

*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  
July 9, 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; Mrs. Carol Caballero, Hermosa View School Principal; Mrs. Angela Jones, Business Manager, and Ms. Michelle Meraz, Executive Assistant.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Andrea Collicut, Hermosa Beach parent and Mira Costa High School math teacher
- CLOSED SESSION: Mr. Widman reported that the Board unanimously approved the settlement agreements with case numbers N2008050509, N2008050555 and N2008050556.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Widman requested that item #B-02-08/09, Agreement for Technology Support Services, be moved to Board Action.
- It was moved by Mr. Breen, 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: Mrs. Claypoole gave typographical error correction on page one under "Approval of the Agenda" for the June 19, 2008 school board minutes to the year.
- 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 regular School Board Meeting of June 19, 2008 with typographical errors corrected. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD REPORTS:
- Dr. Beck and Mrs. Zondiros attended the Hermosa Beach City Council meeting with representatives from the Parent Teacher Organization and the Hermosa Beach Education Foundation and students to thank the City Council members and the City of Hermosa Beach for their generous contribution to the students and school district. Students brought cookies and thank you cards.
- Mrs. Zondiros reported that the Parent Teacher Organization will begin a green program called Planet Pals.
- COMMUNICATIONS: Audience Oral Communications:  
None

Written Communications:

Mrs. Claypoole and Mr. Widman received email communications from parents: Mrs. Caryn Dates, Mrs. Jennifer Rosenfeld and Mrs. Mary Volucci about the middle school math program.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. McClain reported on the following:

- A presentation on the history of the middle school math program beginning with 1997-1998 school year. Dr. McClain's presentation also included the articulation of math curriculum of the HBCSD and Mira Costa High School and Manhattan Beach Unified School District; data and other consideration used to place students in math classes, as well as the 2008-2009 math offerings. Accordingly, 1. the math curriculum is designed in the best interest of the students based on data and needs; 2. the history of Hermosa Valley School shows that the math program continues to change each year; 3. the Math Department continues to work with Mira Costa High School to determine what classes should be offered, and 4. textbook adoptions will continue to be offered through Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

Mrs. Andrea Collicutt, Mira Costa High School math teacher, informed the Board that Hermosa Valley School (HVS) students arrive at Mira Costa High School (MCHS) wonderfully prepared for math. HVS students are among the highest achieving math students at MCHS. She stated that it is better for students to have a deeper understanding of the algebra base. Mrs. Collicutt also said that algebra skills must be solid to enroll in high school geometry.

Dr. McClain reported that in 2008-2009 that there will not be an Algebra Honors class. Students will go into Algebra 1 / 2. She said there will be differentiated instruction to challenge students with a higher aptitude for math. Dr. McClain invited parents to discuss their student's math placement with school principal, Ms. Gluck, if they have concerns.

Mr. Bob Rosenberg stated that a large portion of the parents would like their students to take a full year of algebra.

Mrs. Mary Volucci commented that both Algebra 1 / 2 and Algebra 1 / 2 Honors bring students to the same place in high school. That all of these students will go into high school geometry.

Mrs. Zondiros (high school math teacher as well as board member) commented on the teaching of algebraic concepts starting in kindergarten. She said that there are additional resources to teaching algebra such as technology. She also said that teaching math is going in a new direction, i.e. new problem-solving methods and deeper understanding of math.

Dr. McClain informed the Board and parents that the teachers' recent professional development training in "Response to Instruction" will help further the differentiated instruction to tailor learning to the students' needs.

- Usage of Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers – Dr. McClain informed the Board that Ms. Meraz, Executive Assistant, and Ms. Karen Clemison, District Clerk, visited the city offices to begin the set-up of reserving the chambers for HBCSD school board meetings. Dr. McClain will prepare proposals for equipping school facilities with the same technology for broadcasting the school board meetings that the city council chambers uses.
- Volunteers are needed to help at the South Bay Golf Classic on Friday, August 22, 2008. If anyone is interested, please contact the District Office.

- The Hermosa Beach Rotary Club is scheduling its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire in early 2009.

REPORT:

Hermosa Valley School New Construction

Project Update

Mr. Amir Birjandi, Project Manager from PCM3, reported that the construction crew mobilized after school closed on June 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the deconstruction of the exterior stucco on the new building at Hermosa Valley School. He informed the Board that new paper and lathe work will begin on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The estimated finish date for the stucco replacement will be September 1 & 2. Mr. Birjandi said that the painting of the stucco will likely be completed in October. He assured the Board that the stucco replacement project is on a rigid timeline.

