

Subject to Board Approval
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers
1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
February 11, 2009

- CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Beck reported that the Board of Education approved the settlement agreements with case numbers: SN08/09-04836/S-0220-08/09 and SN08/09-PS001.
- CALL TO ORDER: The open session was called to order by Dr. Beck at 7:30 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Beck, Board President; Mrs. Barbara Zondiros, Board Clerk; Mr. Gregory Breen, Mrs. Lisa Claypoole and Mr. Lance Widman were present.
- STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Bruce Newlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Angela Jones, Business Manager; Ms. Sylvia Gluck, View Principal; Mrs. Tiffany Rudek, Valley Principal, Mr. Jason Butcher, Assistant Principal, and Ms. Michelle Meraz, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Patti and Paige Ackerman, parent and student
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the agenda with the revision of the Purchase Order total amount from \$35,689.86 to \$18,244.01 on the table of contents page. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: There was a revision to the January 14, 2009 minutes to reflect the report out from the closed session continuation on January 15, 2009.
- It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Mr. Widman, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 14, 2009 as amended to reflect a report out of closed session continuation on January 15, 2009. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS/
BOARD REPORTS: Mrs. Zondiros reported on the January 26, 2009 PTO meeting:
- A new fundraiser will be held this year called Tender Impressions;
 - The Hearts of Hermosa Annual Dinner, Dance and Auction will be held on March 21st at St. Roche;
 - The Annual Magazine Drive ends on February 18th;
 - Reminder that the school district will go green on March 1st. All flyers and informational items will be sent out via electronic mail and on the school website Wednesday Packet Information. E-blasts will be increasingly important.
 - Mom's Night Out was a great success. The event was sold-out.
- Mrs. Zondiros reported that the Project Forward Committee has a community survey on the city website (www.hermosabch.org) and the school website (ww.hbcasd.org). Project Forward is hoping for input from the entire community on opinions about the school district. The next Project Forward Town Hall Forum was rescheduled to Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m.
- Mrs. Zondiros said that Project Forward Committee is trying to get a clear picture of the school finances and school curriculum. The committee is trying to get community buy-in to the school district. Mrs. Zondiros said that committee member, Mr. Bruce Greenspon

asked for the needs of the school district. Mr. Breen suggested a starting point would be the school district mission statement and core values. The question was asked what does the community see as the school district needs and desires.

Another question that was asked in the Project Forward meeting was how successful are the Hermosa Valley alumni in high school and how many go on to college.

Mr. Breen and Mr. Widman attended a meeting on state finance entitled “What Happens When California Runs Out of Cash?” presented by Zocolo Public Square. The guest speakers were New American Foundation senior fellow, Mark Paul; Barclays Capital’s Peter Taylor and California State Controller, John Chiang. Mr. Breen reported that this was a factual discussion on the state budget. It can be seen on the www.zocolopublicsquare.org website. Mr. Widman said that information about warrants and IOUs and other options being considered at the state level was shared. Mr. Chiang gave an analogy about the amount of cash the state had in hand was for each \$10.00 bill received there was \$6.00 to pay for it.

Mr. Widman informed the Board that staff administration gave a good presentation at the Project Forward meeting on February 9, 2009 regarding school finances.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Audience Oral Communications:

Mrs. Patti Ackerman, Hermosa Beach Education Foundation President, invited the Board to attend the Hearts of Hermosa on March 21st. The ticket cost before March 1st is \$135.00 per person and \$175.00 per person after March 1st. Mrs. Ackerman said the buzz around town is that this will be a whole new experience, and it will be fantastic.

Mrs. Jennifer Auville, Parent Teacher Organization Co-President, informed the Board that she attended a Greater South Bay Education Coalition (GSBEC) meeting. The GSBEC is comprised of personnel and parents from Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, El Segundo, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lawndale, Lennox school districts and Southwest SELPA. Mrs. Auville said she believes this group will provide clout in Sacramento to have the concerns of the South Bay heard. Mrs. Auville encouraged the Board to approve participation in the GSBEC.

