

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 17, 2011
6:00 pm in Room 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board president, Shawn Knight, called the meeting to order at 6:00.

2. ROLL CALL

All board members were present. Guests included Dr. Paul Turnbull, superintendent of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Micah Brady led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting - Thursday, October 13, 2011

The minutes of the regularly scheduled board meeting held on October 13, 2011 were approved with 1 addition on a motion by Shawn Knight, seconded by Chris Kazali, and passed 2-0. Micah Brady abstained as he was not in attendance at the October 13 meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. STAFF/COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Dr. Paul Turnbull, Superintendent of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, will speak with the board about the high school district's November, 2012 plans for a school bond initiative.

Allan Pelletier introduced Dr. Paul Turnbull, superintendent of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District. Dr. Turnbull shared information with the board regarding the high school district's plans for a school bond initiative proposed to be on the November, 2012 ballot. He discussed the need to provide high quality facilities for the current as well as future students. Dr. Turnbull distributed a handout providing more information about the proposed projects. (see board packet) The board expressed their support for updating the facilities at the high school.

7. INFORMATION SECTION

Allan Pelletier shared information about upcoming events at Ballard School.

a. CALENDAR

- Thurs, 11/17 Regular Board Meeting: 6:00
- Thurs, 11/17 Book Fair Book Signing with Children's Author, Bruce Hale: 5:00 – 7:00

This year the PTA partnered with The Book Loft for the annual Book Fair. It has been a successful event, culminating in a book signing event with author, Bruce Hale, Thursday evening from 5:00 – 7:00. Special thanks to the Book Loft staff, Mrs. Enderle, and the many parent volunteers including Mrs. Mailles, Mrs. Fvette, Mrs. Petersen.

- Fri, 11/18 Ballard School to PCPA's 'A Christmas Carol' at Hancock College

Ballard School travels to Hancock College tomorrow for PCPA's production of 'A Christmas Carol.'

- Fri, 11/18 PTA Board Meeting: 1:15, PTA Membership Meeting: 2:00
- Mon, 11/21 PTA Food Drive Ends
- Tues, 11/22 End of 1st Trimester
- Tues, 11/22 Thanksgiving Feast: 12:00, Students Dismissed: 1:00

The annual Thanksgiving Feast will take place next Tuesday, beginning at 12:00. Students will be dismissed at 1:00 for the long holiday weekend.

- Wed, 11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
- Fri, 11/25

- Mon, 11/28 School Resumes!

School will be back in session on Monday, November 28.

- Tues, 11/29 MDA Lock-Up

Allan will be 'arrested' as part of the MDA Lock-up fundraiser.

- Tues, 11/29 Rotary Club Stock Market Simulation (5th & 6th)

The Rotary Club sponsors a stock market simulation and introductory financial literacy program for 5th and 6th graders. Our students really enjoy this valuable program. Special thanks to Mr. Nielsen, Ballard parent and Rotarian, for facilitating the event for our students.

- Thurs, 12/1 November Awards Assembly: 11:30
- Thurs, 12/1 All-Staff Meeting: 1:30

The All-Staff meeting on December 1 will focus on mathematics instruction.

- Thurs, 12/1 Parent Education Meeting – Internet Safety: 6:00 in MP room

Jennifer Gibson is going to make a presentation to Ballard parents about Internet Safety. This date is not accurate, however. The presentation will take place in January after the winter vacation.

- Fri, 12/2 SBCEO Curriculum Council Meeting
- Fri, 12/2 Report Cards Sent Home

First trimester report cards will be sent home on Friday, December 2.

- Mon, 12/5 SBCEO Superintendents' Meeting
- Thurs, 12/8 Regular Board Meeting / Board Organizational Meeting: 6:00
- Fri, 12/16 Last Day before Winter Vacation, Students Dismissed: 12:00

All students will be dismissed at 12:00 the Friday before winter vacation.

- Mon, 12/19 Winter Vacation – No School!
- Mon, 1/2
- Tues, 1/3/11 School Resumes!

b. Board Members' Reports

Micah Brady reported that he received correspondence from the committee to elect members to the Santa Barbara County Committee on School District Organization. Ballard abstained from voting for a committee member because of unfamiliarity with the candidates.

INFORMATION SECTION (continued)

c. PTA Report

Allan reported on behalf of PTA president, Ana Ladinig.

- The PTA board meets Friday at 1:15, followed by a general membership meeting at 2:00.
- The PTA is working on the People Helping People Food Drive and the Thanksgiving Feast.

d. Superintendent's Report

Allan reported about the following:

- Board Organizational Meeting: December 8, 2012

The December meeting is always an important meeting. In addition to the 1st Interim Report, the board elects the President and Clerk of the Board for the upcoming year.

- Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock Up – November 29, 2011

As mentioned previously, Allan is participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Lock-up fundraising event. All of the proceeds that Allan raises will go to support the efforts of the ALS Society, which is supported by the MDA.

- Kindergarten Dental Check-Up Data, Year 4

Allan shared information from the California Dental Association regarding the law requiring a dental check-up for children entering the public school system for the first time at kindergarten or first grade. Monica Escalera monitors Ballard's compliance, which has been 100% since the law went into effect.

- Annual Audit Update

The district's annual audit was held at the end of October. We are waiting for the preliminary report.

- Construction Update

Weather permitting, we will replace the windows and doors on the Red Schoolhouse over the winter vacation.

- P1 Property Taxes Report

Allan shared the P-1 Property Tax report for Ballard School District. It appears that we are projected to receive a small amount more than we budgeted. This will be incorporated into the 1st Interim Report.

- Alternative Treatments for Termite Control

It appears that we have a termite concern in some of the wood support columns around the school. Allan and Kim have been investigating the options for treatment. Allan asked if any of the board members were familiar with alternative treatments for termite control. Specifically, Ecola Termite and Pest Control provides an Electro-gun termite treatment for the control of drywood termites. The price is comparable to more traditional methods and it does not involve chemicals or the tenting of the building. The board expressed their support for using the alternate, green treatment method.

- School Services of California: "Should We Be Focused On the Triggers" and "Trigger Tracking – Going in the Right Direction, But a Lot of Ground Still to Cover"

Schools Services of California is keeping a close watch on state revenues. If the state's revenues come in lower than projected education could be in line for mid-year cuts. All indications point to the triggers being reached and the cuts being implemented. Unfortunately, we may not know until after the new year. SSC makes the point that regardless of whether the triggers are reached, the state faces ongoing economic problems.

- Schools for Sound Finance: "Weekly Sacramento Update for Week Ending November 10, 2011"

Allan shared an update from Schools for Sound Finance, also regarding the state budget triggers. The 'Trigger Tracker' provides an at-a-glance update of how actual state revenues were tracking against the month-to-month estimates. The bad news is that by the end of September state revenues were some \$654 million short of the mark.

If revenues fall less than \$1 billion short of the forecast, then mid-year cuts will not be triggered.

If revenues fall short \$1 billion to \$2 billion, then \$23 million in child care cuts are triggered, along with \$580 million cuts to other state programs.

INFORMATION SECTION (cont)

A shortfall of \$2 billion to \$4 billion below the forecast results in cuts to K – 14 education programs of up to \$1.9 billion.

Finally, on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor released his office's *California Fiscal Outlook* report, including a revised revenue forecast for 2011-12 that anticipates the state will accrue only \$300 million of the \$4 billion in added revenues assumed by the 2011-12 State Budget—a \$3.7 billion shortfall.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The superintendent/principal may share pertinent correspondence at this time.

a. California State Senator Joseph Simitian: Resolution Regarding Senate Constitutional Amendment 5
 State Senator, Joseph Simitian is proposing a Senate Constitutional Amendment that would decrease the threshold to pass a parcel tax from 67% to a 55% majority. He is requesting that school boards adopt a resolution in support of this legislation. A sample resolution is attached. Allan asked the board if they would like him to prepare a resolution for their consideration at the December meeting. After some discussion the board did not express a desire to bring this resolution back for further consideration.

b. Notice of Construction: International Line Builders (contracted by Verizon)

This is now old news as the construction on Baseline, Lewis, and Cottonwood Streets has already commenced. Allan was able to email the notice to parents before the work began. So far it has not caused much of a disruption getting to and from school.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

The board will be asked to approve all of the following items by a single vote, unless any member of the board or public requests an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered and discussed separately.

- a. Approval of Warrants
 - 1697180 – 1697194 (10/07/11)
 - 1699518 – 1699533 (10/21/11)
 - 1701795 – 1701808 (11/04/11)

Allan commented about the following warrants.

Pg 1 7181	Custom Typing Solutions	\$379	Annual subscription, student login information will be sent home prior to the break
7183	Follett Library Resources	\$1,014	Books for the library**
7187	Limotta Internet	\$1,134	Monthly support (\$437) and internet service (\$696)
7189	PGE	\$1,073	YTD (\$2,852), Last YTD (\$3,142)
7190	A. Pelletier	\$557	Barcode Reader for Library, Books Mileage: Business Officials Meeting (Guadalupe) Transitional Kindergarten Meeting (SBCEO)
7191	SY River Water	\$589	YTD (\$2,692), Last YTD (\$2,844)
7194	Roger Smith	\$3,570	DSA Inspector for summer projects
Pg 3 9518	Centration	\$800	Mandated Cost Reimbursement Services
9519	D. Santoro, L. Pena, T. Rhodes	\$108	Mileage to Staff Development Day (Cambria)
9525		\$105	
9527		\$104	
9522	Josephson Institute	\$346	Materials and supplies for Character Counts Week**
9524	PCPA Theaterfest	\$1,562	A Christmas Carol**
Pg 4 1795	Cal-Coast Machinery	\$230	Parts for the mower

