

RINCON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting, Board of Trustees
District Office, 1000 Yulupa Avenue
February 2, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Cynthia Evers
Ms. Nancy Doherty
Mr. Chris Rafanelli – left 9:00 p.m.
Mr. Tom Ford
Mrs. Cindy Pilar

Administrators: Mrs. Diane Moresi, Superintendent
Mr. Joe Pandolfo, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Others: Interested parents and staff

1. OPEN SESSION:

Board President, Nancy Doherty, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Ford moved and Mr. Rafanelli seconded to adjourn to closed session at 6:33 pm. to discuss the following: Unanimous.

2.1 Collective Bargaining Session

2.1 (a) CTA

2.1 (b) CSEA

2.2 Personnel Issues Ed. Code 54957

**3. OPEN SESSION: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to adjourn closed session and return to open session at 6:45 p.m.: Unanimous.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS

Ms. Doherty announced that no action was taken in closed session.

5. AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEM APPROVAL

Mr. Rafanelli moved and Mr. Ford seconded to approve the agenda and following consent items: Unanimous.

5.1 Minutes of January 12, 2010, Regular Board Meeting

5.2 2009-2010 Consolidated Application Part II, Rincon Valley Union School District

Consolidated Application Part II confirms funding for the district's state and federally-funded programs.

5.3 2009-2010 Consolidated Application Part II, Rincon Valley Charter School

Consolidated Application Part II confirms funding for the charter school's state and federally-funded programs.

5.4 Declaration of Surplus Property

The Board declared a district van as surplus property.

5.5 Budget Revisions

This represents adjustments to the working budget, which require updating to the financial system.

5.6 Approval of Warrants:

1/13/10	-	1045343 – 1045389
1/20/10	-	1046200 – 1046237
1/27/10	-	1047660 – 1047713

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Ms. Doherty announced the following:

Board Study Session	February 24, 2010 5927 Chandler Ct. 1:00 p.m.
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Regular Board Meeting	March 2, 2010 District Office, 7:00 p.m.
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Special Board Meeting	March 10, 2010 (cancelled) District Office, 5:00 p.m.
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Special Board Meeting	May 17, 2010 District Office, 5:00 p.m.
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7. PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Mark Anderman, Spring Creek and Matanzas parent and resident of the district, stated that he is opposed to expansion of the 7/8 charter to the Matanzas campus. He would like the Board to consider long term, strategic planning and consider the impact it would have on the Matanzas campus and families. Mr. Anderman has prepared a letter to parents addressing his concerns. He reserved further comments for forthcoming letter.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Moresi commented on the following:

- Austin Creek has been selected to receive a site visit for California Distinguished School – final decision due next month.
- Austin Creek has implemented project-based learning elective classes for grades 4 – 6. Two times per year, upper grade students choose an area of interest to pursue. Their elective class meets 50 minutes per week.
- Kindergarten registration begins February 2 . Packets will be picked up at the school of residence and returned by March 4.
- The Spring Creek Matanzas start-up grant was awarded to the district. They will receive \$250,000 over the next few years.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1 Mrs. Pilar moved and Mr. Ford seconded to approve the resolution for Julie Law, **Classified Employee of the Month** of February, 2010: Unanimous.

Cindy Pilar read the resolution. Michael Kellison, Madrone principal, read his letter commending Julie Law for her work as a P.E. Paraeducator and Science Facilitator. Julie is an excellent role model for the students. She makes physical fitness a priority and makes science fun for everyone. Mr. Kellison stated, "Her work ethic and commitment to her job responsibilities distinguish her as someone deserving of special recognition."

- 9.2 Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Pilar seconded to approve the resolution for Gayle Turner, **Certificated Employee of the Month** of February, 2010: Unanimous.

Mr. Ford read the resolution and Michael Kellison read his letter commending Gayle for being an outstanding educator who enriches the lives of her students through her daily interactions both inside and outside of the classroom. One of the things that distinguishes Gayle is her passion for the arts. She shares this passion with the Madrone community through her work as the director of the school theater group.

10. INFORMATION

10.1 Rincon Valley Charter School Student Presentation

A team of 7th grade Rincon Valley Charter School students presented the informational presentation they recently provided to all 6th grade classrooms in our district. They will be at the Family Information Night on Wednesday, February 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

10.2 Whited's High Performing Team

Mrs. Pilar showed a video of Whited's 3rd grade team during a PLC meeting. The video models a professional learning community and the process that makes them highly effective.

Mrs. Moresi congratulated Whited School for their success. For the first time since tracking schools' achievement scores, Whited 3rd grade achieved 100% proficiency in a core content area. The Sonoma Leadership Network will use this as a training tool for other districts to access.