Written Communications:

Dr. Beck stated that a letter was received from Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) Superintendent, Dr. Steven Keller, recommending RBUSD Board member, Ms. Arlene Staich for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. She also noted a flyer received on a meeting for “Public Schools-Running on Empty” on February 18, 2009. No Board members requested to attend.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Newlin reported on the following topics:

- Mom’s Night Out, Hermosa Beach Education Foundation fundraiser – Dr. Newlin’s wife and daughter attended and said it was a very fun outing;
- Security Audit of School Campuses – the school district is waiting for the final report and recommendations of the security audit. A community input meeting on Hermosa Valley School campus security and safety is scheduled for February 12th in the Valley Tech Lab at 6:30 p.m.;
- The District is interested in developing a cooperative with other local area school districts to lower costs for Hermosa Beach schools. A joint powers of authority to save and conserve resources.
- The regular April school board meeting falls during spring break. The Board was asked its preference on rescheduling this meeting. The Board rescheduled the

regular April school board meeting to Wednesday, April 15, 2009 location to be determined.

REPORT:

Enrollment Report: Dr. Newlin reported a gain of three students over the past month.

2009-2010 Budget Guidelines, Roles and Responsibilities and Development Process

Mrs. Jones reviewed the Budget Guidelines, Roles & Responsibilities and the Budget Development Process with the Board. She announced the next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on February 18th in the Hermosa Valley Technology Lab at 3:30 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the Consent Calendar items as presented. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Business:

Purchase Orders Approval was given on the purchase orders issued since the last Board approval in the total amount of \$18,244.01.

Educational Consultant Agreement For Poetry Enrichment Program Approval was given for the educational consultant agreement with Ms. Shelly Berger to provide a poetry enrichment program called Poetry in Action at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

2009-2010 Budget Calendar Approval was given for the 2009-2010 Budget Calendar.

Contract – Auditing and Accounting Services Approval was given for the contract proposal with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP to provide auditing and accounting services, including the audit of the District's General Obligation bonds from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

Personnel:

Certificated Employment Transactions
Approval given for the following certificated employment transaction:
Carol Coordt, End of Assignment, Interim Assistant Principal, Hermosa Valley School, effective October 31, 2008.

Classified Employment Transactions
Approval given for the following classified employment transaction:
Edward Iwasaka, Employment, Noon Duty Aide, Hermosa Valley School, effective January 12, 2009.
Erikka Loftfield, Employment, Library/Media Technician, Hermosa Valley School, effective January 5, 2009.
Jill Murphy, Employment, Noon Duty Aide, Hermosa View School, effective January 5, 2009.

BOARD ACTION:

Superintendent:

Greater South Bay Education
Coalition (GSBEC)

Dr. Newlin stated that school districts need a vehicle to bring the South Bay school districts concerns and issues to local and broader based legislatures. The school districts would like to become proactive in the legislative process.

Mr. Widman asked who would take care of the logistics of the GSBEC. Dr. Newlin answered that Torrance Unified School District has accepted the responsibility. If the group's needs grow, the question of staffing will be addressed.

It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve participation in the Greater South Bay Education Coalition. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Auville was thanked for her time in participating in the GBSEC.

Cooperative Agreement between the
City of Hermosa Beach and the Hermosa
Beach City School District on the Joint Use
Of Public Facilities

Dr. Newlin announced that the Hermosa Beach City Council approved the revised Cooperative Agreement at their February 10, 2009 meeting.

Mrs. Zondiros noted a typographical error on page 5, Section 6.4 - the year is incorrect, replace 3009 to 2009.

Dr. Beck asked if there will be a date change in the introductory paragraph from October 2008 to February 11, 2009. She noted that the insurance information for each agency will need to be added to the contract.

Dr. Beck stated that she appreciated the city's efforts that when the school district had no place to go, the city was willing to support the school in more ways than monetarily. She is thrilled and very optimistic that communication is open between the two agencies.

