ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2615 Sierra Meadows Drive Rocklin, CA 95677

Todd Lowell, President Greg Daley, Vice President Camille Maben, Clerk Wendy Lang, Member Susan Halldin, Member



JUNE 24, 2015 CLOSED SESSION — 6:10 P.M. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES — 6:30 P.M.

1.0 <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>– President Todd Lowell called the regular meeting of the Rocklin Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:10 P.M., June 24, 2015, 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* Greg Daley, *Vice President* Wendy Lang, *Member* Susan Halldin, *Member*

Trustee(s) Absent: Camille Maben, *Clerk*

Administrative Staff: Roger Stock, Superintendent; Deborah Sigman, Deputy Superintendent Educational Services; Barbara Patterson, Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations; Colleen Slattery, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Sue Wesselius, Senior Director Facilities and Operations; Marty Flowers, Director Secondary Programs & School Leadership; Brenda Meadows, Recorder.

- 3.0 <u>CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (6:10 P.M.)</u> The Board adjourned to closed session regarding the following matter(s): *Trustee Camille Maben participated via conference call from 1301 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19107.*
 - 3.1 *Public Employee Appointment as authorized by Government Code* 54957 Position: Principal, Parker Whitney Elementary School Position: Senior Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Operations
- 4.0 **<u>RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION</u>** President Lowell reconvened the meeting to open session.
- 5.0 **<u>REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION</u> No action was taken in closed session.**
- 6.0 **<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>** Trustee Halldin led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 7.0 <u>AUDIENCE/VISITORS PUBLIC DISCUSSION</u> Todd 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, noting a three minute time limit per person. The following comments regarding non-agenda items were noted:

Public Comment: Karen Enghusen, Rocklin resident, school volunteer and grandparent of RUSD students, addressed the Board regarding communications between school and home within the District. Enghusen stated that there are currently some variations in RUSD school site websites and hopes that the District will be working on standardizing communications as part of its strategic plans. Enghusen also asked about attendance areas of schools and how families, especially those new to the area, can

access information about their home school easily. In response, Superintendent Stock thanked Enghusen for coming to the meeting and sharing her support of enhanced communications between the community and RUSD. Stock shared that the District is intentionally working on communication strategies as a result of its Strategic Plan 2.6 which states "the District will facilitate school home communication and involvement to ensure continuity and support toward student growth and development." Stock stated the District has already developed and implemented a consistent look for site websites, while content does vary. The District has also launched additional mobile media applications (ie: Facebook, Twitter) to better communicate with families electronically. Stock shared that in efforts to quickly provide families with electronic access to information on neighborhood schools, there is an online District website resource that allows families to enter their address and get immediate information on school sites and school statistics.

8.0 COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT -

Trustee Wendy Lang thanked all staff for their efforts in the recent graduation ceremonies, especially Rocklin High School who pulled off a quick ceremony in response to a looming thunder storm. Lang stated this is a great time of year to celebrate students. Superintendent Stock shared that summer school is up and running and operating well. Although it is summer break for many staff/students, the District Office is open and actively engaged in supporting summer school and students.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT CALENDAR

- 9.1 **APPROVE BOARD MINUTES** Request to approve Board minutes.
 - 9.1.1 June 10, 2015 (Special Meeting)
 - 9.1.2 June 10, 2015 (Regular Meeting)
- 9.2 **APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT** Request to approve personnel items included on the Certificated Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)
- 9.3 **APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)
- 9.4 **APPROVE BILL WARRANTS** Request to approve bill warrants. (Barbara Patterson)
- 9.5 **APPROVE MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES** Request to approve monthly account summaries. (Barbara Patterson)
- 9.6 **APPROVE DONATIONS** Request to accept District donations. (Barbara Patterson)
- 9.7 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH COALITION FOR PLACER YOUTH (CPY) – Request to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Coalition for Placer Youth (CPY). (Deborah Sigman)
- 9.8 **APPROVE 2015-16 CONTRACT WITH PROJECT LEAD THE WAY** Request to approve 2015-16 contract with Project Lead the Way. (Deborah Sigman)
- 9.9 APPROVE 2015-16 DESIGNATION OF CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION (CIF) REPRESENTATIVES – Request to approve 2015-16 California Interscholastic Federation league representatives. (Deborah Sigman)
- 9.10 **APPROVE K-5 MATH MATERIALS ADOPTION RECOMMENDATION** Request to approve *Bridges in Math* K-5 math materials adoption recommendation. (Deborah Sigman)
- 9.11 APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP(S) Request to approve the following overnight field trips. (Deborah Sigman)
 9.11.1 Rocklin High School, students in grades 9 12 to attend overnight field trips in 2015-16.

