

ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 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 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 2011 in the District Administration Office located at 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677. A quorum was established.

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

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

Trustee(s) Absent: Camille Maben, *Vice President*

Student Representative: Zach Dahla

Administrative Staff: Kevin Brown/*Superintendent*, Linda Rooney, Michael Garrison, Larry Stark, Betty Jo Wessinger, David Bills (RHS), Kathy Goddard (CO), Karen Huffines (SE), Amanda Makis (RE), Denny Rush (PW), Skott Hutton (DO), Lindsay Wong (DO), Mia Swenson/*Recorder*

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

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

4.0 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

4.1 Rocklin Educational Excellence Foundation (REEF) has raised in excess of \$50,000 since its inception through various fundraisers such as the Rocklin Royale and Tour de Rocklin. This year, REEF invited District teachers to submit applications for “Great Idea” grants. The Allocation Committee reviewed the applications and announced the winning award recipients. (*Presenter: Tom DeLapp, REEF Chairman*)

5.0 **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 were noted regarding non-agenda items.

6.0 **COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – Student Representative Zach Dahla provided a districtwide report on events.

7.0 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT** – The Board and Superintendent Kevin Brown thanked REEF Chairman Tom DeLapp for his dedication to the development of the REEF organization which directly serves to benefit the students of the District. Superintendent Brown added that REEF Board Member Todd Lowell has also dedicated an inordinate amount of time and effort supporting REEF’s initiatives and thanked him for leading the grant award Allocation

Committee. He also thanked the teachers who showed their dedication by taking the time to write and submit grant applications, in addition to their everyday workload. Wendy Lang reported that she attended the Annual Trustee Dinner with Todd Lowell and Superintendent Brown and greatly enjoyed the humorous and original "skit" performed by the Rocklin Unified School District Teachers of the Year, Cindy Smith and Ryan Spears. Greg Daley reported that he was honored to represent the Board at a basketball fundraiser benefitting emancipated homeless children. Superintendent Brown commended the outstanding work of Cobblestone Principal Kathy Goddard and her staff for their participation in the DuFour Professional Learning Community "Fishbowl" event, where Principal Goddard and her staff were chosen to be in the "spotlight" and was analyzed by other educators who reviewed their progress toward reaching their PLC goals and implementing PLC concepts.

8.0 **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.1 **BOARD MINUTES** – Request to approve Board minutes.
 - 8.1.1 November 2, 2011 (Regular Session)
- 8.2 **BILL WARRANTS** – Request to approve bill warrants. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.3 **MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES** – Request to approve monthly account summaries. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.4 **APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Michael Garrison)
- 8.5 **APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Michael Garrison)
- 8.6 **ACCEPT DONATIONS** – Request to accept the following donations made to the District: (Barbara Patterson)
 - 8.6.1 \$300.00 from Wells Fargo Bank for "Sharing Advantage Program" to Antelope Creek Elementary
 - 8.6.2 Art supplies valued at \$500.00 from Terry Thornburg to Rocklin High School
 - 8.6.3 \$207.75 from Wells Fargo Foundation on behalf of Scott Caddow to Ruhkala Elementary
 - 8.6.4 \$300.00 from Maureen O'Leary Burness Foundation to Sherry McDaniel's classroom at Breen Elementary
 - 8.6.5 40 cases of paper from Thunder Valley Casino to Whitney High School
 - 8.6.6 \$40.00 from Macy's Foundation Fall 2010-11 Campaign to Cobblestone Elementary
 - 8.6.7 Wood valued at \$60.00 from Sierra Pine for the manufacturing technology class at Granite Oaks Middle School
 - 8.6.8 \$30.00 from PG&E on behalf of William Banish to the District
 - 8.6.9 \$500.00 from Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation for purchase of iPads to Twin Oaks Elementary
 - 8.6.10 \$102.42 from Katherine Reeves through the PG&E Foundation Program to Rock Creek Elementary
 - 8.6.11 \$15.96 from Macy's Fall Campaign to Sierra Elementary
 - 8.6.12 Assorted books from Kara Diaz to Breen Elementary
 - 8.6.13 \$117.00 from PG&E Matching Gifts Program to Whitney High School
 - 8.6.14 \$5,000.00 from United Auburn Indian Community to Sunset Ranch Elementary
- 8.7 **APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SIERRA JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** – Request approve an MOU between Sierra Joint Community College District and the Rocklin Unified School District for the Early Assessment Program Mathematics Curriculum Development Project. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.8 **APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SCHOOLWORKS, INC.** – Request to approve a contract with SchoolWorks, Inc. for professional services for the 2011-12 school year and to authorize the Assistant Superintendent to sign on behalf of the Board of Trustees. (Larry Stark)

