

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

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Cardiff School District was held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at the Cardiff School, 1888 Montgomery Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California. The meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 5:05 p.m. and led Trustees and visitors in the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Brown III, Busby, Coakley, Orr, Stewart

Members absent: None

Administrators  
present: Pellegrino, Heichel, Parker

Visitors:	David Ross	Lesly Easson
	Susan Magnuson	Tracy Conrey
	Dave Clark	Nancy Robinson
	Jason Daniels	Trish d'Entremont
	Julie Cheeseman	Cindy Hellmann
	Gayle Gustafson	Carolyn Howard
	Margit Boyesen	Barbara Hall
	Amy Shireman	Nancy Bjorstad
	Neville Billimoria	Jessica Toth
	Deanna Russo	Cheryl Harrison
	Martha Largent	Charito Shook
	Carolann Buckmaster	Keith Carter
	Scooter Leonard	Debbie Broadbooks
	Mary Jo Schumann	Janice Murray
	Chris Paccione	Gayle Armstrong
	Stacy Davis	
	Carolyn Van Lear	

The agenda for February 22, 2010 was approved as presented.

MOTION: Coakley  
SECOND: Orr  
CARRIED: 5:0

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 20, 2010 and minutes from the special meeting of January 27, 2010 were approved as written.

MOTION: Orr  
SECOND: Brown  
CARRIED: 5:0

Hearing Session:

- Trish d'Entremont reported The City of Encinitas provided her class with disposable cameras for her students to take pictures of what was important to them in the city of Encinitas. The pictures will be mounted on four display boards and presented at the council meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. d'Entremont will also be compiling these photos and writing projects into a book that she will bring to the CUE conference next week. CETA negotiations are continuing. Teachers are aware of the budget constraints and are looking for solutions as a team.
- Jill Heichel reported that ELAC/DELAC would be meeting on March 1. The committee will be reviewing CELDT scores and the reclassification process of six students.
- Julie Parker reported the next School Site Council meeting is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:15 p.m. The committee will be working on updating the site plan.
- Cardiff SEA Gala tickets have sold out. To date, SEA has raised \$138,992. The goal is \$250,00.
- Julie Parker reported Kindergarten students started the full day schedule on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Teachers are in the process of assessments for second reporting period. Friday is spirit day and the theme is sports.
- Jill Heichel reported staff had a restful week off. Sixth graders will be participating in Egypt day. An ensemble will be performing at the February awards assembly.
- Superintendent Pellegrino thanked Chris Paccione for a great job with the jog-a-thon at Cardiff School. Trish d'Entremont conducted web conference lessons with State Park Department on elephant seals. Mr. Pellegrino polled 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at regarding what their budget priorities are. Their answers varied but encompassed everything that we will be discussing tonight. Family Art Night will be held at Ada Harris on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The consent calendar was approved as presented.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Orr  
CARRIED: 5:0

At 6:15 p.m. Superintendent Pellegrino declared a budget input session with the public. He explained the state's "fair share" reductions of community-funded districts are enormous.

Even with solid reserves, the impact of the state's budget crisis on Cardiff is \$500,000. We need to reduce expenses 500K in both 2010-11 and 2011-12. The goal tonight is to get input from staff, parents, and the community. Mr. Pellegrino will catalog budget priorities. Individuals should express what is the most important priority to keep in Cardiff. There is also an email established that will allow the board access to your feedback on budget priorities. The address is: [budgetinputforboard@gmail.com](mailto:budgetinputforboard@gmail.com). The following parents spoke on their priorities: Judith Buman suggested dropping family week and reinstating the Spanish program; David Ross said class size is important to him; Carolann Buckmaster would like small class size and teacher salaries increased; Jessica Toth would like a strategy in place to make sure academics are emphasized; Stacy Davis, class size; Debbie Broadbooks, class size and continue accelerated program; Jason Daniels, class size; Charito Shook, intervention programs, and music; Christy Bulskov, class size and protect culture of schools; Susan Magnuson, get back to what is practical, - use dollars efficiently, and use parent resources that we have; Shay Kirkpatrick, class size; Annette Andranian, class size and specialty programs; Becky Smith, class size; Neville Billimoria, class size. Trish d'Entremont said teachers are concerned regarding how the needed cuts will affect how teachers teach and how students will be affected; Tracy Conrey said parents should not have to write checks to subsidize programs; Martha Largent asked what do teachers value?

There being no more speakers, President Stewart called for a break at 8:10 p.m. The meeting adjourned to the regular business at 8:20 p.m.

The District's certification of second period interim state report for the period ending January 31, 2010 was approved.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Coakley  
CARRIED: 5:0

Superintendent Pellegrino reported there is no new clarification on Race to the Top. We still don't know the requirements.

Future agenda items:

1. Approve the 2011-12 calendar
2. Budget recommendations

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:45 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 p.m. President Stewart reported no action was taken during the closed session. There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Coakley, Clerk

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Tom Pellegrino, Superintendent