

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
June 19, 2008**

- CALL TO ORDER: The open session was called to order by Mr. Widman at 7:40 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Beck, Mr. Greg Breen, Mrs. Lisa Claypoole, Mr. Lance Widman, and Mrs. Barbara Zondiros
- STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sharon McClain, Superintendent; Miss Sylvia Gluck, Hermosa Valley School Principal; Mrs. Angela Jones, Business Manager, and Ms. Michelle Meraz, Executive Assistant.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sebastian Kuhr, first grade student
- CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Widman reported that no action was taken during closed session.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dr. Beck requested that item #S-51-07/08 be moved to Board Action after the Adoption of the 2008-20009 Budget item.
- It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting of May 14, 2008 as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Zondiros, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the minutes from the Special School Board Meeting of May 22, 2008 as submitted. The vote in favor was 4 ayes and Mrs. Claypoole abstained due to her absence from the meeting. Motion carried.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD REPORTS:
- First grade student Sebastian Kuhr was happy to present the Board with a donation of \$1,540.00 that he raised by holding a skateboard-a-thon to support all the of the schools educational programs. This was the second year that Sebastian held the skateboard-a-thon to raise money for the budget shortfall gap.
- Dr. McClain and the Board thanked Sebastian and gave him a Certificate of Appreciation.
- The Hermosa Beach Police Officers Association Secretary, Officer Higgins and Officer Phillips presented the Board with a check for \$1,500.00 to support the school district with the budget shortfall.
- Dr. Beck reported that she and Mr. Breen attended the Power Party fundraiser. She said it was an amazing evening and they had a wonderful time. Approximately \$20,000 was raised. She thanked all of the families who organized the event.

Mr. Breen reported on attending the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association Annual Election of Officers meeting. The guest speaker was Mr. Scott Plotkin, Executive Director of California School Boards Association. The main topic was the state budget.

Dr. Beck and Mr. Breen met with Hermosa Beach City Council members Mr. Michael Keegan and Mr. Michael DiVirgilio at a City/School Compact meeting on the morning of June 19th. They discussed the opportunity for the City of Hermosa Beach to support the school with a financial donation. This topic will be on the city council agenda for discussion/action at next week's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Audience Oral Communications:

Ms. Kathy Sippel, Hermosa Valley School 4th grade teacher, was in attendance to support her colleagues. She presented the Board with 4th grade poetry booklets that was created during their poetry curriculum.

Mrs. Dana Cantelmo, parent, thanked the School Board for all that they have done, and she encouraged everyone in attendance to support the School Board. She also thanked the 7th grade parents who put on the 8th grade graduation festivities. She said that the event was beautiful and compelling.

Mr. Patrick Luce, parent, thanked the School Board and the Superintendent for the job they do. He asked the Board if they have given any thought to cutting 3rd grade Class Size Reduction (CSR) before Kindergarten CSR. He asked what is the instructional theory that 3rd grade CSR is beneficial for transitioning from Hermosa View to Hermosa Valley.

Mrs. Patti Ackerman, Hermosa Beach Education Foundation President, thanked volunteers Mrs. Kim Siegrist, Mrs. Susie Fraley, and Mrs. Jennifer Auville and countless volunteers for their tireless and endless work. She also thanked the School Board. Mrs. Ackerman thanked the community for giving their donations when it was thought there was nothing else to give.

Mrs. Jenn Auville, Parent Teacher Organization Co-President, thanked everyone for their help and support in the fundraising effort. The Excellence in Education Challenge (EEC) Appeal raised more money with more family participation this year. She thanked Mrs. Denise MacRae, Mrs. Patti Ackerman, Mrs. Kim Siegrist, Mr. Jim Caldwell, Mrs. Janine Bozeman, Mrs. Michelle Lohius and Mrs. Dana Cantelmo. She said that there is a dedication and passion common to all those that worked so diligently.

Mr. Peter Barsuk, parent, thanked Mr. Jim Caldwell. He also thanked the Board for dealing with the community.

Mrs. Kim Siegrist, EEC Chairperson, introduced student Ashley Brownsberger. Ashley presented money raised from holding a lemonade stand to the Board.

Ms. Erin Infusino and Ms. Meeta Patel, 5th grade and 3rd grade teachers, respectively, presented the Board with \$1,154.73 raised by their students for holding a lemonade stand and bake sale.