10.3 Student Services Update

Mrs. Moresi reported on the following curriculum and instruction activities:

- “Tools of the Trade” – Session 3
- GATE: Raven testing and Academic Scavenger Hunt
- Wednesday In-service, January 13 – “Introduction and Review of District Technology Standards”
- Wednesday In-service, February 10, “Scoring Writing and Analyzing Results”
- New Teachers Series –District Assessments, STAR
- EL, DELAC, Language Proficiency Progress, CELDT Proficient Levels
- Special Services- RTI model/Special Education
- CMA /CAPA participation worksheets were reviewed at ADCO

10.4 Spring Creek Matanzas Charter Update

Mrs. Moresi gave an update on the Spring Creek Matanzas Charter School. The District recently received notice that they will receive the start-up grant of \$250,000. The Governance Council will meet and approve the budget.

The teachers are happy to have the ability for more collaboration. Logistical issues have been resolved regarding traffic, parking, transportation, library times, etc. Both school councils have been working on updating their Single Site Plans. A needs assessment survey will go out to the parents from the Matanzas campus.

Program highlights include:

- Continued enrollment in the music composition class and rock band
- Full implementation of the Lego Robotics class with parent volunteers
- Matanzas Science Club
- Gardening program at both schools

10.5 Rincon Valley Charter School 7/8 Expansion

Mr. Pandolfo reported that Mrs. Moresi is working to develop the communication plan to help facilitate the expansion of the Charter School to the Matanzas campus. This plan will incorporate information regarding transitional issues from the opening of the Rincon Valley Charter School on the Sequoia campus. A phone survey is being developed with the Center for Community Opinion. More information regarding these two projects will be presented at the March meeting.

The lawsuit filed against the California Department of Education regarding the process used to select QSCB recipients has still not been settled. It is possible that the matter will be resolved by March. For the district to take advantage of the financing, the district will need to commit to the loan at the March meeting.

10.6 Budget Update

Mr. Pandolfo gave an update on the State's budget and the impact it will have on the district. He presented strategies to deal with the projected deficits, which would include the chartering of one or more schools in the district for the 2010-11 school year. This is due to the increased funding which is possible with the conversion of district schools to charter schools.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of chartering more schools. They recommend staff be cautious with their budgeting plan. Accountability for conversion charters was discussed.

Mrs. Moresi commented on the district's opportunity to increase revenue in order to save programs and enhance student education.

10.7 Summer School Intervention Plan

Mrs. Moresi reported that the Summer School Intervention Program for August, 2010 is currently being planned. We will run a first through 6th grade targeted intervention program by invitation only. In addition, a jump-start kindergarten class will be added for students identified during the kindergarten screening process. GATE will again run two classes. K-5th grade students will receive their invitation from the teachers. All students will be registered by the middle of May. Mrs. Moresi distributed data on the progress last year's summer school students have made to date prepared by Carol Newman.

Mr. Rafanelli asked if there is data on the students who were invited to attend summer school and opted not to.

10.8 Calendar 2010-2011

Mrs. Moresi reviewed the proposed 2010-2011 school year calendar. The calendar was agreed upon to be negotiated by all districts who attended the joint superintendent, union representatives, and regional CTA representatives on January 11, 2010. The calendar was taken to negotiations on January 27, 2010, and the buyback days and teacher in-service and workdays were discussed.

10.9 Rincon Valley Union Teachers Association's Initial Collective Bargaining Proposal with Rincon Valley Union School District 2009-2010

Board of Trustees tabled this item until the March 2, 2010 meeting.

10.10 Rincon Valley Union School District's Initial Collective Bargaining Proposal with Rincon Valley Union Teachers Association 2009-2010 Tabled to March

Board of Trustees tabled this item until the March 2, 2010 meeting.

11. ACTION

11.1 Rincon Valley Charter School Admission Requirements, Element 8

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to approve the material revisions to the charter admission requirements, Element 8: Unanimous.

11.2 BP/AR/E for First Reading

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to approve BP/AR/E 5125.1, Release of Student Directory Information, for first reading: Unanimous.

12. PERSONNEL

Mrs. Pilar moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to approve item 12.1: Unanimous.

12.1 Classified – Resignations

- Susan Herrera, Noon Duty, Village, effective May 28, 2010

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to approve item 12.2: Unanimous.

12.2 Certificated – Leave of Absence Request

- Jennifer Wilson, Teacher, Binkley, August 2010 through May 2011

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to approve item 12.3: Unanimous.

12.3 Certificated – Early Retirement Program Request

- Virginia Paige, Kindergarten Teacher, Sequoia
The Board expressed its gratitude for Ms. Paige's 38 years of teaching in the Rincon Valley Union School District.

13. CSEA / RVUTA COMMENTS

CSEA –negotiations will be held on March 4, 1:00 p.m.

14. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- After School Programs Report
- Counseling
- 2nd Interim Report
- Shared Contracts/Notice of Non-Reelect
- Resolution – Certificated Lay-offs
- Deferred Maintenance Plan – Public Hearing
- District Calendar
- Transportation Update – March or April
- Healthy Kids Survey Results
- Communication Timeline – charter expansion - March
- Food Service report – April
- Single Plan for Student Achievement – 3 schools in March, April, May

16. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

17. ADJOURN

Mrs. Evers moved and Mrs. Pilar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.:
Unanimous.

Mrs. Diane Moresi
Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Trustees