

ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2615 Sierra Meadows Drive Rocklin, CA 95677

Todd Lowell, President
Steve Paul, Vice President
Greg Daley, Clerk
Camille Maben, Member
Wendy Lang, Member



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2013

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** – President Todd Lowell called the regular meeting of the Rocklin Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 21, 2013 in the District Administration Office located at 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677. A quorum was established.

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Todd Lowell, *President*
 Steve Paul, *Vice President*
 Greg Daley, *Clerk*
 Wendy Lang, *Member*
 Camille Maben, *Member*

Trustee(s) Absent: None

Student Representatives: Joseph La Russa (WHS) and Zachary Quittmeyer (RHS)

Administrative Staff: Roger Stock, *Superintendent*; Todd Cutler, *Deputy Superintendent*;
 Barbara Patterson, *Associate Superintendent*; Michael S. Garrison,
Assistant Superintendent; Sue Wesselius, *Senior Director*; Karen
 Huffines, *Director*; Mike Fury, *Chief Technology Officer*, Lindsay
 Wong, *Program Specialist*

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Whitney High School AFJROTC Color Guard led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 **AUDIENCE/VISITORS PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – President Lowell welcomed all visitors and invited them to speak on agenda items at the conclusion of the Board’s discussion. He also invited visitors to speak at this time regarding non-agenda items and announced that the public portion of the meeting would be recorded. The following comments regarding non-agenda items were noted:

Paul Gallo commented that the Annual Parent Notice link on the District and school websites is outdated. President Lowell thanked Mr. Gallo for this information and advised him that staff will research the issue.

Matt Gallo reported that he strongly disagrees with the language and content of the “Welcome” letter issued by a school principal.

5.0 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT** – Trustees welcomed new Student Representatives to the Board Joseph La Russa (Whitney High School) and Zachary Quittmeyer (Rocklin High School). They enjoyed greeting staff members at the various in-service meetings and visiting school sites. The Board hosted the first annual Welcome Back BBQ prepared by the Food Services Department and funded by the Rocklin Educational Excellence Foundation (REEF) and several vendors. They also expressed their gratitude to all departments for working diligently to prepare for the school

year. Superintendent Stock reported that the school year opened successfully with 11,318 students. He enjoyed visiting the sites on the first day of school and supporting the administrators, teachers, and families.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 6.1 **BOARD MINUTES** – Request to approve Board minutes.
 - 6.1.1 August 7, 2013 (Regular Session)
- 6.2 **BILL WARRANTS** – Request to approve bill warrants. (Barbara Patterson)
- 6.3 **MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES** – Request to approve monthly account summaries. (Barbara Patterson)
- 6.4 **ACCEPT DONATIONS** – Request to accept the following donations made to the District: (Barbara Patterson)
 - 6.4.1 \$303.15 to purchase top load string envelopes for Tuesday folders from Rocklin Kids Dentist to Cobblestone Elementary
 - 6.4.2 One Toshiba Laptop & accessories from Rachael Irby to the Language Arts Department at Granite Oaks Middle School
 - 6.4.3 \$400 from Edward Bubienko through the Kaiser Permanente Community Giving Campaign to Parker Whitney Elementary
 - 6.4.4 \$1500 from the Jerrold B. Whitney/Clayton Pinkerton Fund to purchase library books and supplies at Parker Whitney Elementary
 - 6.4.5 \$610 from Charles Geib to Whitney High School
 - 6.4.6 One HP Probook 7475B and 10 reams of multipurpose paper from Katie Velasquez to Cobblestone Elementary
 - 6.4.7 \$25 from Wells Fargo Foundation on behalf of Bonnie Jameson-Smith to Valley View
 - 6.4.8 \$900 from Gap Money for Time Program to Ruhkala Elementary
 - 6.4.9 \$142 from Lifetouch to Cobblestone Elementary
 - 6.4.10 \$36,012 from Sierra PTC for Technology, I.B., Spanish, Intervention, etc., to Sierra Elementary
 - 6.4.11 \$606 from Michael Reeves through the PG&E Campaign for the Community to Whitney High School
 - 6.4.12 One iPad2 from Quest to the Technology Services Department
 - 6.4.13 Various equipment and supplies from ACE Hardware to the Maintenance & Operations Department
- 6.5 **APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Certificated Personnel Report. (Michael S. Garrison)
- 6.6 **APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Michael S. Garrison)
- 6.7 **REJECT CLAIM R1303** – Request to reject a claim and forward to the District’s insurance company for review. (Barbara Patterson)
- 6.8 **APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1** – Request to approve Change Order #1 to Hupp Signs & Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$5,710.29 and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to sign on its behalf.