Mrs. Claypoole asked for a standing ovation for Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Kaye Caldwell on the outstanding job they did spearheading, organizing and running the "Yes on Measure E" campaign.

Written Communications:

Mr. Breen received several emails supporting different programs at risk of being cut:

Ms. Donna Gin, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and Roxanne Luce, Mrs. Kim Power, Ms. Heather Schneider and Mr. Kerry Wallis support keeping Kindergarten CSR; Mrs. Lindy Brownsberger, Ms. Karen Kohles, Mrs. Amy Glasman, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and Mary Goshtigian support keeping CSR and the Lewis Family supporting teacher, Miss Letitia Liao.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. McClain reported on the following:

- The school district office and the school sites will be closed on August 4-8, 2008 for termite extermination;
- There was an exciting last week of school, including the 8th grade graduation and Disneyland trip;
- The Hermosa Beach Firefighters' Association donated money to the school district for the budget shortfall in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- Dr. McClain introduced Mrs. Kim Siegrist, EEC chairperson, to speak about the Annual Excellence in Education Challenge Appeal.

Mrs. Siegrist informed the Board that the Excellence in Education Challenge (EEC) Appeal is a special fundraising for the budget shortfall after all other annual fundraising occurs. Mrs. Siegrist met with the Superintendent and the Business Manager to determine the monetary figure that will be needed to close the funding gap to keep all current programs. After analyzing the Governor's January Report, the figure was determined to be a \$1.2 million shortfall.

The EEC Committee asked for the community's help to raise the funds to close the gap. There was a record of school family participation of 77%. There were lemonade stands and bake sales by students, a skateboard-a-thon, children asking for donations to the EEC instead of presents, Hermosa Beach Firefighters' Association and Hermosa Beach Police Officers' Association donations and many more have given donations. The Hermosa Beach City Council will consider a donation request for financial support to the school district. As of June 19, 2008 the EEC fundraised \$912,157.00.

Mr. Widman thanked Mrs. Siegrist on behalf of the Board. He also thanked the members of EEC, PTO and HBEF. He said they have made something good better.

- Announcement of a date change for the August School Board Meeting to August 27, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARING:

District Initial Proposal to Hermosa Beach Educators Association

Mr. Widman announced that the District's proposal was sunshined for public discussion before the negotiations process begins. The public hearing was opened at 8:20 p.m. and closed at 8:23 p.m. There were no public comments given.

2008-2009 Budget Hearing

Mrs. Jones gave a presentation on the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget. She began by thanking the entire staff and the community of Hermosa Beach. She said that the school has always been a place where children come first. Mrs. Jones assured the Board that the school district is solvent. She said the District depends upon state and federal funds. All school districts in California are adjusting their budgets. They are either cutting or fundraising or doing both. Mrs. Jones gave a Powerpoint presentation on the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget. She highlighted budget assumptions, enrollment and staffing, general fund expenditures, sources of income, budget impacts, next steps and the budget plan for 2008-2009.

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Widman opened the public hearing for comment:

Mr. Peter Barsuk, parent, was happy to see that the City School Compact is coming together. He observed that the relationship with the Beach Cities Health District could be stronger. Mr. Barsuk would like to see a vision of what to do in the future.

Mr. Jim Caldwell, parent, was sorry that the parcel tax did not pass. He said in hindsight, there was no way to pass the parcel tax without community consensus. A positive result of the parcel tax campaign was that many new people came out to volunteer. Mr. Caldwell proposed to the Board that they pass the budget in two phases. The first phase would be after the Governor's May Revise with only the state and federal funding. If necessary, budget cuts would be made. The second phase would be with fundraising monies and revisions could be made to add back programs. The impact of any budget cuts that may happen during the first phase would raise awareness as to the importance of the fundraising money.

Mrs. Susie Fraley, parent, asked if the Board makes program cuts due to the budget shortfall will they add the programs back if more fundraising money is received? She asked if the cut programs will be given a priority for being added back? Mrs. Fraley also asked if the City of Hermosa Beach supports the school district with in-kind services, would the district be able to give a list of services that would be useful to the schools.

Mrs. Kim Foster, parent and member of School Site Council, gave the Board a brief view of the Annual School Site Council Survey on what parents voted on as priorities for program rankings. (A handout from the School Site Council Survey was supplied to the Board.)

At 8:56 p.m., the 2008-2009 Budget Hearing was closed.