- 8.9 **APPROVE STIPULATED EXPULSION** – Request to approve a stipulated expulsion for Student No. 111611-1. (Linda Rooney)

Following the removal of Item 8.4 for separate discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Todd Lowell to approve the remainder of the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Student Representative – aye, Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Maben – *absent*, Lowell – aye, Daley – aye.

Regarding Item 8.4, President Daley noted the upcoming retirement of Sunset Ranch Elementary Principal's Secretary Gail Becker, who has been an invaluable asset to the District for many years. Her support of the students and staff, combined with her numerous contributions to the District are greatly appreciated and she will be missed by all. In conclusion, a **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve Item 8.4. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Student Representative – aye, Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Maben – *absent*, Lowell – aye, Daley – aye.

9.0 **ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 9.1 **APPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AGREEMENT WITH INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. (IES)** – Assistant Superintendent Larry Stark presented an overview of primary contractual edits in the Energy Efficient Measures Agreement (rebate language, cash flow analysis, projection adjustments, etc.). Following several previous presentations by IES representatives and a public hearing held on November 2, 2011, a **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Todd Lowell to approve the Energy Efficiency Measures Agreement with IES, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.2 **APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-12-08** – In conjunction with the Energy Efficiency Measures Agreement with IES, Inc., a **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Steve Paul to approve Resolution 11-12-08, an Intention to Contract with IEC Renewables, LLC for the installation of solar panels and the purchase of electricity for Whitney High School. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Student Representative – aye, Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Maben – *absent*, Lowell – aye, Daley – aye.

10.0 **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 10.1 **STATUS OF CURRENT FACILITY PROJECTS** – Assistant Superintendent Larry Stark reviewed the "Status of Current Facility Projects" as included in the Board packet. Rocklin High School's phone system will be replaced over the Winter Break. In addition, Union Pacific is planning to replace railroad tracks during the last two weeks of December which may affect District bus routes and school-area traffic. Families will be kept informed as additional information becomes available.

- 10.2 **ENERGY EDUCATION UPDATE** – Energy Education Specialist Skott Hutton reported that the District has saved approximately \$155,000 between the months of June and September. The savings can be directly attributed to the excellent collaboration amongst District staff members. Skott also described the successful outcome of a pilot project where five schools (Cobblestone, Rock Creek, Ruhkala, Sierra, and Sunset Ranch) volunteered to have their HVAC systems utilize a manual override on a "15 minutes prior/30 minutes after" schedule. These schools saved an average of 15% each month of the pilot period. This schedule will be implemented at all schools, however, teachers may request an exception for individual classrooms/areas based on specific needs (e.g. classrooms used for dance/exercise or extended after-school programs). The dual goal is to lower energy costs by reducing heating/air consumption without compromising the individual needs of teachers and students.

Because Energy Education, Inc. is very impressed with the impact Skott has had in such a relatively short amount of time, they have invited him to speak at an upcoming training conference. In conclusion, Trustees thanked Skott for diligently working with staff to address their concerns while tirelessly seeking ways to reduce energy consumption and related costs.

- 11.0 **PENDING AGENDA** – No items were added to the pending agenda at this time.
- 12.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:10 p.m. regarding the following matter(s):
- 12.1 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation* as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9 (Placer Superior Court Case No. SV0027932)
 - 12.2 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation* as authorized by Government Code Section 54956.9 (one potential case)
 - 12.3 *Public Employee Performance Evaluation* as authorized by Government Code 54957 (position to be discussed: Assistant Superintendent)
- 13.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – President Daley reconvened the meeting to open session at 10:04 p.m.
- 14.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** – President Daley reported that no action was taken in closed session.
- 15.0 **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.