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Mrs. Jones stated that the Hermosa Beach fire marshal passed the fire alarm system. She also advised the Board that while the stucco is being removed and reapplied, there is a requirement to continue with a fire watch monitor due to fire alarm devices taken offline during those repairs. She informed the Board that the school district is not incurring any for the stucco replacement nor the fire watch monitor.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Mr. Breen, 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

Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary

Approval was given for the submission of the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary of April 1 to June 30, 2008 to the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Business:

Purchase Orders

Approval was given for the purchase orders issues since the last Board approval in the total amount of \$89,923.32.

Nurse Consultant Agreements

Approval was given for nursing consultant agreements with Mrs. Karen Armstrong and Mrs. Lynn Zeman to administer the yearly vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings to students at Hermosa View and Valley School for the 2008-2009 school year.

BOARD ACTION:

Business:

2008-2009 Budget Revisions

Mrs. Jones reviewed decisions made during the June 19<sup>th</sup> school board meeting when the 2008-2009 budget was adopted. At that time, there were not enough funds to continue all of the 2007-2008 school programs in place. The music program and a part of the health aides hours were cut from the budget plan for 2008-2009. Since the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, there were additional donations made to the Excellence in Education Challenge which generates funding for the school district budget shortfall. A major donation of \$100,000.00 was received from the City of Hermosa Beach. In the Board motion on June 19<sup>th</sup>, it was stated that when additional funding comes into the District that we will reinstate those programs cut, with the health aides added first and the music program next. Mrs. Jones requested that the Board reinstate the health aide hours and the music program due to the changes in the budget.

Mr. Widman stated that he was unwilling to take \$10,000 still in deficit out of the reserve fund. He said that he would prefer to leave a portion of the cuts instated while there remained a \$10,000 deficit, and reinstate this portion when the additional funds are received.

Mr. Breen stated that he would not like to cut \$10,000 in programs.

Mrs. Susie Fraley, Hermosa Beach Education Foundation officer, requested that the HBEF bank statement be verified before the Board continue with program cuts, because there is likely \$9,000 available to make-up for the \$10,000 deficit.

Mrs. Jones responded that the District reserve would remain above 4% if the \$10,000 were taken from the reserve fund.

It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adopt the 2008-2009 budget revisions as suggested by staff, and reinstate all of the health aides hours and the music program. The vote was 4 ayes and 1 nay by Mr. Widman. Motion carried.

#### Agreement – Technology Support Services

Mr. Widman suggested that the District go out for Request for Information for Technology Support Services to reduce costs. Mrs. Jones stated that HBCSD is unique with the amount and types of technology used and the needs it has. She said that the Intelligent Computer Concepts, Inc. (ICC) proposal is not unreasonable in light of our unique needs. Mrs. Jones also stated that Ms. Tsosie, the Technology Director, recommends continuing with ICC now and go out for a Request for Information (RFI) at the next renewal.

Mrs. Breen requested an RFI as early as next year.

It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the contract agreement with Intelligent Computer Concepts, Inc. to provide technology maintenance and support and to provide internet service at a cost not to exceed \$106,738.00. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### Personnel:

##### Resolution #1:08/09 – Layoff of Classified Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Zondiros, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adopt and pass Resolution #1:08/09 to Layoff Classified Personnel due to lack of work and eliminate instructional aide hours where they were hired for overage in enrollment in grades Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> and middle school. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

##### Resolution #2:08/09 – Rescind the Reduction or Discontinuation Of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services

It was moved by Mrs. Claypoole, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District adopt and pass Resolution #2:08/09 to Rescind the Reduction or Discontinuation of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

##### Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2008-2009

It was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Zondiros, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District declare that there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the District's specific employment criteria for the

Technology Education teacher position and Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Certificates. Therefore, the Board directs staff to submit the Declaration of Need for 2008-2009 to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing in order to renew current emergency permits and issue new ones for interns or long-term substitute teachers, if necessary. The vote was 4 ayes and 1 nay by Mrs. Claypoole. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE:

Mr. Breen said that he had been asked if the District had explored the possibility of having an alternative 4 day school week by lengthening each of the 4 school days. The California Education Code requires a certain number of school days and instructional minutes. The Board proposed that Mr. Breen draft a letter to California School Boards Association and to local legislatures to present this possibility.

Mrs. Zondiros was asked to explore the possibility of the District running summer camps for students. The camps could be run under teacher supervision and generate additional funding for the school district.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:35 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Widman, 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:

**July**

**07/09 School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm**

**August**

08/27 & 28 Staff Development Days

08/27 Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting, Valley MPR 5:30pm

**08/27 School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm**

**September**

09/02 First Day Back for Teachers

09/03 First Day Back for Students

**09/10 School Board Meeting, TBD 7:30pm**

09/11 View Back to School Night, Minimum Day for View School only

09/18 Valley Back to School Night, Minimum Day for Valley School only

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President

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Clerk