9.11.2 Whitney High School, students in grades 9 – 12 to attend overnight field trips in 2015-16.

Wendy Lang noted her absence at the June 10, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting and requested removal of **Item 9.1.1** for separate action.

Following this, a **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Greg Daley to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed by the following roll call vote: Lang – aye, Daley – aye, Halldin – aye, Lowell – aye.

A **MOTION** was made by Susan Halldin and seconded by Greg Daley to approve **item 9.1.1**, June 10, 2015 Board Minutes. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Daley – aye, Halldin – aye, Lowell – aye. (Lang abstained)

10.0 ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINT PRINCIPAL OF PARKER WHITNEY ELMENTARY SCHOOL - Colleen

Slattery, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources, requested appointment of Richard Sullivan as new Principal of Parker Whitney Elementary School. Slattery stated that Mr. Sullivan comes to Rocklin highly recommended by the educational community in other Districts and upon Board approval will begin his new role in August.

A **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Susan Halldin to approve Richard Sullivan as new Principal of Parker Whitney Elementary School. Motion passed unanimously.

In response to motion approval, Trustees welcomed Sullivan and his family to the RUSD family and shared that the Board is always available to support in making him successful.

10.1 APPOINT SENIOR DIRECTOR, FACILITIES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS – Colleen Slattery, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources, requested appointment of J. Craig Rouse as new Senior Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Operations. Slattery stated that Mr. Rouse brings an extensive background of facilities and operations experience with him to the District.

A **MOTION** was made by Greg Daley and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve J. Craig Rouse as new Senior Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Operations. Motion passed unanimously.

10.2 **APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** – Barbara Patterson, Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations, shared information regarding a pilot program plan to provide supplemental nutrition snacks to hungry students at elementary schools and requested approval of pilot program.

Comments: Trustee Lang stated her support for this program and asked that the District take into consideration students with allergies, providing alternative snacks as needed. Barbara Patterson shared that the District would make those options available. Greg Daley thanked staff for their time and thoughtful planning on this pilot program, stating it will be very helpful in meeting the needs of hungry students at elementary sites, especially as the District sees demographics change to serve more students in need. Daley also stated that if possible, he would like to see milk offered as an option in the plan. Susan Halldin asked how many students the plan would provide for. In response, Patterson stated that the plan is not intended to provide a snack to all students on the free and reduced meal program, but instead to assist in providing nutrition to individual students that teachers identify in their class as hungry. Todd Lowell thanked Greg Daley for requesting this program and for identifying a need that can be met to make students more successful.

A **MOTION** was made by Greg Daley and seconded by Susan Halldin to approve the pilot program to provide supplemental nutrition snacks at elementary schools. Motion passed unanimously.

10.3 APPROVE ADOPTION OF 2015-16 LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) DRAFT AND 2014-15 LCAP ANNUAL UPDATE- Deborah Sigman, Deputy Superintendent Educational Services, requested approval of adoption of the 2015-16 LCAP draft and approval of 2014-15 LCAP Annual Update which were brought to Trustees for review and public hearing at the June 10, 2015 Board meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Susan Halldin and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve the adoption of the 2015-16 LCAP draft and 2014-15 LCAP Annual Update which were brought to Trustees for review and public hearing at the June 10, 2015 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

10.4 APPROVE ADOPTION OF 2015-16 ROCKLIN INDEPENDENT CHARTER ACADEMY (RICA) LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) AND 2014-15 ANNUAL UPDATE – Deborah Sigman, Deputy Superintendent Educational Services, request approval and adoption of 2015-16 RICA LCAP and 2014-15 LCAP Annual Update.

A **MOTION** was made by Greg Daley and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve the adoption of the 2015-16 RICA LCAP and 2014-15 LCAP Annual Update. Motion passed unanimously.

10.5 **APPROVE 2015-16 BUDGET AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS** – Barbara Patterson, Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations, requested approval of 2015-16 Budget and Annual Certification for Workers' Compensation Claims.

Comments: Greg Daley shared that he did some research on budget background and information provided by neighboring Districts in the budget approval process and found that the information provided to RUSD's Trustees was exceptional in comparison. Daley thanked Patterson and the business team for the high level of detail and information provided for review and approval in this process

A **MOTION** was made by Susan Halldin and seconded by Greg Daley to approve the 2015-16 Budget and Annual Certification for Workers Compensation Claims. Motion passed unanimously.

