

Item # 13. A

GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
429 Magnolia Street
Gridley, CA 95948

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Present: Ken Olson, Eric Waterbury, Nicki Herrera Llerenas, Diadra Cain, Doris Pettersen, Lloyd Pierce, Linda Wilson

Absent: None

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

Ken Olson recalled the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Ken Olson, Eric Waterbury, Nicki Herrera Llerenas, Diadra Cain, Doris Pettersen, Lloyd Pierce, Linda Wilson

Absent: None

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

Confidential Personnel: Pat Heidman

Classified Management: Maria Sanchez, Heather Naylor, James Carlson

Visitors: Corina Waterbury Don McVicker, GTA
Samantha Waterbury Tracy Howell, GTA
Nancy Korling, CSEA Paul Casillas

Concerned Parents Group

Rachelle Gutzman Shannon Duran Tinker Storm
Kathy Wheeler Tina and Ralph Blenn Mary McConnell

5. Pledge of Allegiance / Order of Agenda

Ken Olson 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 of Trustees provided direction to the real property negotiator relative to a property purchase.
- The Board received a performance report on an employee; no action taken.
- The Board reviewed Stipulated Expulsions for Student A -0708 and Student B – 0708; action to be taken later in the agenda.

No action was taken in closed session.

7. Administrator's Report

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

- Enrollment: 312 students including 18 additional Charter School students
- Class sizes will be monitored
- Transition of Charter School students into McKinley Primary School
- Family Reading Night, November 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- Student assessments; results to be shared with parents
- Parent Conferences: November 13-20 for kindergarteners
November 26-30 for first graders

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

- Enrollment increased by approximately 10 Charter School students
- Successful transition of Charter School students into GHS
- Assessment and placement determination with use of benchmark testing, CST, and 8th grade Math placement exams
- Status of CAHSEE relative to Charter School students
- Attendance at "Failure is not an Option" Conference
- GHS Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activity Participation Policy presented
- Parent Group meeting scheduled on November 19th at 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the GHS Conference Room

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

- Student Council elections; Samantha Waterbury, President will be presenting reports to the Board at future meetings
- Grandparents Day
- Current enrollment is 555 students, previously 521; class sizes will be monitored

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

- Enrollment: Enrolled 20 Charter School students; current enrolled in Esperanza 50 students
- CAHSEE issues relative to incoming students from Charter School
- Discussion of credits earned towards graduation and accredited vs. nonaccredited schools

- Red Ribbon Week – students studied units on drugs and alcohol
- Benchmark testing
- Adult School Computer class moved to GHS due to class size

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

- Enrollment: Enrolled 30 Charter School students
- Red Ribbon Week
- Soccer and basketball updates
- Staff focusing on question strategies and student engagement
- Benchmark testing in Science and History
- Meeting with students that have received failing grades and notifying parents
- Parent Conferences: November 6-8, 2007
- Valedictorian watch: 4 students

8. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Eric Waterbury accorded recognition relative to speeches and singing presented by Wilson students for Student Council elections.

Lloyd Pierce congratulated the GHS football team on making the playoffs.

Ken Olson made comments relative to a successful Grandparents Day.

9. Comments from the Audience

Nancy Korling, CSEA President, Chapter # 395, addressed the Board and requested the status of calling in substitute custodians before the 3rd day of absence.

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and stated that a report will be presented at the next Board meeting.

10. Superintendent's Report

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

- Enrollment had increased significantly with Charter School students
- Accorded recognition to the secretaries, teachers, and administrative staff in transitioning in the Charter School students.
- Use of benchmark assessments as a comparative and diagnostic analysis tool
- Jon Frank, WestEd
- Observation of increased direct instruction and student engagement at the school sites
- Accorded recognition of speeches presented at Wilson Elementary School

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Review Internship Contract Agreement between the Gridley Unified School District and Chapman University College, Sacramento Valley, effective on October 15, 2007 through October 15, 2009

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the Internship contract with Chapman University for a collaborative partnership to offer internships in

Chapman University Internship Program cont'd.

Multiple Subjects, Single Subjects and Special Education. Chapman University provides supervision and support for individuals enrolled in the credential programs. A student currently in the internship program has been placed at Sycamore Middle School teaching Social Studies.