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

1799	JGibson Professional Develop	\$1,040	Technology Teacher**
1790	Moss, Levy, Hartzheim	\$1,000	Audit (1 st payment)
1802	Organized Sports Wear	\$323	Ballard tee shirts & sweatshirts**
1804	A Pelletier	\$773	Camp Ocean Pines (\$550) Staff Development Day Rite Aid & Oriental Trading Co (Char Counts Week)** Best Buy – wireless mouse Mileage: Schools for Sound Finance Meeting (Goleta) E-Rate Meeting (SBCEO)
1806	SYVUHS	\$645	Van use for field trips (Spring, 2011)

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b. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: October, 2011

The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Chris Kazali, seconded by Micah Brady, and passed unanimously.

10. BUSINESS MATTERS

a. Review Current Board Report

Allan shared detailed information about the status of the district's four funds. (see board packet)

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. First Reading: Board Policy 5118 and Administrative Regulation 5118 – Open Enrollment Act Transfers
Background: Education Code 48350-48361 created the Open Enrollment Act which allows a student attending a "low-achieving school" to transfer to another school that has a higher Academic Performance Index (API) than the school in which the student was enrolled. Each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will identify 1,000 open enrollment schools ranked by increasing API scores.
Recommendation: Approval of the first reading of BP 5118 and AR 5118

Allan shared with the board that Education Code 48350-48361 created the Open Enrollment Act which allows a student attending a "low-achieving school" to transfer to another school that has a higher Academic Performance Index (API) than the school in which the student was enrolled. Each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will identify 1,000 open enrollment schools ranked by increasing API scores.

There are eight elementary schools in Santa Barbara County on the list. One is in Lompoc and one is in Orcutt. The policy states that Open Enrollment requests must be made by January 1 of the prior year. Ballard has never received an Open Enrollment request.

The portion in bold is a new concept regarding the board only hearing interdistrict transfer appeals instead of making the original determination. After board discussion it was decided that Allan would bring back the policy in two versions for the second reading. One version will have the board make the approvals/denials regarding Open Enrollment Transfers, and the other will have the board serve as the appellant body if/when Open Enrollment Transfers are denied or revoked.

The first reading of BP 5118 and AR 5118 regarding Open Enrollment Transfers was approved on a motion by Shawn Knight, seconded by Micah Brady, and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

b. Board Review and Discussion of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations – 5000 Students

- BP 5000: Concepts and Roles
- BP 5020: Parent Rights and Responsibilities
- AR 5020: Parent Rights and Responsibilities
- BP 5021: Non Custodial Parents
- BP 5022: Student and Family Privacy Rights
- AR 5022: Student and Family Privacy Rights

Background: The board will strive to review and discuss several board policies and administrative regulations at each meeting. No action will be taken.

The board reviewed several policies and administrative regulations from the 5000 Section - Students. Allan made comments about the policies and regulations.

BP 5000 – Concept and Roles

- Safe, positive school environment
- Educational opportunities
- Free from harassment and intimidation
- Parent communication

BP & AR 5020 – Parent Rights and Responsibilities

- List of parents/guardians rights, including: observe in classroom, meet with teacher, receive information from school, examine curriculum materials, informed of child's progress, have access to school records
- List of parents/guardians responsibilities: monitor attendance, ensure homework completion, monitor and regulate television viewing, working with child at home in learning activities

BP 5021 – Noncustodial Parents

- School officials shall presume that both parents/guardians have equal rights regarding the child
- Parent/guardian responsible for providing court order

BP & AR 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights

- Personal information concerning district students and their family should be kept private in accordance with law
- Parent/guardian shall provide prior written consent before the student participates in a survey containing items of a personal nature, including: political affiliations or beliefs, religious practices, etc.

12. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

13. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular board meeting will be held on either Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 6:00 in the multipurpose room at Ballard School.

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14. CLOSED SESSION

a. Superintendent/Principal Goals & Evaluation (Government Code 54957)

Shawn Knight announced that the board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the agenda item. He stated that no action would be taken. The board adjourned to closed session at 7:48 pm.

15. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

The board reconvened in open session at 8:12 pm. Shawn Knight announced that no action had been taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:12 pm



Christina L. Kazali, Clerk of the board



Date