

# ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

### MINUTES

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** – President Greg Daley called the regular meeting of the Rocklin Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:45 p.m. on October 19, 2011 in the District Administration Office located at 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677. A quorum was established.
- 2.0 **CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (6:45 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.)** – Closed session was held at 6:45 p.m. regarding “Public Employment Appointment” as authorized by Government Code 54957 (position to be filled: Principal).
- 3.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – President Daley reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:00 p.m.
- 4.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** – President Daley announced that no action was taken in closed session.

5.0 **ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Greg Daley, *President*  
Camille Maben, *Vice President*  
Todd Lowell, *Clerk*  
Wendy Lang, *Member*  
Ilona Chernitskaya, *Board Member for a Day*

Trustee(s) Absent: Steve Paul, *Member*

Student Representative: Zach Dahla

Administrative Staff: Kevin Brown/*Superintendent*, Linda Rooney, Michael Garrison, Larry Stark, Barbara Patterson, Betty Jo Wessinger, Shari Anderson (VV), Kathy Goddard (CO), Karen Huffines (SE), Sarah James (TO), Amanda Makis (RE), Denny Rush (PW), Matt Murphy (AC), Dorothy Sutter (RC), Melody Thorson (RU), Chuck Thibideau (BR), David Bills (RHS), Mark Williams (WHS), Marty Flowers (SV), Jay Holmes (GO), Skott Hutton (DO), Jordan White (DO), Lindsay Wong (DO), Mia Swenson/*Recorder*

Audience: Please see attendance sheet(s) attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

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

7.0 **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 District Grade 6 students who submitted the winning essays for the “Board Member for a Day” Essay Contest were recognized by the Board of Trustees. The winner of the essay contest, Rock Creek Elementary student Ilona Chernitskaya, passed a resolution declaring October 31, 2011 as a “No Homework Day.” (*Presenter: Greg Daley*)

- 8.0 **AUDIENCE/VISITORS PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – President Greg Daley 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:

No comments from the public were noted at this time.

- 9.0 **COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – Student Representative Zach Dahla provided a districtwide report on events.
- 10.0 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT** – Wendy Lang attended Rocklin High School's Homecoming Night and noted the great turnout of students. President Daley thanked the staff members who assisted with the "Board Member for a Day" essay contest. Superintendent Kevin Brown announced that the "Bullying Prevention and Cyber-Safety Parent Night" will be held at the Sunset Center on October 25. President Daley will emcee the event and Deputy Superintendent Linda Rooney and others will address specific topics; district families will be notified via SchoolMessenger, newsletters, and flyers. The annual "Toast of the Town" fundraiser to benefit the Teen Center Summer Program is scheduled for November 5. On October 15, Ted Stapenhorst, Jordan White, and their team of volunteers did an outstanding job of overseeing the annual Tour de Rocklin (TdR) event. In conjunction with the Rocklin Excellence in Education Foundation (REEF), this bicycle ride fundraiser benefits on-campus technology needs. In conclusion, Superintendent Brown also announced that the district has recently received notification from the California Department of Education that Parker Whitney Elementary, Cobblestone Elementary, and Rock Creek Elementary schools have been invited to apply for 2012 California Distinguished School honors.
- 11.0 **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT CALENDAR**
- 11.1 **BOARD MINUTES** – Request to approve Board minutes.  
11.1.1 October 5, 2011 (Regular Session)
- 11.2 **BILL WARRANTS** – Request to approve bill warrants. (Barbara Patterson)
- 11.3 **MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES** – Request to approve monthly account summaries. (Barbara Patterson)
- 11.4 **APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Certificated Personnel Report. (Michael Garrison)
- 11.5 **APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Michael Garrison)
- 11.6 **APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP(S)** – Request to approve the following overnight field trip(s): (Linda Rooney)  
11.6.1 Sunset Ranch Elementary Grade 6 students to attend the Walker Creek Science Camp in Petaluma, CA (March 12-16, 2012)  
11.6.2 Rock Creek Elementary Grade 6 students to attend Sly Park Science Camp in Pollock Pines, CA (November 7-10, 2011)
- 11.7 **APPROVE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT** – Request to approve an agreement with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard for legal services. (Barbara Patterson)
- 11.8 **APPROVE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT** – Request to approve an agreement with Gutierrez Law Group for legal services. (Barbara Patterson)
- 11.9 **APPROVE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT** – Request to approve an agreement with Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper LLP for legal services. (Barbara Patterson)
- 11.10 **APPROVE 2011-12 DISTRICT G.A.T.E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Request to approve members to the 2011-12 G.A.T.E Advisory Committee. (Jordan White)
- 11.11 **APPROVE 2011-12 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Request to approve members to the 2011-12 CTE Advisory Committee. (Jordan White)
- 11.12 **APPROVE BUDGET REVISIONS** – Request to approve revisions to the 2011-12 budget. (Barbara Patterson)
- 11.13 **APPROVE DISPOSAL OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT** – Request to dispose obsolete or non-usable custodial, grounds, and maintenance equipment. (Larry Stark)
- 11.14 **APPROVE CONTRACT** – Request to approve a contract with Economic Planning Systems (EPS) to complete the 2012 Developer Fee Increase Study. (Larry Stark)