REPORT:

School Site Council Survey

Mrs. Kim Foster and Mrs. Kristie Keegan, parents and members of the School Site Council, gave an overview of the results of the 2008 School Site Council Survey. Mrs. Foster reviewed the parent survey results. She said there were over 400 responses for a participation rate of 35%. The parents were asked questions on curriculum, student behavior, school strengths, extra-curricular activities, communication and security. The responses were varied. Mrs. Keegan reviewed the student survey responses on safety, rules, exploratory classes, lunch time activities, after school activities, homework, computer use and how many hours are spent watching television and playing video games.

Hermosa Valley School New Construction Project Update

Mrs. Jones reported that the fire alarm system was in the process of being tested and approval from the fire marshal was imminent. The stucco replacement project on the new building will begin this summer. The stucco was originally applied incorrectly. This project will be completed at no cost to the district. The gymnasium will not be available for public use due to the replacement of stucco. Painting the new stucco is projected to begin in October.

Dr. McClain informed the Board that once the new building is signed off as completed, the school district will lose the opportunity to build additional classrooms with the current approved plans. If we would like to build additional classrooms, the district will need to go back to the Department of State Architects for plan approval.

Enrollment Report

Dr. McClain reported that there are an anticipated 160 students in the 2008-2009 Kindergarten class.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Zondiros, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the Consent Calendar items as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Superintendent

Consolidated Application, Part I Approval was given to submit the 2008-2009 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aide Programs, Part I to the California Department of Education.

Acceptance of Gifts Acceptance of the gift donated by Mr. & Mrs. Victor and Mim Rivas for a Sony Trinitron television, stand and DVD player valued at \$2,200.00 was given, and direction was given to staff to send a letter of thanks.

Business:

Purchase Orders Approval was given for the purchase orders issues since the last Board approval in the total amount of \$78,472.27

Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services Agency Approval was given for the Master Contract Agreement with Devereux Texas Treatment Network to provide nonpublic, nonsectarian school agency services from April 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008.

Agreement – Mandated Cost Reimbursement Services Approval was given for the contract agreement with School Innovations & Advocacy to assist the District in preparing and submitting mandated costs claims.

Agreement – Fiscal Budget Services Approval is recommended for the agreement with School Services of California, Inc. to provide assistance regarding issues of school finance, legislation, school budgeting and general fiscal issues.

Student Teaching Agreement – Biola University Approval was given for the student teaching agreement with Biola University to provide field teaching experiences to students enrolled in the teacher education curricula.

Personnel Services:

Classified Employment Transactions Approval was given for the following classified employment transactions:
Adriana Estrada, Resignation, Instructional Aide, Hermosa Valley School, effective 06/20/08
Sarah Keller, Resignation, Instructional Aide, Hermosa Valley School, effective 06/20/08
Christina Maier, Resignation, Instructional Aide, Hermosa Valley School, effective 06/20/08
Judith Rhoads, Resignation, Instructional Aide, Hermosa Valley School, effective 06/20/08
Tina Watson, Resignation, Instructional Aide, Hermosa Valley School, effective 06/20/08

BOARD ACTION:

Business:

*Hermosa Beach City School District
Minutes from June 19, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting*

Adopt 2008-2009 Budget

Dr. McClain reviewed with the Board information that was given to them about the “Worst Case Scenario” possibilities from May 14, May 21, June 6 and June 19. This information was provided to the Board for consideration in the event that they would need to make cuts at various funding shortfalls.

The Board had several questions on the proposed budget:

Mrs. Claypoole asked if the health aide cost and the music teacher were supplemented from another funding source. Mrs. Jones responded that the health aides program receives funding from Beach Cities Health District (Approx. \$20,000) and the music teacher program receives \$15,000 in state grant money.

Mr. Widman questioned items checked as “Not Met” on page two of the proposed budget document for. Mrs. Jones noted that fundraising money is uncertain, and it does not meet the criteria for two years into the future.

Mrs. Zondiros asked about the Art/Music Bock Grant and the Library Block Grant, if these programs were to be cut, what would happen to the funding? Mrs. Jones responded that the money could be re-directed, for example, hire consultant to reduce the program costs.

The Board discussed making cuts that would equal the current budget deficit of \$110,257.00.

Dr. Beck and Mr. Breen proposed cutting the music program and the nurse’s aide/health support.

Mrs. Zondiros proposed cutting the clerk, nurse’s aides/health support and take the remainder from the reserve fund.

