

REGION #9 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 27, 2010  
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gombos, Hocker, Karvelis, Lewis, Logie, Neidenbach, Shapiro

Administration: Cicchetti, Mas, Sullivan, Kipp, Pin, Czudak

Others: six members of the community and a representative of the Redding Pilot/Easton Courier

Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm in JBHS Media Center

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion: move to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010 regular meeting as submitted. Karvelis, Gombos. Approved. 5-0-1. Dr. Shapiro abstained.**

RECOGNITION

Mr. Lewis recognized Mr. Neidenbach for his service on the Board of Education and especially his work on the track resurfacing project. Mr. Lewis presented him with a photo representing the Barlow Track as a memory of his time on the Board. Mr. Neidenbach is relocating to England and this was his last meeting. Mrs. Pin and Mrs. Kipp, on behalf of the administrative team, recognized Mr. Neidenbach's contributions to the school and presented him with a token of appreciation.

STATUS REPORT OF FACILITIES AND FIELDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Hocker provided an update on the following:

1. Field A Repair: Specs for sand trenching are being developed. Quotes for the removal of clay and replacement with soil are being received. The quote for Barry Blades of Blades & Goven for professional services/oversight of project is \$5,000.
2. Gym bleachers: the bleachers are in the process of being built. Removal of old bleachers and installation of new bleachers is a 2-day project and will be scheduled when the bleachers are available.
3. Tennis Court resurfacing: this work will be scheduled very soon.
4. Fascia work: this work is underway.
5. Boiler upgrade: the specifications were finalized. This is work that can be done during the school year.

Mr. Czudak also reported that the replacement Joel Barlow High School sign at the entrance of Barlow Drive is almost finished and should be installed prior to the opening of school.

Track: the installer was on site for inspection and small maintenance items. Mr. Czudak added that a gravel trench has been installed all around the track for drainage.

Condition of fields: Mr. Czudak reported that the fields are in good shape considering the lack of rain. He does not anticipate any problems for the beginning of the school year.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 3160, TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN CATEGORIES;  
AMENDMENTS

A long discussion of the policy followed. The FOC discussed the topic at their meeting, but made no recommendation at this time. Questions and concerns centered on the frequency of transfers, the format of the reporting of the transfers, the threshold for transfers and the transfers in emergency situations.

Mr. Lewis asked that all board members send their questions and concerns to the Policy Committee/Joe Macchio. The policy will be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Dr. Cicchetti reviewed the preparation for the Strategic Planning Session planned for August 23-25, 2010. Press releases on the session have gone out and there is a link to all documentation on the District's Web site. Following the session, the Strategic Plan will be presented at a meeting of the three boards of education. Action plans will be developed following that.

#### AUGUST 31, 2010 MEETING CANCELLATION

The meeting scheduled for August 31, 2010 falls on the evening before the opening of school. Discussion of cancelling the meeting followed.

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education cancel the board meeting scheduled for August 31, 2010. Shapiro, Karvelis. Approved. Unanimous.**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction: Marie Mas reported on summer curriculum work. The CMT and CAPT data is being analyzed and a presentation to the Boards will be scheduled for the fall.

Director Of Finance & Operations: Mrs. Sullivan reported that District 9 has a AAA rating from Standard and Poor's. The bond sale of \$1,580,000 took place on July 21, 2010 and was sold for a rate of 2.22%. Mrs. Sullivan added that she estimates the end-of-year unexpended balance to be about \$120,000.

#### COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Lewis reported that Mr. Karvelis, Mr. Macchio and Mrs. Gombos will serve on the Communication Committee.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Karvelis suggested changing the name of the Financial Oversight Committee to Financial Advisory Committee to better reflect the current work and goal of the committee. This will be a discussion at the next FOC meeting and board meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanne Wendschuh, Redding: commented on the importance of the Strategic Planning, the resulting action plans and the continuous follow-up on the plans.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion: move to adjourn the meeting. Karvelis, Gombos. Approved. Unanimous.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Logie, Board of Education Secretary

Recorded by Mary Maday