

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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Cardiff School District was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Cardiff School, 1888 Montgomery Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California. President Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led Trustees and visitors in the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Orr arrived five minutes late.

Members present: Agran, Brown, Coakley, Orr, Stewart

Members absent: None

Administrators
present: Pellegrino, Heichel, Parker

Visitors: James Cheeseman
David Ross
Kathy Peery
Trish d'Entremont, CETA
Cindy Hellmann, CETA
Mark Whitehouse, SEA

The agenda for November 18, 2009 was approved as presented.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Stewart
CARRIED: 4:0

The minutes from the regular meeting of October 28, 2009 were approved as written.

MOTION: Coakley
SECOND: Agran
CARRIED: 4:0

Hearing Session:

- CETA will meet after the Thanksgiving break.
- ELAC/DELAC will meet on December 14th
- School Site Council will meet on December 1st

Hearing Session continued:

- Mark Whitehouse reported the Rob Machado Foundation has committed \$15,000 to be used for environmental causes. \$86,000 has been raised for next year. Participation is at 16%. The goal is \$250,000. The Gala is scheduled for March 13th and it will be an ocean theme. The e-scrip fundraiser is going well.
- Jill Heichel reported teachers are busy with parent conferences this week. The book fair is also taking place during this time. The fifth graders went on a field trip to Bizz Town. The students had an assembly on conflict resolution. Mrs. Heichel concluded her report by saying staff is looking forward to the Thanksgiving break.
- Julie Parker reported she met with a group of parents who are interested in starting a hands-on science program for the kindergarten students when they go full day in January.
- Superintendent Pellegrino reported the Mission Federal Credit Union "I'm Thankful For My Teacher Because..." notes are due on November 25th. Julie Parker is graciously hosting this year's holiday party on Wednesday, December 16th commencing at 3:15 p.m. The Encinitas Chamber Education Committee is coordinating a big health expo this spring featuring Tony Hawk. Mr. Pellegrino and Sandie Luehrs met with Tim Carty of Piper Jaffrey regarding an update on the bond refinance. We should be able to lock in a rate in late December or first part of January.

The consent calendar was approved as presented.

MOTION: Orr
SECOND: Coakley
CARRIED: 5:0

Superintendent Pellegrino reported the budget has a \$742,000 deficit over the next two years. He has communicated the information to the classified employees and he plans on meeting with the teachers on December 7th. He also plans on meeting with the community/parents to make sure they are aware of the situation.

Kathy Peery presented a power point presentation on updates to the technology plan.

Superintendent Pellegrino informed Jim Torti about the repairs that would be needed to make the brick building inhabitable. Jim Torti may still be interested in the property. He will be interfacing with Mike McNeff, the structural engineer who did the initial analysis on the building.

Future agenda items:

1. Approval of Strategic Goal
2. Approval of 2010-11 and 2011-12 calendars

There being no other regular business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:20 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:25 p.m. President Brown reported the following action was taken during the closed session: the Superintendent's contract was extended through 6/30/11. The Board will revisit the contract extension to June 30, 2012 on or about August 30, 2010 if Tom successfully leads the school community through budget approval and acceptable growth in test scores.

MOTION: Stewart

SECOND: Agran

CARRIED: 5:0

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Stewart, Clerk

Tom Pellegrino, Superintendent