ORDER

Eric Waterbury recalled the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Eric Waterbury, Ken Olson, Doris Pettersen, Nicki Herrera Llerenas

Absent: Linda Wilson

Administrators: Clark Redfield, Chris McIntire, Larry McWilliams, Jim Walters, Joan Zappettini, Debbie Miller, Cindy Kershaw

Confidential Personnel: Pat Heidman

Classified Management: Heather Naylor, Maria Sanchez

Visitors:

Parents:

Tina Blenn

Kathy Wheeler

Sue Dunlap

Mary McConnell

Robert Zunino

Tracy Howell, GTA

5. Pledge of Allegiance / Order of Agenda

Eric Waterbury led the Pledge of Allegiance and established order of agenda.

6. Announcement of Action in Closed Session

Clark Redfield reported the following items from closed session:

- The Board received information relative to a resignation of an employee for the purpose of retirement
- The Board provided direction to the real property negotiator relative to the purchase of property.
- The Board received information on two student discipline matters; action would be taken later in the agenda.

No formal action was taken in closed session.

7. Administrator's Report

Debbie Miller addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following items:

- CAHSEE testing
- Dance which will be held on Friday, February 8 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Adult school conference in San Francisco aimed at marketing

Jim Walters addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following items:

- Ray Roberts Memorial Basketball Tournament this Friday and Saturday
- Tribute to Ray Roberts in the rally on Friday
- Spelling bee on March 27th:
Representatives: 6th grade Earlisha Lang, Rebecca Ryan; alternate Sarah Torres
7th grade Sunny Dhanoya, Brittin Squires; alternate Matt Scott
- Academic rally and recognition awards
- Teachers currently addressing students that were receiving failing grades
- Valentine dance next Wednesday

Chris McIntire addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following items:

- Presentation of pocket charts for first grade Criteria for Intervention Wall Placement
- Goal: to have every student advance from proficient to advanced.
- BPST (Basic Phonics Skills Test) and DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment)

Joan Zappettini addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following items:

- CAHSEE testing and Benchmark testing
- Intervention programs in English and Math
- Technology curriculum and coordination of Regional Occupational Program classes accessible to both Biggs and Gridley campuses
- Technology visits to two campuses: Pleasant Valley and Chico High School to review technology curriculum which targeted different areas
- Upcoming technology visits to Wheatland and Sutter

Larry McWilliams addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following items:

- Donation of dictionaries to students from Rotary
- Benchmark testing
- Teachers met with Sgt. Dean Price relative to gang intervention
- School-wide plan
- Soccer tournaments during lunch
- Announcement of his retirement at the end of the school year

8. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Eric Waterbury made comments relative to the technology visits to Pleasant Valley and Chico High School and the different curriculum offered at each site and the effect of budget cuts within their district. He further explained that GUSD's future goal was to address technology issues within the constraints of the budget crisis and invited the public to attend the upcoming budget meeting to discuss their suggestions.

9. Comments from the Audience

Mary McConnell, parent, addressed the Board and made comments relative to the technology visits at Chico schools and their applications with various media avenues. She also reiterated the need of a technology person at GHS and the need to hire a qualified consultant to address the needs of the schools.

Tina Blenn, parent, addressed the Board and made comments relative to her concerns about the filtration system on the computers at the high school as most scholarship applications are filed on line and students need to access the system readily and reliably. She stressed the need for a consultant to address the filtration system problem.

10. Superintendent's Report

Clark Redfield addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following items:

- Thanked the principals for their vigilance on reporting on Benchmark testing
- Reported on the Superintendents' conference which was inclusive of the budget crisis and the projections of schools that could have certified, qualified or negative budgets. The Governor and legislature have not voted on the budget, but GUSD would proceed on the premise of the proposed budget which has a 6.9% cut to programs and the elimination of some programs. The conference also addressed the achievement gap and PI status of schools.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Budget Report

Heather Naylor addressed the Board, presented a spreadsheet of categorical funded programs and made comments relative to budget projections. There were no carryovers factored into this projection as this reflected revenue only. She explained that the Superintendent and administrators have been meeting to develop a plan to deal with the impact of the budget crisis and that there would be a budget meeting to discuss different avenues of reducing expenditures. It would be inevitable that there would be district-wide cuts. Second interim budget would be completed in

March; the district may fall into the qualify category. The enrollment report indicated that the district's enrollment had increased from last year which may lessen the impact on the budget next year.

