

CARDIFF SCHOOL DISTRICT
1888 Montgomery Avenue
Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California 92007

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2009

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Cardiff School District was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Cardiff School, 1888 Montgomery Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California. The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 5:03 p.m. and led Trustees and visitors in the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Brown III, Coakley, Orr, Stewart

Members absent: Agran

Administrators
present: Pellegrino

Visitors: Trish d'Entremont, CETA
Greta Ott, PSO
Gerald Sodomka
Patrick O'Connor
Andrew Audet
Jerry Peters
Ramona De Aragon
Anthony De Aragon
Bob Bonde
Julie Cheeseman

The agenda for August 26, 2009 was approved as presented.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Orr
CARRIED: 4:0

The minutes from the regular meeting of July 22, 2009 were approved as written.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Orr
CARRIED: 4:0

Hearing Session:

- Andrew Audet spoke to the Board about considering looking at other budget cuts before asking taxpayers to support a parcel tax increase. Gerald Sodomka, Jerry Peters, and Patrick O'Connor addressed the board asking them to examine the top-heavy administrative staff and streamline effectively. Bob Bonde asked the Board to keep faith with taxpayers and pass a board funding resolution. He also asked that they review the history of the brick building before entering into any deals.
- Trish d'Entremont reported teachers returned to work on August 25th. CETA held a local meeting today. The upcoming Health Benefits Fair that is taking place on October 13, 2009 was discussed. Board members were invited to attend. The budget was also discussed. Carolyn Howard, secretary of CETA, was inadvertently left out when listing the new officers last month.
- Greta Ott reported the PSO/CEF merger is moving forward. PSO will be voting at their first meeting on September 17th. New officers will be formed and new by-laws will be developed as well as a new mission statement. The Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast is planned for September 1st and the magazine drive for September 4th.
- Teachers have been immersed in many things this week. They have reviewed test results from last year, reviewed the week's schedule, and have done a lot of work with the strategic plan. The Principals have re-formatted the discipline plan to reflect the "Cardiff Way". The violation slips have also been revised to reflect the changes.
- Superintendent Pellegrino shared preliminary CSTs results. The Principals have a full presentation for the board at the September meeting. Mr. Pellegrino welcomed new staff members Lisa Boogren, daycare director, Dana Layman, 6th grade math specialist, and Carol Williams, special education teacher at Cardiff School. Mission Federal Credit Union will sponsor the staff lunch on Friday and Board members are invited to attend. Fifty Cardiff students participated in the Start Smart Wal-Mart shopping spree sponsored by the Phil Mickelson Foundation. They were given \$200 to purchase school supplies and clothing.

The consent calendar was approved as presented.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Orr
CARRIED: 4:0

The Director of Fiscal Services reviewed the timeline for the budget adoption process. She explained that budget discussions take place at every board meeting as well. She went on to report that the State has adopted a budget and it does not sound like there will be any mid-year cuts. There is still uncertainty about the stimulus money. The cuts that will need to be made are in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. We should have a better idea in September or October of what that amount will be.

The 2008-09 Unaudited Actual Financial Report was approved.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Stewart
CARRIED: 4:0

The enrollment projections for the 2009-10 school year were reviewed. Kindergarten registrations are at 110. Mr. Pellegrino pointed out the need for only five teachers instead of the six that was budgeted.

The parameters for use of the brick building were discussed -- specifically what conditions the deed can be limited to and if we can lock in the minimal use. Trustees asked the Superintendent to pursue more information on leasing the building and obtaining an updated list on the zoning uses. The Board feels they need to be educated on the best options.

Superintendent Pellegrino asked Trustees for feedback on the Strategic Plan work that has been done so far. Trustees asked for hard copies to be provided to them before they could make comments. Copies will be made available to them.

There being no other regular business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. President Brown reported that no action was taken during the closed session. There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Stewart, Clerk

Tom Pellegrino, Superintendent