

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 View School, Multipurpose Room
October 10, 2007**

- CLOSED SESSION: No Board action was taken during closed session.
- CALL TO ORDER: The open session was called to order by Mrs. McCurdy at 7:35p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Beck, Mr. Breen, Mrs. Claypoole, Mrs. McCurdy and Mr. Widman
- STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sharon McClain, Superintendent; Mrs. Angela Jones, Business Manager; Mrs. Carol Caballero, Hermosa View Principal; Miss Sylvia Gluck, Hermosa Valley Principal; Miss Erin Infusino, and Ms. Michelle Meraz, Executive Assistant.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Miss Gluck
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Consent Calendar items S-14-07/08, Resolution #3:06/07 – Implementation of 2007/2008 Class Size Reduction Program, and B-29-07/08, Contract for Outdoor Education Programs were moved to Board Action. Consent Calendar item B-28-07/08, Contract Agreement – Counseling Services was pulled from the agenda for further revisions. It will be brought to the Board in November.
- It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of Hermosa Beach City School District approve the agenda as amended. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Claypoole made a correction to the September 12, 2007 minutes on page 1 under Announcements/Board Reports. The corrected sentence will read “Mrs. Claypoole announced the birth of her son, Roger Trey Claypoole on August 27, 2007.”
- It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of Hermosa Beach City School District approve the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting of September 12, 2007 as amended. The Board voted four ayes, and Dr. Beck abstained due to her absence at that meeting. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of Hermosa Beach City School District approve the minutes from the Special School Board Meeting of September 17, 2007. The Board voted 3 ayes, and Dr. Beck and Mr. Widman abstained due to their absence at that meeting. Motion carried.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD REPORTS: Miss Gluck presented Mrs. McCurdy with cards of well wishes and appreciation for her service to the community as a school board member for the past sixteen years. The greeting cards were made by third graders from Mrs. O’Brien’s and Miss Murphy’s class.
- COMMUNICATIONS: Audience Oral Communications:
Mr. Jim Caldwell commented to the Board that a parcel tax may be the proper next step to secure the funding that will fill the gap caused from the federal and state deficit in education funding. He stated that the Parent/Teacher Organization and the Hermosa Beach Education Foundation volunteers may be reaching their limits. He also said that it was clear that property realtors and property owners benefit from the Hermosa Beach City School District. Mr. Caldwell said that a parcel tax would raise the money needed to keep

all of the programs that each year are threatened with budget cuts. He added that with a parcel tax in place the school district would not have doubt over how much money they receive each year.

Written Communications:

Board

Mrs. McCurdy acknowledged a letter received from the Los Angeles County Office of Education regarding the 2006-2007 Unaudited Actuals on the County School Facilities Fund. The 2006-2007 Unaudited Actuals were presented at the September School Meeting.

Mrs. Claypoole received a CD-Rom from the California School Boards Association regarding expanding preschool education.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. McClain reported on the following:

- The Hermosa Valley School new facility was opened on Monday, October 8, 2007 for student and staff use. The library/media center remained closed to students was still being furnished. Dr. McClain thanked the construction management company, PCM3, and general contractor, 2H Construction, for their help in facilitating the opening.
- On November 14th there will be a grand opening celebration for the community. The Grand Opening Celebration Planning Committee will meet on Friday, October 12th for finalization of plans.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mrs. McCurdy opened the Public Hearing for comments at 7:48 p.m. on Statement of Assurance for Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program for Grades K-8 during the fiscal year 2007-2008.

No comments were made, and the Public hearing was closed at 7:49p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District pass and adopt the Resolution #2:07/08 assuring that each pupil has the textbooks/instructional materials needed that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the state board. All board members were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Hermosa Valley School New Construction
Project Update:

Mr. Amir Birjandi stated that the Hermosa Valley School new building was successfully occupied on Monday, October 8, 2007. The next step will be for the school district, PCM3 and the architects to go through a punch list. He stated that the south end of the library/media center is waiting for the Department of State Architect (DSA) approval to finish the upper outside portion. Mr. Birjandi said that fire alarm approval was received on October 5th. Next will be the final alarm test with the fire chief and the DSA inspector. The project was awaiting test results on water chlorination. The results were expected during the week. For that reason, the facility restrooms were not opened. Mr. Birjandi reported that the final asphalt seals and stripping is scheduled for November 3rd. He informed the Board that there was \$50,000 remaining in the budget, but they had received change orders that were being reviewed. He informed the Board that the presentation of the final paper to the Board is estimated for the December School Board meeting.

Mr. Widman stated that the Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting just prior to the school board meeting was very thorough on the expense reports for the construction project. The committee's work has been highly commendable as well as Mr. Birjandi's work. Mr. Birjandi replied that the project has been a great team effort.

Mr. John Isom, Financial Advisor from Dale Scott & Company presented an overview of the survey given to a representative percentage of the population of Hermosa Beach voters, of the results of the survey and of the next steps recommendations.

Mr. Isom reported that the survey was conducted to assess the feasibility of a parcel tax or a general bond measure on an upcoming election. Of the registered voters polled 52% had at some point in their life children that attended Hermosa Schools. Of the Core Value questions, the general opinion was overwhelmingly that education was going in the right direction, and these answers were strong and positive. Mr. Isom went over specific questions and specific projects and arguments that were posed to the voters in support of both a parcel tax and a bond measure. The results of the survey were that the parcel tax received more support by voters, but the support was 10% less than what would be needed to pass in an election (two-thirds majority needed to pass a parcel tax). There was less voter support for a bond measure, but the support is closer to the 55% majority that is needed to pass a measure in an election. The next steps discussed were for the school district to educate the community on the needs of the school district and what will happen if the needs are not met. Then survey the voters again after community education is strong. Mr. Isom suggested town hall meetings and to meet with stakeholders who can further disseminate the information.