Mrs. Claypoole proposed cutting the music program and the library technicians hours by half at each site.

It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District balance the remaining budget deficit by cutting the music program, and the hours of the health aides funded by the general fund, and that the remaining deficit be absorbed by the reserve fund, and if more money is realized, the District will hire back first the health aides and second the music program. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. McClain disagreed with cutting the music program. The music program has remained consistent for the past 30 years. Dr. McClain suggested cutting the health aides and library technicians.

Mrs. Claypoole asked if the health aides were advised that their positions were at-risk for possible cuts. Dr. McClain said no, they were not.

Mrs. Zondiros stated that education is a community responsibility, and we need to get that message out to the community.

Mr. Widman said that he would like to hear from the members of the committee for “No on Measure E” on where they see the waste in the school district’s budget. He like to hear their concerns.

It was moved by Mrs. Zondiros, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the resolution declaring the notice of completion for bid package #20 for Prime Painting, Inc. as complete, and approve the release of project retention upon receiving stamped approval from the Los Angeles County Registrar. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Appropriations Transfers

It was moved by Mrs. Claypoole, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the authorization to make appropriations transfers necessary at the close of the 2007-2008 school year to permit payment of obligations that the district incurred during 2007-2008 school year. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Superintendent:

Single Plan for Student Achievement

Dr. Beck requested this item moved to Board Action, because the science teacher listed as the contact in the Single Plan was at-risk for budget cuts. She wanted to see the outcome of Adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget, before acting on this item.

It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adopt and adhere to the Single Plan for Student Achievement in making decisions about school funding and support with the School Site Council funds. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion on Electronic Video Streaming Of School Board Meetings

Staff was given direction to bring recommendations on video streaming at school site facilities and at the Hermosa Beach City Council chambers.

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation On Video Surveillance Cameras – Second Reading

It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adopt the new board policy and administrative regulation on video surveillance cameras. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution #13:07/08 – Layoff of Classified Personnel

Resolution #13:07/08 to Layoff Classified Personnel was tabled to the July 2008 School Board Meeting.

ROUNDTABLE:

Dr. Beck and Mr. Breen had lunch with Hermosa View teachers. This was suggested by staff. Dr. Beck and Mr. Breen propose continuing these lunches alternating between View and Valley schools. Dr. McClain will draft a schedule and bring it to the Board.

Mr. Breen brought up several topics:

- Where are the newly revised board policies (BP) and administrative regulations (AR) in the completion phase? Dr. McClain replied that the BPs/ARs are going through the final revisions at the California School Boards Association offices. We should have them returned to the district this summer;

- Community member, Mr. Steve Adler, proposed that the School Board have a separate website. He offered to donate the creation of a website solely for School Board use and information.
- Brought up the idea that is floating in the community that Hermosa Beach might be taken in by a larger school district, or should it continue to be an independent school district.
- Hermosa Beach City Council has proposed to initiate a Peace and Reconciliation Committee to help the community of Hermosa Beach find a common ground.

Dr. Beck requested that Dr. McClain continue to discuss with City Manager, Mr. Steve Burrell services that the City of Hermosa Beach can assist the school district with.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:54 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:

May

- 05/14** *School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm*
- 05/19 PTO Meeting, Valley Library 3:15pm
- 05/21 5th to 6th grade Transition Parent Meeting, Valley MPR
- 05/22- 05/28 Valley Book Fair
- 05/28 Valley Open House, Valley Minimum Day
- 05/30 2nd Grade Transition Visit to Valley School

June

- 06/02 School Site Council Meeting, Valley Library 3:15pm
- 06/02-06/06 View Book Fair
- 06/05 View Open House, View Minimum Day
- 06/06 Coordinating Council Dessert Party; 3:30pm
- 06/10 HBEF Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm
- 06/11** *School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm*
- 06/12 Parent Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- 06/13 View Field Day
- 06/16 PTO Meeting, Valley MPR 3:15PM
- 06/17 3rd & 4th Grade Field Day, 5th Grade Beach Day
- 06/18 8th Grade Graduation Rehearsal
- 06/18 8th Grade Promotion & Dance
- 06/19 6th & 7th Pizza Party; 8th Grade Disneyland Trip
- 06/20 Last Day for Students, Minimum Day
- 06/23 Last Day for Teachers
- 06/24 Staff Development Day

President

Clerk