

Region 9 Board of Education
May 24, 2005 Meeting Motions
Filed subject to approval

Attendance: Bonfanti, Coppinger, Gmelin, Gombos, Pemberton, Shapiro
Administration: Calabro, Fossbender, Haig, Mas, McLiverty
Media: Redding Pilot, CT. Post
Others: 25 members of the public

Dr. Shapiro calls the meeting to order at 7:43 pm

AGENDA CHANGES

Motion: To add Board Self Evaluation to the agenda for an executive session discussion. (Gmelin, Pemberton) Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: To include discussion and action on the 2003-2004 audit as a part of the FOC report, and move the FOC report to follow Public comment. (Coppinger, Gombos) Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Nicyper, Redding: question regarding the Navigant invoices and their review by the C3 Committee. Also commented that the current Senior Class has never had the opportunity to be served a hot meal in their four years of school.

FOC REPORT: REVIEW OF AUDIT REPORT

Jim Lyons of Kostin Ruffkess & Company presented an overview of the 2003-2004 audit report and the Management Report. Discussion of the report followed.

Mrs. Gombos reported that the FOC reviewed the report and recommended the Board accept the report.

Motion: That the Region #9 Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Financial Oversight Committee to accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended 6/30/04. (Gombos, Coppinger) Approved. Unanimous.

STUDENT REPORT

Zack Slavin reported on the formation of Community Council, made up of students, parents, staff, faculty, and members of the community. A meeting is planned for June 7 at 7 pm and the topic of discussion will be the problems of substance abuse at the school and in the communities.

Tim Lewis will be the Student Representative for the next school year.

2005-2006 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Dr. Shapiro read the question that will appear on the ballot. The proposed budget of \$16,288,904 represents \$7,126,395 for Easton and \$9,162,509 for Redding. The District Meeting will be held on May 30, 2005 and will adjourn to the next day for the vote on the budget.

C3 REPORT ON BUILDING PROJECT

Mr. Poltrack recapped activities:

1. Casework will be completed next week,
2. Ed-Mor, the electrical contractor should complete their work in 3-4 weeks
3. Tucker Mechanical (replacing Nettleton Mechanical) is preparing a scope of work and estimate of cost to complete the mechanical work, primarily HVAC work,
4. Servery & kitchen equipment has been installed, but the Ansul system has not yet been approved by the Fire Marshal.
5. Trailers at the stadium will be removed.
6. Silt fencing has been removed.
7. Island landscape work is being completed.
8. Plunge pool has been filled in.
9. Field A & D are being finished.
10. Trees for Turney Road were scheduled for installation, but delayed due to the rain.

Mr. Poltrack reported that Navigant has been working since April 1, 2005 gathering information and interviewing various contractors to determine the quantity of work completed. Navigant has generated three reports and these have been useful for litigation purposes. Navigant is working on information for use where Region #9 has been named as third party in lawsuits and on latent defect issues with Francini Company.

FOC REPORT: INVOICES

Mrs. Gombos reported the FOC recommended the payment of invoices reviewed and approved by C3.

Motion: That the Region #9 Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the C3 Committee and FOC to approve the following invoices:

Town of Redding, Inv. #25, May 3, 2005, for \$219.00

Town of Redding, Inv. #397, April 29, 2005, for \$2,964.60

Windustrial, June 2004, \$1,265.00

Windustrial, July 2004, \$988.04

Windustrial, August 2004, \$2,135.38

Windustrial, September 2004, \$320.80

Zenon, SLI/23000420, February 13, 2003, two checks, the first for \$8,300 to be paid to Zenon at this time, and the second for \$8,300 to be released to Zenon upon satisfactory handover which includes a release, and the commissioning of the plant.

(Gombos, Coppinger) Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: To add Public Comment at this point in the agenda. Bonfanti, Coppinger. Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Nicyper, Redding. Commented on the need for resolution of the review of invoices by C3.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Move to Executive Session to discuss Building Project pending litigation. Invited to attend, two Carmody & Torrance attorneys, Fossbender, Calabro, Mas, and McLiverty. (Coppinger, Gmelin) Approved. Unanimous

Meeting recessed at 8:30 pm

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:05 pm

Motion: That Region #9 Board of Education authorizes that all Navigant reports and invoices will be reviewed and discussed by the C3 Committee in public or in executive session for matters covered by client privilege because of pending litigation. (Gombos, Pemberton) Approved. Unanimous.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Motion: That Region #9 Board of Education accepts Policy 4118.233 for a second and final reading. (Pemberton, Gmelin) Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: That Region #9 Board of Education accepts Policy 5141.231 for a second and final reading. (Pemberton, Bonfanti) Approved. Unanimous.

Mrs. Pemberton asked for further adjustments to Policy 5131.81. This policy will be considered at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve minutes of 3/22/05 as corrected. (Pemberton, Bonfanti) Approved. Unanimous. Correction: FOC Report: Mrs. Gombos would have preferred her FOC report be stated differently; under Ms. Mas' report, "The students who currently attend Easton Public Schools will need to seek other options for high school, due to no predictable, funded or scheduled transportation."

Motion: To approve minutes of 4/26/05, as corrected. (Gombos, Pemberton) Approved. Unanimous. Correction: FOC Report, change the following sentence as underlined: Mrs. Gombos acknowledged that the FOC had agreed to provide board members with information in advance of meetings but the capital reserve plan had been the topic of discussions with the Board for months.

Motion: To approve minutes of 5/2/05 (Bonfanti, Gombos) Approved. Approved, with Gmelin abstaining.

Motion: To approve the minutes of 5/5/05 (Gombos, Coppinger). Approved, with Gmelin abstaining.

BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

Mrs. Eichhorn was not present, but she did provide an updated listing of motions made by the Board of Education through the May 20, 2005 meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Bonfanti expressed his hope that the good news about the building project can be made public in the communities. Mr. Calabro reported the reporter for the Redding Pilot did take photos of the school kitchen & servery for use with an article in this week's paper.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fossbender provided three articles related to No Child Left Behind.

The list of staff members retiring or resigning was announced.

AGENDA ADDITION

Motion: To add a discussion of building security to the executive session. (Gombos, Pemberton) Approved. Unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. McLiverty reported that end of year purchase orders are being processed. He anticipates an estimate of the year-end balance will be available at the next meeting.

PENSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Gmelin reported that two scheduled meeting were cancelled due to the unavailability of the community members. A meeting is schedule in June, and the committee hopes to finalize the recommendation for a financial advisor.

HEAR OF SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Calabro provided a list of upcoming events and student/staff achievements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To enter executive session for discussion of Demutualization, Negotiations, Building Security, and Board Self-evaluation. (Coppinger, Gmelin) Approved. Unanimous

Invited to attend for the first three items: Calabro, Fossbender, and McLiverty

The meeting recessed at 10:10 pm

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn (10:50 p.m.). Approved. Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Eichhorn
Region 9 BOE Secretary

Recorded by Mary Maday