

Subject to Board Approval
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administrative and Education Center
Hermosa Valley School, Multipurpose Room
February 13, 2008**

- CALL TO ORDER: The open session was called to order by Mr. Widman at 6:42 p.m.
- CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Widman reported that no action was taken during the closed session of the January 16, 2008 school board meeting.
- Mr. Widman reported that following consultation with legal counsel the Board gave direction to staff to finalize the Resolution Agreement #09-06-1482 with the Office of Civil Rights.
- He further stated there was no action taken under Negotiations.
- (Mr. Lawrence Fordiani gave Mr. Widman documents in reference to the Office of Civil Rights Resolution Agreement.)
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Beck, Mr. Greg Breen, Mrs. Lisa Claypoole, Mr. Lance Widman, and Mrs. Barbara Zondiros.
- STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sharon McClain, Superintendent; Mrs. Angela Jones, Business Manager; Mrs. Carol Caballero, Hermosa View Principal; Miss Sylvia Gluck, Hermosa Valley Principal; and Ms. Michelle Meraz, Executive Assistant.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Mary Lou Weiss, retired HBCSD Board member
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mrs. Claypoole, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the agenda with the 2008-2009 Budget Calendar under the Consent Items. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Zondiros, that the Board of Education of Hermosa Beach City School District approve the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting of January 16, 2008. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD REPORTS:
- Mrs. Zondiros reported on the Parent-Teacher Organization meeting of January 28, 2008 that she attended:
- Excellence in Education Challenge drive will soon be underway;
 - Hearts of Hermosa tickets are on sale;
 - Kids Run Hermosa will be held on April 19th;
 - Poetry Program will begin in the next few weeks.
- Mrs. Claypoole reported that she attended the California School Boards Association New Board Member Conference on February 1 & 2, 2008. She stated the conference was very enlightening and had many good speakers.
- Mr. Breen and fellow board members, Dr. Beck and Mrs. Zondiros attended the funeral for Marcia & Gillian Harrigan. He stated there was good showing of the Hermosa community, and that it was a fine memorial. Marcia and Gillian will be missed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Audience Oral Communications:

Mrs. Jackie Tagliaferro asked when will the Resolution Agreement with the Office of Civil Rights be available to the public. Mr. Widman responded that the document will be public once all of the details have been worked out by staff and when it has been signed.

Written Communications:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. McClain reported on the following:

- California School Boards Association New & First Board Member Training on February 1 & 2, 2008 was attended by board member, Mrs. Claypoole and Dr. McClain.
- Thanks was given to Hermosa Beach Youth Basketball for donating a scoreboard for the Hermosa Valley School gymnasium at a value of \$5,100.00.
- Thanks given to Mrs. Dianne Miller, Hermosa View Health Aide, for organizing box top donations and ordering chairs for the school office with the funds.
- School Attendance Review Board (SARB) model recognition received by the SARB Area 16. The SARB Area 16 (participating local school districts are: Hermosa Beach City School District, El Segundo Unified School District, Manhattan Beach Unified School District and Redondo Beach Unified School District) was ranked #1 in the state of California as a model SARB. The SARB is a community and school-based program that addresses the needs of students with school attendance and behavior problems.
- Thanks was given to Mr. Jim Siegrist for creating a Naming Rights brochure for the school district to distribute to interested donors.
- Location change of February 27, 2008 Special School Board Meeting and March Regular School Board Meeting to Hermosa View School due to preparation of spring musical activities in the Hermosa Valley School multipurpose room.

PUBLIC HEARING ON POSSIBLE
PARCEL TAX ELECTION:

Mr. Widman opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. for comments from the community on a possible parcel tax election.

Dr. McClain introduced Mr. Robert Anslow, attorney from Bowie, Arneson, Giannone Law Firm, who is assisting the school district with legal expertise and necessary paperwork for a possible parcel tax. Mr. Anslow was in attendance and available to answer questions that the Board had on a possible parcel tax.

Mr. Widman noted that several written communications were received from community members about the proposed parcel tax. Written communications in support of a parcel tax were received from: Ms. Donna and Alfie Cunningham, Ms. Lisa Brannan, Mrs. Cindy Smet, Mrs. Kristin Thomas, Ms. Danielle Sokol, Mr. Dency Nelson, Mrs. Jennifer Rosenfeld, and Mr. Mike Stern. A written communication of non-support was received from Mr. Lawrence Fordiani. A written communication with questions about a parcel tax was received from Ms. Roberta Moore.

