

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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Cardiff School District was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Cardiff School, 1888 Montgomery Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California. The meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 5:03 p.m. and led Trustees and visitors in the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Coakley, Orr, Stewart, Brown III

Members absent: None

Administrators
present: Pellegrino, Heichel

Visitors: Barbara Hall, CETA
Mark Whitehouse, SEA
David Ross
Catherine Blakespeer
Tricia Smith
David Agran
Susan Magnuson
Jessica Toth
Julie Cheeseman
Joanne Stress

The agenda for January 20, 2010 was approved as presented.

MOTION: Orr
SECOND: Coakley
CARRIED: 4:0

The minutes from the regular/organizational meeting of December 15, 2009 were approved as written.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Brown
CARRIED: 4:0

Hearing Session:

- Barb Hall reported CETA is drafting a response to the district's proposal.
- ELAC/DELAC meets on February 1st.
- School Site Council meets on February 1st.
- Mrs. Heichel reported both schools have had a busy start back. Kindergarten will be going full day on February 1st. The hands-on science is going well at Cardiff. Ada Harris will be participating in the Geography Bee, coordinated by Trish d'Entremont.
- Mark Whitehouse reported the Gala planning is continuing. The event is scheduled for March 13, 2010.
- Superintendent Pellegrino reported the leadership team started projecting the staffing needs for each grade level. During the next few meetings they will be analyzing line item expenses.

Mr. Pellegrino informed Trustees that Stu Blumer, a neighbor of Cardiff School, has approached him with a proposal for pruning the Torrey pine trees that surround the school. Tricia Smith, who was speaking in the absence of Mr. Blumer, explained that the gesture was not merely because it impeded some of the neighbors views, but it was also a safety issue. The tree health would be a top priority. If the District were to agree to this project, the best time to do the pruning is in the winter for pine trees. Mr. Blumer would like Board approval to schedule the work during the break in February. Mr. Pellegrino was given direction to work with the Board President to work through the details and City regulations to accomplish this project.

Superintendent Pellegrino officially thanked David Agran for his three years of service on the Board by presenting him with a plaque.

The consent calendar was approved as presented.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Brown
CARRIED: 4:0

Issuance of the Cardiff School District (San Diego County, California) 2009 General Obligation Refunding Bonds have sold. This will mean a savings of about \$419,000 to taxpayers. A press release will be done when all the paperwork is finalized.

Superintendent Pellegrino and Sandie Luehrs fielded questions from community members during the budget information meeting held on January 14th. Mr. Pellegrino said he was hopeful that people left the meeting with a better understanding of the budget process.

Mr. Pellegrino also reported on their attendance to the Governor's budget workshop. There is an additional proposed reduction of \$130,000 during the next two years.

Superintendent Pellegrino reported the District's objective in Race To The Top is to wait until there is certainty about the requirements, the finances involved, and then make a decision with CETA's input. Questions about the requirements have still not been answered and the funding levels may not be as financially rewarding as expected.

The Cardiff School District Strategic Plan for 2009-14 was approved.

MOTION: Orr
SECOND: Brown
CARRIED: 4:0

Second reading and adoption of the 2011-12 school calendar was tabled for further feedback.

It was agreed that a sub committee composed of the Superintendent, Gail Coakley, and Rhea Stewart will prepare interview questions for board candidates for the special meeting on January 27, 2010.

Future agenda items:

1. Adoption of 2011-12 school calendar
2. Second Interim

There being no other regular business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:35 p.m President Stewart 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 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Coakley, Clerk

Tom Pellegrino, Superintendent