

school calendar, Mrs. Williams will work closely with Superintendent Monsma to advertise school activities and events of interest to the community.

Discussion -
California Forest
Improvement Program

In 2008, the board approved participation in the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP), a cost-share program funded by Proposition 40 which reimburses qualified landowners 75% of the expenses to reduce fuel loadings on forested property. A contract with Mark Stewart, a consulting forester for Stewart Forestry LLC, was also approved to assist the district with this program. The district's application was accepted and approved by CFIP; however, no funding was available to complete the work.

Recently, Mr. Stewart was notified that some funding is once again available through CFIP. \$33,000 of the district's total project cost of \$44,000 would qualify for reimbursement. Mr. Stewart, who was in attendance, described the scope of the project and stated that the deadline to submit a new application is December 31, 2011. If the board decides to go forward with the CFIP project, Mr. Stewart will prepare a new CFIP application and a new contract with Stewart Forestry LLC to assist the district with the program.

Discussion regarding using Growlersburg labor as "in kind" payment for the some of the district's portion of the cost of the project was discussed as a viable possibility. The Fire Safe Council's commitment to provide fuel reduction on some of the district property around Sierra Ridge was also discussed. Research will be done on the best way to coordinate the two programs for optimum results.

Finance and Business

It was the unanimous consensus of the board to consider Item G.6, "Approval to Conduct a Cost-Share Fuel Reduction Project with Stewart Forestry LLC in conjunction with the California Forest Improvement Program" as its next order of business.

Approval -
Conduction of Cost-Share
Fuel Reduction Project
with Stewart Forestry LLC

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the conduction of a cost-share fuel reduction project with Stewart Forestry LLC in conjunction with the California Forest Improvement Program. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McVey, to approve the following items:

Approval - 2011-2012 Master Contract with Guiding Hands, Inc.
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with Guiding Hands, Inc.

Approval - Individual Services Agreements for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian
Individual Services School/Agency Services: Guiding Hands School, Inc.
Agreements with
Guiding Hands School, Inc.

Approval - 2011-2012 Master Contract with Shining Star Children’s Therapy,
2011-2012 Master Contract Inc.
with Shining Star Children’s
Therapy, Inc.

Motion unanimously carried.

Prior to the sale of the former Pollock Pines Elementary School site, an underground fuel storage tank was removed and the case was closed by the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department (EDCEMD). However, we recently received notice from EDCEMD that significant groundwater contamination was discovered during recent testing near this location, and the case has been reopened. Our district was the last owner/operator of the underground storage tank (UST) and is considered the responsible party for this case.

The district is eligible to apply for reimbursement of up to \$1 million for costs incurred in this process from the California UST Cleanup Fund with an initial deductible of \$5,000.

Eric Holm with BBH Services, Inc. will prepare and submit an eligibility application to the state Cleanup Fund for an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Mr. Holm is experienced in this process, having also worked in this capacity for Rescue Union School District. The cost of his contract is also eligible for reimbursement from the state Cleanup Fund.

Stephen Carter, Project Manager of STRATUS ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., presented a proposal to prepare an environmental site investigation work plan for the former Pollock Pines Elementary School site which also includes an outline of the scope of work. The charges for preparation of the work plan are also eligible for reimbursement from the state Cleanup Fund.

Mr. Carter answered questions from Board members, and discussion occurred throughout his presentation. At its conclusion,

it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McVey, to approve the following two items:

Approval - Agreement for Professional Services with BBH Services, LLC
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Approval - Proposal from STRATUS ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. to Prepare an Environmental Investigation Work Plan for the Former Pollock Pines Elementary School site.
Proposal from STRATUS ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Approval - It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Bird, to approve the request for authorization of operation of the school-connected organization, Pollock Pines Sports Boosters. Motion unanimously carried.
Authorization of Operation of Pollock Pines Sports Boosters

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. McVey to approve the following three personnel items:

Approval - Temporary employment of Lauren Wascher, Support Teacher, Grades 6-8, effective September 13, 2011, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
Temporary Employment of Lauren Wascher

Approval - Temporary increase of .75 hour per day for Erica Armstrong, Instructional Aide I, effective September 12, 2011, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
Temporary Increase in Hours for Erica Armstrong

Approval - Temporary increase of 2.5 hours per day for Virginia Vanderpool, Instructional Aide I, effective September 20, 2011, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
Temporary Increase in Hours for Virginia Vanderpool

Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McVey, to approve the MOU with Camino, “Agreement for Information Technology Support Services.” Motion unanimously carried.
MOU with Camino for Information Technology Support Services

Staff Reports and Announcements

The Principals, M&O/Food Service Supervisor, and Transportation Supervisor had submitted written reports of activities and programs at their sites.

In addition, Pinewood Principal Brent Malicote reported that the first Program Improvement walkthrough occurred today with Angie Lind, EDCOE Director of Curriculum, Danielle Peterson, teacher at Indian Creek, Superintendent Monsma, and himself. The team spent ten minutes in each classroom, then met to discuss its observations. The overall feedback was positive with a long list of strengths recognized and two areas of focus identified.

Mr. Malicote also distributed to each Board member a copy of the book, How Full is Your Bucket. This book is making a difference in how people are treating each other at Pinewood. Pinewood students are also reading a children's version of the same book.

Superintendent's Reports, Announcements, and Communications

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Change in SELPA Funding Formula – Under the current SELPA funding formula, some districts are funded at a much higher ADA rate than others. A proposal for a more equitable funding formula which would be phased in over the course of five years and result in a reduction of approximately \$18,000 in our special education allocation was recently reviewed by superintendents throughout the county. The proposed changes will also eliminate SELPA's current structural deficit, barring further cuts in state funding. Superintendents were in favor of the proposal which will next be presented to the special education business group. A final decision will be made in November at the Superintendents' Council.
- New Laws – The Governor recently signed several bills related to education into law. We will be reviewing CSBA's analysis of their impact in the next couple of days.
- Kudos to Ross Arnold – Ross Arnold took on the project to get us converted to our new library system and did a nice job. Training for the new system was held here last week. It has many new features, one of which allows students to add their own ratings for books.

Board Members' Reports and Communications

Future Board
Agenda Topics

No future board agenda topics were suggested.

Other Board
Member Reports

There were no other Board member reports.

Closed Session

At the hour of 8:05 p.m., Mr. Cullen concluded the open portion of the meeting, and after a short recess, the Board reconvened into closed session at 8:10 p.m. regarding:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation:
Significant exposure to litigation (one matter)
2. Conference with labor negotiator – Agency Negotiator: Kevin
Monsma

Actions from Closed Session

The Board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m. There were no actions from closed session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Monsma
District Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: _____