This is an informational item; no Board action is required.

- B. Report from Gridley High School regarding course offerings
Clark Redfield requested that this item be pulled from the agenda at this time due the influx of new students at GHS and the activities involved in their transition and registration. This item will be placed on the next Board agenda
- C. Report from Concerned Parent Group, GHS Technology
Mary McConnell, Concerned Parents Group, addressed the Board and made comments relative to the need for a Technology “Geek” at Gridley High School due to the infrastructure, software and filtering system problems and the need to upgrade the current system. The need for this individual to teach the staff and implement more sophisticated computer courses was discussed. Joan Zappettini, GHS Principal, made comments relative to the direction of technology, course offerings which included conducting a student survey, technology training for teachers and the filtering system problems. Don McVicker, 3rd grade teacher, Wilson Elementary School, also reiterated the problems relative to the network and the antiquated technology. The Concerned Parents Group requested that the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent commit funds to hire a technology individual. Eric Waterbury and Ken Olson requested an overview from the Concerned Parent Group relative to costs, needs and vision to be presented at a future Board meeting.

12. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approve the date of December 12, 2007 for the Annual Organizational Meeting
Eric Waterbury motioned to approve the date of December 12, 2007 for the Annual Organizational Meeting. Second: Doris Pettersen. Motioned was carried with a 6 to 1 vote.
- B. Approve Stipulated Expulsion for Student A - 0708
Eric Waterbury motioned to approve the Stipulated Expulsion for Student A – 0708. Second: Nicki Herrera Llerenas. Unanimously carried.
- C. Approve Stipulated Expulsion for Student B - 0708
Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve the Stipulated Expulsion for Student B – 0708. Second: Diadra Cain. Unanimously carried.
- D. Approve contract with Butte County Fairgrounds for use of Farmer’s Hall and the Feather Room
Lloyd Pierce motioned to approve the contract with Butte County Fairgrounds for use of Farmer’s Hall and the Feather Room. Second: Nicki Herrera Llerenas. Unanimously carried.

- E. Approve Board Resolution 04-0708 Authorization to Teacher Under Education Code 44256 (b)

**Eric Waterbury motioned to approve Board Resolution 04 – 0708 Authorization to Teach Under Education Code 44256 (b).
Second: Nicki Herrera Llerenas.**

Motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes: Diadra Cain, Nicki Herrera Llerenas, Ken Olson,
Doris Pettersen, Lloyd Pierce, Eric Waterbury,
Linda Wilson**
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion was carried with a 7 to 0 vote.

- F. Approve Board Resolution 05-708 Authorization to Teacher Under Education Code 44263

**Lloyd Pierce motioned to approve Board Resolution 05 – 0708 Authorization to Teach Under Education Code 44263.
Second: Eric Waterbury.**

Motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes: Diadra Cain, Nicki Herrera Llerenas, Ken Olson,
Doris Pettersen, Lloyd Pierce, Eric Waterbury,
Linda Wilson**
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motioned was carried with 7 to 0 vote.

- G. Approve revised job description for the Payroll Technician

**Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve the revised job description for the Payroll Technician. Second: Linda Wilson.
Unanimously carried.**

- H. Approve additional support staff for Capital Facilities and Categorical programs by authorizing a position of Secretary/Account Clerk

**Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve additional support staff for Capital Facilities and Categorical programs by authorizing a position of Secretary/Account Clerk.
Second: Linda Wilson. Motion was carried with a 6 to 1 vote.**

- I. Approve job description for Secretary/Account Clerk

Linda Wilson motioned to approve the job description for Secretary/Account Clerk with a stipulated change that the Secretary/Account Clerk report to the Chief Business Official. Second: Nicki Herrera Llerenas. Motion was carried with a 6 to 1 vote.

- J. Approve revised classified employee's salary schedule

Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve the revised classified employee's salary schedule. Second: Diadra Cain. Unanimously carried.

- K. Approve additional Noon Supervisor position, 1-hour per day/4 days per week, effective November 8, 2007 at Wilson Elementary School

Eric Waterbury motioned to approve the additional Noon Supervisor position, 1-hour per day/4 days per week, effective November 8, 2007 at Wilson Elementary School. Second: Nicki Herrera Llerenas. Unanimously carried.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Eric Waterbury requested item C.b) Classified: Ratification of employment for Pat Beck, as a paid walk on GHS Assistant JV football coach, be pulled from the agenda for further clarification.