Mrs. Kim O'Brien, 3rd Grade Teacher, urged the community and the Board to pass a parcel tax.

Mrs. Miyo Prassas, parent, was not in favor of a parcel tax.

Mrs. Mary Lou Weiss, retired board member, asked if the parcel tax survey results were published. Dr. McClain responded that they were published in a school board meeting agenda, and that they were on the school website. Mrs. Weiss also asked if there was a sunset clause on the proposed parcel tax. Mr. Widman replied that many of the details of

the parcel tax had not yet been decided and a sunset clause has not been determined. Mrs. Weiss continued by asking when the school board will make cuts and live within its budget.

Mrs. Carolyn Petty, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mrs. Janine Bozeman, parent, was strongly in support of a parcel tax.

Mr. Jim Lissner, community member, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mr. Brad Westermann, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mr. David Adler, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mrs. Roberta Moore, community member, was in support of a parcel tax, but she had concerns about the implementation of the parcel tax. The questions that Mrs. Moore asked were answered by Mr. Robert Anslow, partner of the law firm Bowie, Arneson, Wiles and Gianonne which is representing the school district relative to a parcel tax.

- Why would senior citizens, who may be exempt from paying a parcel tax, be able to vote for a parcel tax? The senior citizen or disabled person exemption is not an automatic exemption. It has to be placed in the parcel tax election order language by the Board. The courts have moved away from the concept of landowner voters to register voters.
- What is a parcel? The proposed parcel tax initiative defines a parcel as an individual Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel. There is an allowance that if you have an owner occupied continuous single family residential unit that sits on multiple parcels it is considered a single parcel for purposes of the tax. There would not be a double charge.
- Who will collect the parcel tax money for the school district? The parcel tax will be collected by the Los Angeles County Tax Collector Office. The L.A. County Tax Collector cannot give money to the state, except for a 1% ad valorem property tax. The L.A. County Tax Collector would not be able to withhold money and return a portion to the state.
- What will prevent the state government from reducing Hermosa's allocation of state funding because of the additional revenue brought in by the parcel tax? Existing provisions of the government code recognize that local revenues raised by a parcel tax measure for school districts would stay with the school district, and there is no state off-set. If the legislature were to change the rules, and if they would require an off-set, the parcel tax measure contains language to allow the school district not to collect taxes in order to continue collecting their share of state revenue.

(Mrs. Moore also asked what percentage of voters is required to pass the parcel tax measure. There was no response to this question.)

Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Elizabeth Riley submitted a written communication in support of a parcel tax.

Mr. Mark Nielsen, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mrs. Denise MacRae, parent and co-chair of Parent-Teacher Organization, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mrs. Cathy McCurdy, retired board member, was in support of a parcel and will actively participate in the campaign of a parcel tax.

Mr. Jim Caldwell, parent and community member spear heading the parcel tax campaign, stated the parcel tax is an opportunity tax to take control of what the community will have taught in the school district. The community can decide whether it would like to have better schools than what the state funding is offering, and in turn have a better community.

Ms. Josie Catella, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mrs. Patti Ackerman, parent and president of Hermosa Beach Education Foundation, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mrs. Kim Siegrist, parent and chair of the Excellence in Education Challenge, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mr. Rick Binder, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mr. Jeff Doyle, grandparent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Ms. Lael Stabler, parent, was concerned about what the parcel tax will be used for, and what the cost of the parcel tax will be. She would like to know the priorities for expending the funds.

Mrs. Lisa Ryder-Moore, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

Mr. Anslow responded to questions asked:

- A parcel tax is a special tax and as such, the parcel tax must have a listed description of its revenue purposes. These programs or items do not need to be listed in priority. It was recommended that the Board not set a priority list, because priorities change over time.
- A parcel tax on an apartment building depends upon on how the property is assessed. If an apartment building is divided up as a complex basis or by unit then each complex or unit would pay an individual parcel tax. If the apartment building sits on a single parcel it will pay the tax once. If a parcel is designated “taxable” then the parcel tax will apply to businesses, commercial enterprises and industries.
- If the state legislature implemented different funding mechanisms, and would begin reducing state funding due to additional revenue received by the school district from a parcel tax, then the school district would have the ability to call for an abatement of the parcel tax. The parcel tax dollar amount could be lowered to as low as zero dollars, if it were necessary, in order to allow the state to not take state funding money back. This possible abatement of parcel tax money would not remove the parcel tax, it would only be lowered on a temporary basis.
- Parcel taxes have been in effect in California since about the early 1980s, and no money has been taken back by the state to adjust school funding.
- A Citizens’ Oversight Committee is an option for the Board to implement as an accountability measure.