- 11.15 **APPROVE SERVICES AGREEMENT** – Request to approve an agreement between School Steps, Inc. and the Rocklin Unified School District regarding a .60 FTE Speech/Language Therapist for the 2011-12 school year.

A **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Todd Lowell to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Student Representative – aye, Paul – *absent*, Lang – aye, Maben – aye, Lowell – aye, Daley – *abstained*.

## 12.0 **ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 12.1 **APPOINT PRINCIPAL, ROCKLIN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER** – Assistant Superintendent Michael Garrison recommended Mark Williams as the new Principal of the Rocklin Alternative Education Center. After congratulating and offering warm words of welcome to Mark Williams, a **MOTION** was made by Todd Lowell and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve Mark Williams as the new Principal of the Rocklin Alternative Education Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Williams thanked his family for their support, in addition to the Trustees and District Administration for this outstanding opportunity. He expressed tremendous excitement to assume this new role and looks forward to continuing the success of his predecessors.

- 12.2 **PRESENT ROCKLIN ACADEMY II PETITION RENEWAL AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARING** – Principal Robin Stout and Assistant Principal Jillayne Antoon presented the Rocklin Academy II Petition Renewal (Meyers Street Charter Renewal). Primary elements of the presentation included information regarding student achievement, enrollment demographics, and school recognitions. They noted the professional working relationship with the Rocklin Elementary School campus regarding use of facilities. A “Student Outreach Plan” has been created in order to increase efforts to diversify their student body and increase racial diversity. Ms. Antoon stated that Rocklin Academy II remains committed to focusing their efforts in the areas of diversifying their subgroups (students with disabilities, free/reduced lunch program students, English Language Learners, etc.). President Daley opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. The Board now has a 30-day timeframe to review the renewal petition and will take action at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. In their future report, Trustee Todd Lowell requested that Rocklin Academy II administrators specifically outline the steps to be taken to ensure fair representation of the Rocklin Elementary neighborhood and the disparity of the Rocklin Academy II socioeconomic student body.

- 12.3 **APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-12-07** – Assistant Superintendent Larry Stark presented a Resolution of Intention to approve a contract with Indoor Environmental Services (IES) for the installation of solar panels and the purchase of electricity for Whitney High School. Stan Butts of IES stated that the majority of anticipated first year cumulative savings (\$193,557) will come from green rebates and lighting/electricity. Additional information will be presented to Trustees and the community. As per the resolution, the public hearing date is scheduled for November 2, 2011. In conclusion, a **MOTION** was made by Camille Maben and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve Resolution 11-12-07, a Resolution of Intention. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Student Representative – aye, Paul – *absent*, Lang – aye, Maben – aye, Lowell – aye, Daley – aye.

