

REGION #9 BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 12, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gombos (7:43 pm), Hocker, Lewis, Logie, Neidenbach, Pemberton (7:36 pm), Poltrack, Stone

Administration: Fossbender, Mas, Sullivan, McMorran, Haig

Student Council Representative: Glynn

Others: five members of the staff and community

Media: Redding Pilot

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting as submitted. Poltrack, Neidenbach. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2008 Annual District Meeting as submitted. Poltrack, Neidenbach. Approved. 5.78-0-2.22. Pemberton & Poltrack abstained.

(Mrs. Pemberton arrived, 7:36 pm)

Motion: move to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2008 as corrected. Poltrack, Neidenbach. Approved. Unanimous.

Corrections: page 1, motion re library survey should read as follows: *Motion: move that the Region #9 Board of Education allow a survey of ninth grade students pertaining to library research skills under the supervision of Mr. McMorran and Mrs. Haig. Gombos, Pemberton. Approved. Unanimous.*; page 2, Dr. Fossbender left the meeting at 7:40 pm; page 3, paragraph 1, the overall increase is **4.73%**; Mr. Montserrat requested information regarding the \$138,000 increase in administration costs. Mrs. Pemberton responded to the request with information within 48 hours.

STUDENT REPORT

Student Council Representative, Cary Glynn, was present but did not have a report.

RECOGNITIONS

On behalf of the board, Mr. Stone recognized Cary Glynn for his service to the board during the past two years. He also recognized Judy Garamella, Jim Dolan and Susan Haig for their many years of service to the school and students, and wished them well in their retirement.

(Mrs. Gombos arrived, 7:43 pm.)

Mrs. Haig thanked the board members for their dedication to the students and staff at Joel Barlow High School.

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: move to add to the agenda a Second Reading of Policy 1332. Gombos. Pemberton. Approved. Unanimous.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 1332: PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY IN SCHOOLS/FACILITIES

Board members requested a copy of the edited policy prior to approval. This item was deferred to the September meeting.

SECOND READING OF POLICIES

Policy 1411, Law Enforcement Agencies: action on this policy was postponed, pending further revision by two Redding board members and board counsel.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Fossbender provided a copy of an article from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education related to FOI regulations. He also reported the Metrics and Measurement Committee completed preliminary work on templates to be included on the website. Webmaster, Vicki Cram, is developing the site which will be beta tested in the fall.

Mrs. Mas reported that 10 groups will be working on curriculum during the summer months. She also thanked Dee Preis for her work with the subcommittee charged with development of a parent survey for the Wellness Committee.

Mr. McMorran provided a written report listing student achievement and recognition. He also reported that he met with the Department Chairs to review and discuss how the restoration of the \$15,000 would be allocated. The conclusion was to restore \$14,400 for curriculum development in the humanity and science/technology areas and \$600 for Guidance for summer work.

He announced Dee Preis, Dean of Students, has taken a position as Housemaster at Fairfield Ward High School. He announced additional resignations due to spousal relocation or personal reasons.

Mr. McMorran reported the AP course availability issue discussed at the previous meeting had been resolved.

Mrs. Sullivan provided board members with a function summary of the current proposed budget. She also reported the grounds department had completed an application of fertilizer and broadleaf control per the specification of IPM.

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Neidenbach reported the roofing project is being rebid. The initial bid yielded one bidder whose bid was declined due to technical issues. The rebid process has a bid due date of June 26, 2008.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Mr. Lewis reported the committee recommended acceptance of the administrative recommendation to change the name of the Earth Science course to Physical Science and Earth Dynamics.

Motion: move that the Region #9 Board of Education approve the course change from Earth Science to Physical Science and Earth Dynamics. Lewis, Logie. Approved. Unanimous.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Hocker reported the committee will survey the parents of the Easton, Redding and Region #9 students to gather input on attitude and knowledge of nutrition. The listserv will be used to facilitate the survey that will be conducted in the fall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: move to recess to executive session for discussion of performance of public employee. Gombos, Hocker. Approved. Unanimous.

Dr. Fossbender, Mr. McMorran, Mrs. Mas, and Mrs. Haig were invited to be present.

The meeting recessed at 8:15 pm.

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:32 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move to adjourn: Poltrack, Hocker.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gombos, Board of Education Secretary

Recorded by Mary Maday