Mr. Peter Barsuk, parent, was in support of a parcel tax.

No additional comments were given by the public. The public hearing was closed at 8:12 p.m. Mr. Widman thanked everyone for attending the public hearing and giving their comments.

A ten minute recess was called. Open session was reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

REPORTS:

Hermosa Valley School New Construction

Project Update: Mrs. Jones reported that the new library soffit should be completed within the next two weeks. After the completion of the soffit, the fire alarm and sprinkler testing will take place. Afterward the fire marshall would be called to inspect the building.

Enrollment Report: Dr. McClain stated that there was a gain and a loss of students in various grade levels. Enrollment numbers are remaining constant.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the Consent Calendar items. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried.

Business:

Purchase Orders Approval was given for purchase orders issued since the last Board approval in the amount of \$38,712.68.

Consultant Agreement –
After School Sports Referee Services

Ratification was given for the contract agreement with the Southern California Umpires Association to provide referee services for home intramural sports activities at a rate of \$45.00 per referee and \$30.00 per linesman.

Contract – Auditing and accounting Services

Ratification was given for the Contract Proposal with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP to provide auditing and accounting services from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Contract –Poetry Enrichment Program

Approval was given for the Consultant Agreement with Ms. Shelly Berger to provide poetry enrichment to 4th grade students at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Agency Services

Ratification was given for the revised Master Contracts with the following agencies to provide nonpublic, nonsectarian school agency services:

Master Contract	Services	Rate
California Unified Service Providers (Revised)	Applied Behavioral Analysis	\$60.00/hour
First Step for Kids (Revised)	Applied Behavioral Analysis:	
	a. Clinic	\$58.00/hour
	b. Supervision	\$58.00/hour
	c. One to One	\$58.00/hour
JBA Institute	Behavioral Intervention:	
	a. Supervision	\$51.00/hour
	b. One to One	\$51.00/hour
Pediatric Therapy Network	Occupational Therapy:	
	a. Individual	\$90.00/hour
	a. On-Site	\$80.00/hour
	b. Small Group Program	\$60.00/hour
	c. Evaluation	\$550.00/Eval
	Physical Therapy:	
	a. Individual	\$90.00/hour
b. On-Site	\$80.00/hour	
	c. Small Group Programs	\$60.00/hour
	d. Evaluation	\$550.00/Eval

The terms of the Master Contract Agreements are from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Agreement – Fire Watch Services

Ratification was given for the Agreement with A&A Protection Services to provide fire watch services for Hermosa Valley School new facilities at a rate of \$22.40 per hour.

Educational Consultant Agreement for Special Education Services

Approval was given for the Educational Consultant Agreement with Dr. Pam Ajang to provide a developmental evaluation of special needs student at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00.

2008-2009 Budget Calendar

The Board adopted the 2008-2009 Budget Calendar.

Personnel:

Certificated Employment Transactions

Approval was given for the leave of absence/job share request from Karen Maguy and Lisa Trevino teachers in 2nd grade at Hermosa View School. A 50% Leave of Absence request for each teacher effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Classified Employment Transactions –

Approval was given for the following Classified Employment Transactions:

Krista Clifton, Employment, Noon Duty Aide, Hermosa View School, Effective 02/04/08
Robbi Hufstetler, Reassignment, from Clerk/Typist to Instructional Aide. End date for the Clerk/Typist position 01/14/08; start date for the Instructional Aide position 01/23/08.
April Coleman, Termination, Instructional Aide, Hermosa View School, Effective 12/21/07

BOARD ACTION:

Superintendent:

Board Discussion on Possible Parcel Tax

Dr. McClain invited Mr. Anslow to review with the Board the Parcel Tax Revenue Purposes and the Accountability Measures for consideration. Mr. Anslow reviewed what a possible Parcel Tax Election Order Resolution would look like, and the items that the Board would need to discuss, give direction on and eventually decide upon if they choose to move forward with the Parcel Tax Election Order [amount of parcel tax per parcel per year, if desired, an inflation factor may be stated in the measure, senior citizen and disabled person exemptions, length of parcel tax duration (a parcel tax does not require a termination date), collector for the parcel tax (recommended is the L.A. County Tax Collector), tax revenue purpose (core program support, program support, administrative costs), accountability measures]

Mr. Anslow responded to questions. He said it was possible to have a parcel tax carryover, and you can have a parcel tax can be designed to have a carryover, but it must be spent on the parcel tax revenue purposes list. The school district's obligation will be to spend parcel tax money within the tax revenue purposes as stated. The school district is not obligated to spend money on every item listed on the tax revenue purposes list.