B. Facilities Report

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the walk through at Sycamore, McKinley, Wilson and the high school with Roebellen Construction who also completed a square footage count and presented an estimate on modernization costs. The estimate would be between \$7 and \$8 million dollars. There was a follow up meeting with a financial consultant that did projections on bond capacity; current bonding capacity was approximately \$20 million dollars. He also explained the feasibility of a bond election and requested direction from the Board if they chose to pursue a bond election in November.

12. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approve Stipulated Expulsion for Student E – 0708

Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve Stipulated Expulsion for Student E – 0708. Second: Diadra Cain. Unanimously carried.

B. Approve Stipulated Expulsion for Student F - 0708

Diadra Cain motioned to approve Stipulated Expulsion for Student F – 0708. Second: Doris Pettersen. Unanimously carried.

C. Approve Board Resolution 10 - 0708 Adopting Tie-Breaking Criteria in the event of certificated layoffs

Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve Board Resolution 10 – 0708 Adopting Tie-Breaking Criteria in the event of certificated layoffs. Second: Diadra Cain. Unanimously carried.

D. Approve the stipend position for grant writing services for the School Communities Violence Prevention Grant

Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve the stipend position for grant writing services for the School Communities Violence Prevention Grant. Second: Doris Pettersen.

After discussion on criteria and how this position would be filled, the motion was unanimously carried.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Diadra Cain motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Ken Olson. Unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda items as follows:

- A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2008
Approved minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2008
- B. Personnel
 - 1) Certificated
 - a) Ratified employment for the following paid coach for the 2007-08 School Year:
Jeff Gillming - GHS Assistant Track
 - b) Ratified employment for the following CAHSEE Math Intervention teachers, effective January 7, 2008 for the 2007-08 school year:
Alan Braun Nathan Link David Tull
Carrie Pitsker Misty Weagant
 - 2) Classified
 - a) Approved the following unpaid walk-on volunteer coach for the 2007-08 SY:
Richard Alcantar - GHS Assistant J.V. Baseball
 - b) Accepted letter of resignation for Leah Nichols, GHS Assistant Track coach, effective January 28, 2008
 - c) Ratified employment for the following paid walk-on coaches for the 2007-08 SY:
Terri Wooton - GHS Assistant Track & Field
Leah Nichols - GHS Head Track & Field
 - d) Ratified employment for Cheryl Johnson as the Instructional Aide for Power Reading, effective January 28, 2008 through May 30, 2008
 - e) Approved request for overnight out of state travel for the following personnel:
Clarissa Pfister - February 10-15, 2008 to attend a training for the Drug-Free Communities Grant in Washington, DC, sponsored by SAMHSA and CADCA
- C. Donations and Gifts
 - 1) The Board and District appreciated and accepted the following donations:
 - a) \$ 100.00 from Sharon Zunino to Gridley High School Music Department
 - b) \$ 500.00 from Gridley Kiwanis Club to Reading Is Fundamental program, McKinley Primary School
 - c) \$ 250.00 from Linda Benner to Reading Is Fundamental program, McKinley Primary School
- D. Overnight Fieldtrip
 - 1) The Board approved the following overnight fieldtrips submitted for approval:
 - a) GHS: California Girls Wrestling Invitational at Hanford, February 1 and 2, 2008
 - b) GHS: CIF Boys State Wrestling Championships at Bakersfield, CA, February 28, 29 and March 1, 2008
 - c) GHS: Girls State Wrestling Championships at Fresno, CA, March 7-9, 2008
 - d) GHS: Reach for the Future Conference at Richardson's Springs, March 6, 7 and 8, 2008
 - e) GHS ASB: President's Conference at San Ramon, May 18 and 19, 2008
- E. Fund-Raising
 - 1) The Board approved the following fund-raising requests submitted for approval:
 - a) Spaghetti dinner, February 29, 2008, GUSD Student Music Council
 - b) Tamale sale, a.s.a.p. – February 2008, GHS Class of 2008

14. Adjourned

Eric Waterbury adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Approved: February 20, 2008

Board Clerk

Superintendent

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