

ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

October 3, 2012

MINUTES

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** – President Camille Maben called the regular meeting of the Rocklin Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 2012 in the District Administration Office located at 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677. A quorum was established.

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Camille Maben, *President*
Todd Lowell, *Vice President*
Steve Paul, *Member*

Trustee(s) Absent: Wendy Lang, *Clerk*
Greg Daley, *Member*

Student Representative: Delany Chiu, *Rocklin High School*

Administrative Staff: Todd Cutler (DO), Barbara Patterson (DO), Michael Garrison (DO), Sue Wesselius (DO), Carolyn Nunn-Lum (DO), David Bills (RHS), Dave Stewart (RHS), Amanda Makis (RE), 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 **AUDIENCE/VISITORS PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – President Maben welcomed all visitors and invited them to speak on agenda items at the conclusion of the Board's discussion. She 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:

Rocklin High School student Amanda Wong was asked delay her comments regarding the banning of a library book for Item 8.2.

5.0 **COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – Student Representative Delany Chiu provided a brief report on districtwide events.

6.0 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT** – All of those who were in attendance for the “Rachel’s Challenge” event held on September 25 at Rocklin High School were truly inspired and motivated to help this cause. Their ultimate goal is to “create a permanent positive culture by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.” Trustees thanked everyone who helped organize the event. REEF’s annual “Toast of the Town” fundraiser to benefit District students is scheduled for November 3 and tickets are available for purchase. It will a fun filled night with prizes, wine tasting, and celebrity chefs.

7.0 **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT CALENDAR**

7.1 **BOARD MINUTES** – Request to approve Board minutes.

7.1.1 September 19, 2012 (Special Session)

7.1.2 September 19, 2012 (Regular Session)

- 7.2 **APPROVE CERTIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Certificated Personnel Report. (Michael Garrison)
- 7.3 **APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Michael Garrison)
- 7.4 **ACCEPT DONATIONS** – Request to accept the following donations made to the District: (Barbara Patterson)
- 7.4.1 \$43.00 from David Brumley to Antelope Creek Elementary
 - 7.4.2 \$118.34 from Global Impact to Rock Creek Elementary
 - 7.4.3 \$117.42 from PG&E Corporation on behalf of Katharine Reeves and Shelley Hayward to Rock Creek Elementary
 - 7.4.4 \$45.00 from PG&E Corporation on behalf of William Banish and Adrienne Holmes to the District
 - 7.4.5 \$150.00 from Michael Reeves to Whitney High School
 - 7.4.6 \$60.00 from Stephen and Jane Mitchell to Whitney High School
 - 7.4.7 \$100.00 from Sunny Lofton to Whitney High School
 - 7.4.8 Two flat screen televisions from Scott Thiel to Rocklin High School
 - 7.4.9 \$30.00 from PG&E Corporation to Breen Elementary
 - 7.4.10 Playground and PE equipment from Najiya Becker to Breen Elementary
 - 7.4.11 \$253.43 from Target-Take Charge of Education to Breen Elementary
 - 7.4.12 \$360.00 from Gencorp Foundation to be used for the STEM programs at Cobblestone Elementary
 - 7.4.13 \$60.00 from Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program on behalf of Libi Mortensen to Sierra Elementary
 - 7.4.14 \$225.00 from Daven Phelan through the PG&E Corporation to Sierra Elementary
 - 7.4.15 \$500.00 from Community Connection to purchase 1000 take-home folders to Sunset Ranch Elementary
 - 7.4.16 \$700.00 from Stephen E. Kineret, DDS to purchase 700 envelopes to use for Wednesday folders at Sunset Ranch Elementary
 - 7.4.17 \$10,000 from National Energy Education Development Project to Sunset Ranch Elementary
 - 7.4.18 \$228.94 from Target-Take Charge of Education to Valley View Elementary
- 7.5 **APPROVE FIELD TRIPS** – Request to approve the following overnight field trip(s). (Todd Cutler)
- 7.5.1 Spring View Middle School Honor, Jazz, and Orchestra Bands to attend an overnight field trip to the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim, CA (April 5-8, 2013)
 - 7.5.2 Sunset Ranch Elementary Grade 6 students to attend Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma, CA (February 11-14, 2013)
 - 7.5.3 Rocklin Elementary School Grade 6 students to attend Sly Park Environmental Education Resort in Pollock Pines, CA (February 25-March 1, 2013)
 - 7.5.4 Ruhkala Elementary Grade 4 students to attend Sly Park Environmental Education Resort in Pollock Pines, CA (October 17-19, 2012)
- 7.6 **APPROVE QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINTS** – Request to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending September 30, 2012. (Todd Cutler)
- 7.7 **APPROVE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH DOCUMENT TRACKING SERVICES** – Request to approve licensing agreement with Document Tracking Services for the 2012-13 school year. (Todd Cutler)
- 7.8 **APPROVE CALIFORNIA FAMILY FITNESS CORPORATE AGREEMENT** – Request to approve the annual California Family Fitness Annual Corporate Health and Fitness Program Agreement. (Michael Garrison)
- 7.9 **APPROVE SIERRA COLLEGE SUB-GRANT CONTRACT** – Request to approve a contract with Sierra Joint Community College District for a sub-grant in the amount of \$24,700 to support the Rocklin High School Engineering Support Technology Program. (Barbara Patterson)