The Board discussed the possibility of the bargaining unit seeing the parcel tax money as a possible salary increase. They discussed the inflation factor and how to determine this. The Board agreed that if they move forward with the Parcel Tax Election Order that they would like to include a senior citizen and disabled person exemptions, a 5 year duration for

the parcel tax, and a citizens' oversight committee, an annual plan as part of the annual adopted budget, and an annual audit report for accountability measures.

The Superintendent was directed to give the Board information on the amount of the parcel tax, parcel tax inflator, and to contact the Parent Teacher Organization, Hermosa Beach Education Foundation, the Excellence in Education Challenge and Beach Cities Health District in order to make a complete list of the programs that they are funding for the tax revenue purposes list. This information will be brought back to the next school board meeting with a resolution for the Board to make a decision.

Business:

Contract Agreement – Districtwide
Telephone Messaging System

It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the Contract Agreement with the NTI Group to utilize Connect-ED service to provide a bundled set of emergency communication, survey and community outreach notification tools. The vote was 4 ayes and 1 nay by Mrs. Claypoole. Motion carried.

Hermosa Valley School New Construction Project
Notices of Completion

It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Zondiros, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the resolution declaring Notices of Completion for Bid Package (BP) #17 for F&R Woodworks, Inc., BP #18 for Complete Door Systems, BP #19 for Moonlight Glass Co., Inc., BP #21 for Moore Flooring, Inc., BP #22 for Plumbing, Piping and Construction, Inc., and BP #23 for Master K Electric for the Hermosa Valley School New Construction Project as complete and approve the release of project retentions upon receiving stamped approval from the Los Angeles County Registrar. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2008 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election &
Nominees to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association Executive Board

It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District receive and file the items of 2008 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election and Nominees to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association Executive Board. The vote was 1 aye and 4 nays.

Dr. Beck said that she will speak to Mrs. Cathy McCurdy, recently retired board member who served on both of these committees, for recommendations on these items. She will bring the recommendations to the Board at the next school board meeting for consideration.

Updated Board Policies & Administrative Regulations
Series 9000 Board Bylaws – First Reading

It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District defer the Updated Board Policies & Administrative Regulations Series 9000 Board Bylaws – First Reading to the next school board meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE: The Board discussed changes in school board meeting dates for the regular meetings of March and April. The March school board meeting date remained on its original date of March 12, 2008. The April school board meeting was rescheduled to April 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:15 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adjourn the school board meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

The following is a schedule of meetings/events for the Hermosa Beach City School District:

February

- 02/13 School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 6:30pm**
- 02/15 Middle School Dance 6:30pm
- 02/18 President's Day, no classes
- 02/20 6th Grade Malibu Camp Parent/Student Meeting 7:00pm
- 02/27 Special School Board Meeting; Valley MPR 7:30pm**

March

- 03/03 School Site Council Meeting 3:15pm
- 03/03-07, 7th Grade Outdoor Ed CIMI Camp
- 03/07 HBEF Annual Hearts of Hermosa Dinner, Dance, Auction
- 03/11 HBEF Meeting 7:30pm
- 03/12 Parent/ Teacher Conferences, Minimum Day
- 03/12 School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm**
- 03/13 Kindergarten Roundup, View MPR 12:45pm
- 03/14 Kindergarten Registration Begins, View
- 03/15 Science Olympiad
- 03/19 Tentative School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm**
- 03/21 Local Release, no classes
- 03/21-23, Spring Musical Performance, Valley MPR
- 03/24 PTO Meeting, Valley MPR
- 03/24-28, 6th Grade Outdoor Ed Malibu Camp
- 03/28 & 29, Spring Musical Performance

April

- 04/01 HVS Band Performance, Valley MPR 6:00pm
- 04/03 Middle School Talent Show, Valley MPR 5:30pm
- 04/07-14, Spring Break
- 04/16 School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm**
- 04/16-18, 8th Grade Astro Camp Girls
- 04/17 3rd Grade Pow Wow
- 04/18 5th Grade Colonial Day
- 04/19 Kids Run Hermosa 5K Run/Walk
- 04/23 Honor Roll Breakfast, Valley MPR 7:45am
- 04/26 & 27 Renaissance Faire, View

President

Clerk