Eric Waterbury motioned to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Linda Wilson. Unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda items as follows:

- A. Minutes October 17, 2007

Approved minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2007

- B. Personnel

- 1) Certificated

- a) Ratified employment of the following paid coach for the 2007-08 School Year:
Jodie Tull - GHS Assistant Cheerleading (1/2 stipend)
- b) Approved the following unpaid walk-on volunteer coach for the 2007-08 SY:
Owen Stiles - GHS Assistant Boys Soccer
- c) Ratified employment for DeAnne King, Computer Teacher, Adult ED Program, effective November 5, 2007
- d) Ratified employment for Minden King, Independent Study Teacher, Alternative ED Complex, effective October 24, 2007

- C. Classified

- a) Ratified employment for the following paid coach for the 2007-08 SY:
Eryka Abella - GHS Assistant Cheerleading (1/2 stipend)

- b) Ratified employment for the following paid walk on coaches for the 2007-08 SY:
 - Brooke Mardesich - 7th Grade Girls Basketball
 - Stan Easter - 8th Grade Girls Basketball
- c) Ratified employment for the following paid stipend positions for the 2007-08 SY:
 - Michael Hepworth - Drama (1/3 stipend)
 - Rob Haeberle - Drama (1/3 stipend)
- d) Accepted letter of resignation for Linda Limberg, Secretary II, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 1, 2008
- e) Accepted letter of resignation for Pamela Ramirez, Payroll Technician, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 15, 2008
- f) Ratified employment for Lisa Schohr, Instructional Aide, 2-hours per day/5 days per week, effective October 22, 2007
- g) Ratified employment for Ana Vera, Instructional Aide, 2-hours per day/5 days per week, effective October 22, 2007
- h) Ratified employment for Roseanne Goldfarb, Instructional Aide, 6.5-hours per day/5 days per week, effective November 5, 2007
- i) Ratified employment for Tracy Smith, Car/Van Driver, 3.5-hours per week/5 days per week, effective November 5, 2007

D. Donation and Gifts

- 1) The Board and District appreciates and accepted the following donations:
 - \$ 120.00 to Wilson Elementary School from Holiday /Sav-Mor Foods
 - 94.36 to Wilson Elementary School from Lifetouch
 - 37.23 to Wilson Elementary School from Target
 - 36.76 to McKinley Primary School from Cottage Mercantile

E. Overnight Fieldtrip

- 1) The Board approved the following overnight fieldtrip submitted for approval:
 - a) GHS, Educational Talent Search campus visits, University of the Pacific and UC Davis, November 18-19, 2007
 - b) GHS Boys Soccer to Garces Tournament, Bakersfield, CA, December 14-16, 2007

F. Surplus

- 1) Approved the surplus items as follows:
 - a) Discard items from Gridley High Schools:
 - Library books (*book list available for public review at the District Office*)
 - b) Discard/Donate items from Sycamore Middle School (one copy except where noted):

14 Days to Midnight	Bug World
Chemo Kid	Driver's Ed
Escape From Eden	Green Invasion
Harris and Me	Hatchet (23)
In Deep Water	Invisible Man
Macbeth	Merchant of Venice
Midwife's Apprentice (16)	Meriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (29)
Mystery on Mars	Ralph S. Mouse

Shiloh Season
Tuck Everlasting (4)
Where the Red Fern Grows

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Twelfth Night

Greg Junior High Typing (10)
Spelling & Vocabulary 8th (2)

Beseler G-100 Overhead Projector (2)

Eric Waterbury requested clarification on item C.b) Classified: Ratification of employment of Pat Beck as a paid walk on coach as the GHS Assistant JV football coach for the 2007-08 SY.

Clark Redfield and Joan Zappettini addressed the Board and made comments relative to this position.

Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve ratification of employment of Pat Beck as a paid walk on GHS Assistant JV football coach for the 2007-08 SY. Second: Linda Wilson. With a vote of 1 (one) abstention and 2 (two) opposed, the motion was carried with 4 to 3 vote.

14. Adjourned

Ken Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Approved _____ Board Clerk

_____ Superintendent

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