A **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Greg Daley to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Student Representatives – aye, Maben – aye, Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Daley – aye, Lowell – aye.

7.0 **ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 7.1 **DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/SPECIAL PROGRAMS** – A **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve Janna Cambra as the new Director of Special Education/Special Programs. Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.2 **MANDATED COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR 2013-14** – In an effort to simplify the mandate reimbursement claim process, the Mandate Block Grant (MBG) was established in 2012 by Senate Bill 101. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) have the option of taking the block grant funding based on average daily attendance or continuing to submit claims for reimbursement of actual costs. In order to receive the cash in the 2013-14 school year combined with the likelihood that any additional funding will be utilized by the Governor to support the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), a **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Greg Daley to approve participating in the MGB. Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 8.1 **OPENING OF SCHOOL** – Deputy Superintendent Todd Cutler announced that the school year opened with much excitement and anticipation throughout the District. As Superintendent Stock previously stated, current enrollment is 11,318. Administrators were on hand at every site to provide support and assistance to the staff. The District partnered with the City of Rocklin to ensure the safety of students and families navigating through the construction projects surrounding Rocklin Elementary. Wendy Lang commended Principal Mark Williams, Program Specialist Charlotte Klinock, and their staff for hosting a well-attended and informational Parent Information Night for the new Rocklin Independent Charter Academy. The District-sponsored charter academy opened with 71 students and is expected to grow.
- 8.2 **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE (PRIORITY #2-ENGLISH LEARNERS)** – Dr. Cutler announced that staff will provide a Strategic Priorities update to the Board on a monthly basis. Program Specialist Lindsay Wong addressed Strategic Priority #2, which states that the District will ensure that English Learners will acquire the English language as quickly as possible in order to access grade level core subjects. Her report outlined how growth in content areas will be measured, accomplishments to date, and action plans for the future. The District is one of only 97 districts out of 706 that continues to meet all three of the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO). Twin Oaks teacher Leza Davis and Sierra teacher Kaili Bray shared their enthusiasm for using Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) teaching strategies learned over the past year and summer months. GLAD is a model for teaching to all students, specifically students who speak a language other than English in their home. Graphic organizers, input charts, and academic vocabulary are used repetitively, until the students eventually take ownership and become independent learners. Summer school, Bulldog Boot Camp (Kindergarten-preparedness session for English Learners at Rocklin Elementary), family literacy classes, parent support meetings, and Spanish-language parenting classes are examples of other means of support provided to address and support Strategic Priorities #2.
- 8.3 **FACILITIES UPDATE** – Sue Wesselius reported on the status of facility projects as included in the Board packet. She also provided the Board with an update on the Whitney High School solar project and the Rocklin High School scoreboard.

1.0 **PENDING AGENDA** – No items were added at this time.

2.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:35 p.m. regarding the following matter:

- 8.1 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation* as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9 (Placer Superior Court Case No. SV0027932)

No action was taken in closed session; the Board reconvened to open session at 9:49 p.m.

3.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – President Lowell adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Please note that additional information distributed to the Board before or during the meeting and not included in the agenda packet can be obtained by calling the District Office at 630-2230.