10.6 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH WESTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT (MTSS) – Superintendent Roger Stock, requested approval of contract with WestEd to begin implementation of Special Education study findings and recommendations, specifically the Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS). Stock stated that this plan is in direct response to the District's Strategic Plan #2 to help build capacity, expertise and training in areas that have been specifically identified as areas in need of improvement. Stock stated that this is critical policy and procedural work that will provide a solid structure of support for struggling students and is just one area of response to the recent WestEd study findings.

Comments: Greg Daley asked for clarification on the Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) training being a 2 day process, with 1 day of work and 1 day of training. Stock stated that this is correct. Wendy Lang asked for details on how parent communications will be done in response to the plan, to which Sigman responded that the District is already working on improved communications in direct response to the clear request for better communications with parents

(ie: District website, etc). The District is also currently developing protocols for more consistent and clear communications across the board. Susan Halldin stated that as a parent of a special education student, she did not find the MTSS recommendation particularly responsive to the findings of the WestEd report, and wanted to clarify that the MTSS was just a "portion" of the scope of work and that will be done to support special education students. Sigman shared that this is correct, and that the current MTSS plan will be just part of the comprehensive body of work that will take place long term. Sigman also stated that the MTSS will serve as a solid foundation and strong first step in building internal capacity that the District can build on as it moves forward. Sigman shared that additional plans and recommended resources will be brought to the Board for direction as the process unfolds. Superintendent Stock shared that the WestEd report sets a District wide framework on how the District will respond to students with needs at both the site and district level. He stated that additional support plans will come to the Board since this will be a "long term" process to correct the District's shortcomings identified in the WestEd findings. Halldin stated that while she finds the work in the MTSS plan important and a good start to the overall plan, she looks forward to additional support targeted specifically to the special education student population. Todd Lowell stated that he supports the report and approval of the plan as it identifies and affirms the overall shortcomings of the District. His take away from the WestEd report is the District's system failures for specific sub-group(s) across the District and all sites, including the failure of RUSD to address appropriate policies and procedures. Lowell stated he looks forward to hearing from the new Director of Special Education and Support Programs on future plan implementation in response to the WestEd study findings. Daley stated that he would be comfortable approving the plan as long as the District is committed to directing dollars in direct response to the special education issues identified in the WestEd report. Lang and Trustees as a group asked that staff to bring back future periodic reports and updates that call out specific actions and recommendation regarding the implementation of MTSS. Trustees will also receive information on additional contracts to support the implementation of the WestEd findings to the Board for review and approval if needed.

A **MOTION** was made by Susan Halldin and seconded by Wendy Lang to provide authority to Superintendent Stock to contract with WestEd for implementation of Special Education study findings and recommendations, specifically the Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS). Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT WITH WESTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT (MTSS)

10.7 APPROVE BOARD BYLAW 9323, BOARD MEETING CONDUCT – Superintendent Roger Stock, offered Trustees an opportunity to discuss and approve revisions to Board Bylaw 9323 regarding Board Meeting Conduct.

Lowell noted that the current Board Bylaw 9323 states a total 20 minute time limit per item and a 10:30 P.M. meeting end time, both being beneficial to effective meeting conduct. Greg Daley stated that he agreed that enforcing a total 20 minute public comment limit would be helpful for everyone, including staff, Trustees and the public in running more effective meetings, especially when meetings go late into the evening. Daley stated that a limited speaking time would allow the Board to better solicit comments and provide better follow up with the needs of the people addressing the Board. Trustees agreed that no changes were needed to current Board Bylaw 9323.

No action was taken on this item.

11.0 **<u>PENDING AGENDA</u>** – No items were placed on the Pending Agenda at this time.

Position: Superintendent

- 12.0 <u>**CLOSED SESSION**</u> Closed session convened at 8:40 P.M. regarding the following matters: (*Trustee Camille Maben participated via conference call from 1301 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19107*):
 - 12.1 *Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation* as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9
 - 12.2 Public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to Government Code section 54957
 - 12.3 Conference with Labor Negotiators as authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6 District Representative(s): Roger Stock, Superintendent Barbara Patterson, Dep Superintendent, Business an Operations Colleen Slattery, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
 12.4 Public Employee Performance Evaluation as authorized by Government Code 54957.
- 13.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** President Lowell reconvened the meeting to open session.

14.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** – No action was taken in Closed Session.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – President Lowell adjourned the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

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