

**Region 9 Board of Education Special Meeting
Joel Barlow High School
May 30, 2006**

MINUTES

Filed subject to approval

Attendance: Bonfanti, Coppinger, Gombos, Lewis, Pemberton, Poltrack, Stone.
Administration: Fossbender, Calabro, Mas, Sullivan.
Media: Redding Pilot
Others: Various individuals

Mrs. Pemberton called the Special Meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Public Comment

Joseph Schwartz (Easton) commented and made some suggestions with respect to building projects.

Discussion and Possible Action: Funding to Pay Costs Related to the Joel Barlow Building Project; Timeliness for Referendum

Mr. Poltrack informed the Region 9 Board of Education that the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) recommends that the Region 9 Board of Education make another request for 1.3 million dollars. Credit rating agency issues were discussed. Various points of view were expressed with respect to how much money should be requested.

Motion: Move that the Region 9 Board of Education request authorization to spend up to one million three hundred thousand (\$1,300,000) dollars to pay invoices and legal settlements related to the Joel Barlow building project. The goal is to minimize the total amount to be spent due to further delay and to protect the credit worthiness of the Region and its Towns. Bonfanti, Lewis. In favor: Bonfanti, Coppinger, Lewis, Pemberton, Poltrack, Stone. Opposed: Gombos. Motion carried.

Motion: Move that the request for “authorization to spend” referred to immediately above be moved to referendum on July 11, 2006. Stone, Poltrack. Unanimous. Approved.

Public Comment

One person commented on the Region 9 Board’s need for public relations.
Jim Lang (Redding) commented on the upcoming referendum vote.

Board Comment

Mr. Lewis commented on the building project process and the upcoming referendum.

Executive Session

Motion: move that the Board of Education go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing and possibly making decisions regarding pending litigation. Invited to attend

Executive Session: Fossbender, Calabro, Mas, Sullivan. Coppinger, Gombos. Unanimous. Approved. The meeting recessed at 9:05 pm.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:28 pm.

No action taken in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn: Coppinger, Lewis. Unanimous. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Huntley J. Stone
Region 9 BOE Secretary