Following the removal Item 7.2 for separate discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Todd Lowell and seconded by Steve Paul to approve the remainder of the consent calendar.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote: Student Representative – aye, Paul – aye, Lang – *absent*, Lowell – aye, Daley – *absent*, Maben – aye.

Regarding Item 7.2, Assistant Superintendent Michael Garrison reported that a resignation date had been extended. In conclusion, a **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Todd Lowell approve Item 7.2. Motion passed by the following roll call vote: Student Representative – aye, Paul – aye, Lang – *absent*, Lowell – aye, Daley – *absent*, Maben – aye.

8.0 **ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 8.1 **AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES BENZ OF ROCKLIN FOR SCOREBOARD AND LED MONITOR** – Senior Director of Facilities and Operations Sue Wesselius provided an overview of the agreement between Mercedes Benz of Rocklin and the Rocklin Unified School District for the donation of a scoreboard and an LED monitor for Rocklin High School. Trustees extended their gratitude to Councilmember Diana Ruslin for her tireless efforts in support of this project. She stated that Mercedes Benz is excited to show their support and dedication to the District, as evidenced by entering into this agreement. In conclusion, a **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Todd Lowell to approve the agreement with Mercedes Benz. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8.2 **BOARD POLICY (BP)** – A **MOTION** was made by Todd Lowell and seconded by Steve Paul to approve CSBA's recommendation to delete the redundant Board Policy below. Motion passed unanimously.

8.2.1 BP 6161 Equipment, Books and Materials (*delete*)

At this time, Rocklin High School student Amanda Wong explained that Rocklin High School convened a committee to review a request to ban a book from its library circulation (Stephen King's "Different Seasons."). The committee discussed the request, reviewed the controversial excerpt, and ultimately concurred with the request to ban the book. Ms. Wong stated that the compilation novella is available in most area high schools, is well-written, and disagrees with the censorship of materials, in general. Principal David Bills explained the process the committee used in reviewing the request. In conclusion, Trustees thanked Ms. Wong for her presentation and Superintendent Brown said that he will research this matter, ensure that proper protocol was followed, and have discussions with appropriate parties. An update regarding this matter will be provided to the community and Board.

9.0 **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 9.1 **CALIFORNIA COMMON CORE STANDARDS UPDATE** – Carolyn Nunn-Lum presented the Board with an update regarding Common Core State Standards and provided an overview of the District's activities and efforts related to preparing for its implementation. Key points for both English Language Arts and Mathematics were presented. The District is following the key principles of Norman Webb's Depth of Knowledge Levels as a guideline for staff training. The District is far ahead of many other districts with regards to Common Core State Standards preparation and training. Trustees thanked Carolyn Nunn-Lum for her informative report.
- 9.2 **VISION STATEMENT BOARD WORKSHOP UPDATE** – Deputy Superintendent Todd Cutler reviewed the *RUSD Vision Statement – Timeline and Considerations for 2012-13* and also reported that the District will reach out and invite various community groups to the District Vision and Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for October 17.
- 9.3 **FACT SHEET FOR NOVEMBER TAX MEASURES** – Associate Superintendent Barbara Patterson presented a draft version of the Proposition 30 and 38 Fact Sheet discussed at

the previous Board of Trustees meeting. Trustees provided feedback which will be used to finalize the document for posting on the District and school websites.

- 10.0 **PENDING AGENDA** – Steve Paul requested a summary report regarding Rocklin Police Department and Interquest drug dog activity, including drug-related suspensions and expulsions.
- 11.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:30 p.m. regarding the following matters:
- 11.1 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation* as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9 (Placer Superior Court Case No. SV0027932)
- 11.2 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation* as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9
- 11.3 *Public Employee Performance Evaluation* as authorized by Government Code 54957 (Position: Superintendent)
- 12.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – President Maben reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:14 p.m.
- 13.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** – No action was taken during closed session.
- 14.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – President Maben adjourned the meeting at 9:15 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.