It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Zondiros, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Hermosa Beach and the Hermosa Beach City School District on the Joint Use of Public Facilities. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Updated Board Bylaws 9270 on
Conflict of Interest

It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adopt the revisions to Board Bylaw 9270 on Conflict of Interest. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Southwest Special Education
Local Plan Area –
Local Plan Participant's Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded Mrs. Zondiros, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the contract between the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Southwest Special Education Local Plan Area for participation

in a full-service district-county-local plan for the implementation and operation of the Local Plan for Special Education, contract #C-10106. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

2009 California School Boards
Association Delegate Assembly Election

It was moved by Mrs. Claypoole, seconded by Mr. Widman, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District vote for the following candidates: Jan Baird, Sonya S. Cuellar, David Montgomery, Joseph Rivera, Arlene Staich and Trina L. Williams to the 2009 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Business:

Resolutions #08:08/09 and #09:08/09
Regarding Cash Borrowing

Mrs. Jones stated that if the Board approves Resolutions #08:08/09 on the Temporary Transfers from the Los Angeles County Treasury and #09:08/09 on Authorization for Temporary Borrowing Between Funds this will give the Board local control over cash flow when funds are deferred by the state, and while the district is waiting for state monies. Mrs. Jones informed the Board that when the school district borrows money from itself there is no interest involved. However, when the school district borrows from Los Angeles County Office of Education there is interest charged that the district would need to pay.

Mr. Breen clarified that the possible borrowing of funds was not spending outside of the adopted budget, but managing the district's cash flow, because of monies delayed by the state.

It was moved by Mrs. Claypoole, seconded by Mr. Widman, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve Resolution #08:08/09 on the Temporary Transfers from the Los Angeles County Treasury and Resolution #09:08/09 on Authorization for Temporary Borrowing Between Funds to meet possible cash flow shortages. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jones informed the Board that approval of these two types of resolutions will become an annual standard practice for the school district.

ROUNDTABLE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:28 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Claypoole, seconded by Mr. Widman, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

February

02/04-06 8th Grade Astro Camp
02/09 Lincoln's Birthday, No Classes
02/11 School Board Meeting, HB City Council Chambers 7:30pm
02/12 Valley Parent & Community Meeting on Campus Safety & Security; Valley Tech Lab 6:30pm
02/16 President's Day, No Classes
02/18 6th Grade Malibu Camp Parent/Student Meeting, Valley MPR 7:00pm
02/20 Middle School Dance, Valley MPR 6:30pm
02/23 PTO Meeting, Valley MPR 3:30pm
02/25 Special School Board Meeting, HB City Council Chambers 7:30pm
02/27, 28 & 03/01 HB Rotary Club Renaissance Faire, View School

March

03-02 School Site Council Meetings, Valley and View Schools
03/10 HBEF Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm
03/11 Parent/Teacher Conferences, Minimum Day for both school sites
03/11 School Board Meeting, HB City Council Chambers, 7:30pm
03/16 PTO Meeting, Valley Library 3:30pm
03/19 Kindergarten Round-Up, View 12:45pm
03/20 Kindergarten Registration Begins
03/20-22 & 03/27-29 Spring Musical "Wipe Out", Valley MPR
03/21 HBEF Annual Heart of Hermosa Dinner, Dance & Auction, St. Rocke
03/23-27 6th Grade Outdoor Education Malibu Camp

April

04/01 Flag Ceremony, View
04/03 Flag Ceremony, Valley
04/15 School Board Meeting, HB City Council Chambers, 7:30pm
04/17 5th Grade Colonial Day
04/22 Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast
04/27 PTO Meeting, Valley MPR 3:30pm

May

05/04 School Site Council, Valley & View
05/04-08 Staff Appreciation Week
05/04-15 STAR Testing
05/14-22 Book Fair, Valley Library
05/13 School Board Meeting, HB City Council Chambers, 7:30pm
05/22 Flag Ceremony, Valley
05/22 Middle School Dance, Valley MPR
05/25 Memorial Day Observed, NO CLASSES
05/27 5th Grade Transition to Middle School Parent & Student Meeting
05/27-28 5th Grade Walk through Revolution
05/29-06/05 Book Fair, View Library

President

Clerk