Comments to the survey report:

Mrs. Kim Siegrist commented that it will be an uphill battle educating the community based on prior experience with the education outreach of last school year during the Excellence in Education Challenge (EEC) fundraising campaign. She said that meeting turn outs were very low.

Mrs. Kimberly Power commented that the school district could use the Excellence in Education Challenge platform to begin educating the community.

Mr. Caldwell said that there was a small group that coordinated the Measure A campaign, and that Measure A would have passed in the election with only a little over a hundred more votes. He said that if there had been a larger core campaign group like the EEC, PTO or HBEF the measure might have passed.

Mr. Isom advised that the education outreach should communicate with those voters who are of the “no difference” or “I don’t care” opinion, because that is the population that may change its mind. He said that a parcel tax would alleviate the fundraising effort. He also said that through different forms of media the district can highlight the exemplary points of the budget, and get the community excited about the school programs.

Dr. McClain said that she would like to discuss with the EEC Committee regarding organizing an education outreach for an informational/public relations campaign.

Summer School 2007 Report:

Dr. McClain introduced Miss Erin Infusino, Hermosa Valley School 5th grade teacher who was also the 2007 Summer School Principal. Miss Infusino gave an overview of the Summer School Program. She said that the purpose and goal was to provide targeted assistance to improve student achievement in language arts/reading and mathematics, and present curriculum and instruction that aligned with state standards and allow students to achieve grade level standards. Miss Infusino went over the enrollment process, student enrollment, the language arts and mathematics curriculum, assessment and resulting data collected. Miss Infusino gave her suggestions on possible changes for the 2008 Summer School Program: separate classes for grade levels K-3, and a different language arts curriculum for grades 2 and 3.

The Board thanked Miss Infusino for her report.

Budget Update: Mrs. Jones reported that the budget remains the same as last presented. The Cost of Living Adjustment remained the same at the State level. The housing market downturn had affected the State. The school district has experienced an explosion in growth this school year.

Enrollment Report: Dr. McClain reported that enrollment has not changed since the opening of school in September. She said that staff is looking at the affects the larger class sizes in lower grades will make as they move through the upper grade levels.

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 amended. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried.

Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary Approval was given for the submission of the Quarterly Uniform Report Summary for July – September 2007 to the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Acceptance of Gifts Approval was given to accept the gift of an Apple Computer valued at \$359.00 donated by Kim and Sam Foster, and direction was given to send a letter of thanks.

Business:

Purchase Orders Approval was given for purchase orders issued since the last Board approval in the amount of \$35,739.14.

Personnel:

Classified Employment Transactions

Approval was given for the following classified employment transactions:

Rhonda Jamison, Employment, Noon Duty Aide, Hermosa View School, Effective 09/14/07

Cynthia Stephens, Employment, Noon Duty Aide, Hermosa View School, Effective 09/16/07

Sheila Johanknecht, Resignation, Instructional Aide, full-inclusion, at Valley & Off-Site, Effective 09/26/07

BOARD ACTION:

Superintendent:

Resolution #3:06/07 – Implementation
Of 2007/2008 K-3 Class Size Reduction Program

Mrs. Claypoole asked why the school district will submit the K-3 Class Size Reduction Program Application for the entire kindergarten class, instead of only for the kinder classes that have 20 students each. Dr. McClain explained that the school district will begin by claiming 8 kinder classes. It is entirely possible that class sizes may be low enough to at least claim some funding in the April Period 2 Attendance Reporting. If we see we have not lowered kinder enrollment, then we will set aside the money that we are over-funded.

It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mr. Breen, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve Resolution #3:06/07. The vote was four ayes and one nay by Mrs. Claypoole. Motion carried.

Declare Books Obsolete It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District declare various science (Harcourt California Science, c2000, Grade 5 and Holt California Science, c2001 for Grades 6-8) and mathematics

textbooks obsolete, and they directed staff to resell or dispose of the materials. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried.

Business:

Contract- Outdoor Education Programs

The Board was given the contract agreements with Guided Discoveries for the CIMI 7th grade outdoor education camp and for Astrocamp 8th grade outdoor education camp to review.

It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mrs. Claypoole, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the Contract Agreements with Guided Discoveries for 7th Grade Catalina Island Marine Institute at Toyon Bay and for the 8th grade Astrocamp. All Board members present were in favor. Motion carried.

Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union 403(B) Plan Adoption Agreement and Service Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Dr. Beck, that the Board of Education of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the contract agreement for Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union for the 403(B) Plan Adoption Agreement and the Service Agreement to administer the school district's 403(B) plans. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE:

Mr. Breen is looking into options on solar power for our facilities, and will bring information to the Board.

Dr. Beck attended the Hermosa Beach Education Foundation opera fundraiser. She said that she and her children enjoyed the evening.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/ EVENTS:

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

09/12	School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm
09/13	View Back-to-School Night, View Minimum Day
09/20	Valley Back-to-School Night, Valley Minimum Day
10/10	School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm
10/22-10/26	Parent & Teacher Conferences, Minimum Days
10/26	PTO Halloween Carnival
11/12	Veteran's Day Holiday, No School
11/13	HBEF Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm
11/14	School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm
11/19-11/23	Thanksgiving Holiday Break, No School
12/12	School Board Meeting, Valley MPR 7:30pm
12/24-01/04	Winter Break, No School

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:24 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. All Board members present were in favor. Motion carried.

President

Clerk