## 13.0 **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 13.1 **TECHNOLOGY AUDIT REPORT** – This item was tabled.

- 13.2 **FACILITIES-USE FEES DISCUSSION** – As part of the district’s Energy Education Program and associated cost reductions, staff has reviewed the utilities fees and facilities–use fees that are currently charged to various groups for use of district facilities. The various groups include PTC fundraisers (both large and small in scope) and afterschool classes or sports programs (groups such as Rocklin Little Thunder and Whitney Junior Wildcats have a joint use agreement through Memorandums of Understanding with the district). However, there is a noted inconsistency regarding the fees that are charged, and the district has been receiving an increasing number of requests for the use of facilities at the various school sites. Trustees requested a summary report of which groups are charged, including those under the Civic Center Act. Information will also be gathered from surrounding districts and will be forwarded to the Board for review.
- 13.3 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER SPECIAL REPORT** – In response to the Board’s request for detailed information regarding the language composition of the district’s K-6 English Language Learners, Program Specialist Lindsay Wong reviewed the information included in the Board packet. The data shows that English Language Learner students are spread throughout the district. She reported that it would be challenging to “magnetize” same-language students at one or more sites, due to the number of language spoken and the differing grade levels. Transportation would also be a major challenge, both logistically and financially. The majority of English Language Learner students speak Spanish as their primary language (44%), followed by Russian (11%). Several area districts have schools that are Program Improvement due to the assessment results in their English Language programs, while Rocklin Unified continues to show assessment score gains. Trustees were surprised at the number of different languages spoken at each site/grade level. Camille Maben noted that a dual immersion type of program may benefit the students, but recognizes the possible logistical challenges. Trustees thanked Lindsay Wong for her informative report.
- 13.4 **PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT/SCHOOL CHOICE UPDATE** – Based on the 2011 STAR California Standards Test (CST) results, Rocklin Elementary has been designated a Program Improvement Year I school (two subgroups did not meet their target Adequate Yearly Progress AYP scores): Hispanic and socioeconomically disadvantaged). In addition, Antelope Creek Elementary, Parker Whitney Elementary, and Victory High School have been designated as “watch” schools. Jordan White provided an overview of Title I Program Improvement (PI School requirements, which includes parent notification of PI status and school of choice options, budgetary set-asides for professional development, establishment of a peer review process, and a revision to the school plan within three months. Principal Amanda Makis reported that Rocklin Elementary has already begun rewriting their goals and has set aside 10% of their Title I funds for professional development. She provided a complete outline of the steps that have been taken (notified parents, reviewed No Child Left Behind requirements, and developed a program improvement staff survey). Staff will meet again on November 7 to finalize their goals and school plan. With the Title I funds provided by the district, learning materials have been ordered and additional hours are now available for the aides. Principal Makis has also been in continual contact with her peers, to learn more about their programs and successes. Second grade G.A.T.E teacher Laurie Vallaincourt also provided information as to how staff is working proactively to develop and strengthen their various intervention programs.
- 14.0 **PENDING AGENDA** – A discussion regarding facilities-use and fees will be held at a future meeting.
- 15.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:05 p.m. regarding the following matter(s):
- 15.1 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation* as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9

- 15.2 *Conference with Real Property Negotiators* as authorized by Government Code 54956.8 (Property: Ruhkala Elementary School; Agency Negotiator: Larry Stark, Assistant Superintendent; Negotiating Parties: district and adjacent property owners; Under Negotiation: no price involved)
- 15.3 *Conference with Labor Negotiators* as authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6:  
District Representative(s): Kevin Brown, Superintendent  
Michael Garrison, Assistant Supt. of Human Resources  
Larry Stark, Assistant Supt. of Facilities and Operations  
Employee Organization(s): Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)
- 16.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – President Daley reconvened the meeting to open session at 10:04 p.m.
- 17.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** – President Daley reported that no action was taken in closed session.
- 18.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – President Daley adjourned the meeting at 10:05 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 contacting the District Office at (916) 630-2230.