

POLLOCK PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Trustees
April 14, 2009

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Acting President Dean Smith in Room B-1 at the Emigrant Trail Educational Center.

Members Present Dean Smith
 Dave Campbell
 Tom Griffin
 Cindy Stetler

Board President Dennis Cullen was out of town.

Special Order of Business

Due to information which became available after the Board Agenda had been published, one addition to the agenda was requested. It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to add to the agenda Closed Session Item L.1, "Public Employment: Consideration of Request for Catastrophic Leave." Motion unanimously carried.

Adoption of Agenda Agenda Item G.3, "Approval of Retirement Incentive Documents," was pulled from the agenda for additional review by district staff. It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment Jeanne Harper announced that the 2nd Annual Hands Across Pollock Day will be Saturday, May 16, 2009. A flier listing acceptable and unacceptable items for free disposal and drop-off locations was distributed.

Presentations and Hearings

Presentation - Margaret Birge, Education Chair for the Pollock Pines Wagon
Pollock Pines Train Committee, requested support and teacher encouragement
Wagon Trail Committee from Board members for student participation in submitting project
 boards based on the local history of the wagon train era for display
 in local business windows during the Wagon Train event in

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Pollock Pines on June 12. Project guidelines meet grade standards, and participation will provide an opportunity for community recognition for students.

Board members expressed appreciation for providing the opportunity for student participation and the inclusion of the related grade standards; however, due to the lateness of the request, there may be a limited response from teachers this school year.

Finance and Business

Approval -
Request for Allowance
of Attendance because of
Emergency Conditions

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the Request for Allowance of Attendance because of Emergency Conditions on March 4, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

Adoption -
Resolution
2008-2009-12

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Resolution 2008-2009-12, “State Mandate Resolution on Assembly Bill 844.” Motion unanimously carried.

Approval -
Master Contract with
Sierra Children & Family
Services

It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the 2008-2009 Master Contract with Sierra Children & Family Services. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Griffin voiced his concern regarding unfunded mandated costs imposed on the district by the state and federal government which the district must pay at the expense of the needs of all district students and programs.

Approval -
Individual Services
Agreement with Sierra
Ranch School

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the Individual Services Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services: Sierra Ranch School. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Certification -
Williams Act Uniform
Complaint Procedures
Quarterly Report

It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to certify the Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report for the period of January 1, 2009 – March 31, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

Review -
Facility Inspection
Program Reports

Board members reviewed the Facility Inspection Program Reports for all district sites.

Adoption -
Resolution No.
2008-2009-13

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-2009-13 Reducing Services Effective for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried with four Ayes, zero Noes and one Absent (Mr. Cullen).

Staff Reports and Announcements

The Principals had submitted written reports of activities and programs at their sites.

Superintendent's Reports, Announcements, and Communications

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Thomas Edison Day – Everyone is invited to visit Mrs. Hargon's classroom at Pinewood on Thomas Edison Day, May 19, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to see student inventions.
- Enrollment – District enrollment is down four students since March.
- SSDA Conference – One of the keynote speakers at the Conference spoke about the Peer Leaders Uniting Students (PLUS) program. PLUS is a proactive peer leader program which helps develop student safety and reduce school violence. Our district has been given two free registrations for a PLUS Training of Advisors Workshop which will be held in Sacramento on May 4. This training normally costs \$199 for each person. The PLUS model is to create a campus culture of student communication and inclusion.

Board Members' Reports and Communications

Other Board Member
Reports

Mr. Smith reported he attended a FCMAT workshop at the SSDA Conference where four school districts about to be taken over by the state were described. In two of the districts there were items that could be identified which could have prevented the need for the takeover if the district had made changes in them; however, the other two were very small districts with unforeseen cost items. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation for the way we plan ahead in our district to keep on top of things.

Future Board
Agenda Topics

The change to a single bus run with a corresponding change in school start times for next school year will be a topic for discussion at the April Board meeting.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with three Ayes, zero Noes, one Abstention (Mr. Campbell), and one Absent (Mr. Cullen).

1. Approval of Warrants

Before ending the open session, Mr. Smith, Acting Board President, invited members of the audience to address the Board regarding the concern which prompted their attendance at tonight's meeting.

Parents and members of Boys & Girls Club staff expressed concern about the impact of changes in school start times for next school year due to the reduction to a single bus run. Areas of concern discussed included:

- The need for additional child care for Sierra Ridge working parents.
- The impact on extracurricular activities at Sierra Ridge, especially for sports participants.
- The safety of younger students with K-8 students on the same bus.
- The need for better communication.

Following the discussion, it was the unanimous consensus of the Board to include the topic on the next Board Agenda to provide an additional opportunity for parents to present their views regarding the change in school start times for 2009-2010. Also, in an effort to provide a wider dissemination of information regarding agenda items, the Board Agenda and Board Minutes will be posted on the district website.

Closed Session

At the hour of 8:00 p.m., Mr. Smith concluded the open portion of the meeting. After a short recess, the Board reconvened in closed session regarding Public Employment: Consideration of Request for Catastrophic Leave.

Actions from Closed Session

At 8:20 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to accept the request for Catastrophic Leave. Motion carried with four Yeas, zero Noes, and one Absent (Mr. Cullen).

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Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Spencer
District Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: _____