Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Dennis Cullen in Room B-1 at the Emigrant Trail Educational Center.

Members Present

J. Dennis Cullen
Dave Campbell
Tom Griffin
Dean Smith
Cindy Stetler

Special Order of Business

Due to additional information which came to the District for review after the Board Agenda had been published, two additions to the agenda were requested: Item H.1, “Approval of assignment of teacher Sharon McGaughey to teach departmentalized History pursuant to Education Code 44256(b),” and Item H.2, “Approval of assignment of teacher Leann Stewart to teach departmentalized History pursuant to Education Code 44256(b).”

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Items H.1 and H.2. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentations and Hearings

Presentation - PALS Program

Principal Ralph Haslam presented an overview of the implementation of the PALS (Phonics and Literacy Skills) Program at Pinewood School. This is a new reading and language arts program using the SIPPS (Systematic Instruction in Phoneme Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words) instructional model. Sixteen staff members provide instruction to first, second, and third grade students who participate in learning groups based on individual student reading levels during a 45-minute period, four
days a week. It is believed that all students participating in this program will demonstrate growth in their reading ability.

Mr. Haslam stated that a huge thank you is owed to Kim Little whose many hours of hard work has made it possible to be at the point we are today in the implementation of the PALS program.

Finance and Business

Board Member Tom Griffin stated that although he feels it is fully appropriate for the district to support students with special needs, he has concerns regarding unfunded mandated costs imposed on the district by the state and federal governments which must be paid at the expense of the needs of all district students and programs.

Approval - Individual Services Agreement: Shining Star Children’s Therapy

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the Individual Services Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services: Shining Star Children’s Therapy. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - Individual Services Agreement: Guiding Hands School, Inc.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Individual Services Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services: Guiding Hands School, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Approval - Revised Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the Revised Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan with the following corrections:
- “wild land” to “wildland” throughout the document
- “100 yards” to “100 feet” on Page 5
- label on building misidentified as District Office on Pinewood Elementary School site map
Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - Authorization of Operation of Pollock Pines Sports Boosters

Superintendent Spencer stated that the requirement for the Pollock Pines Sports Boosters organization to apply for recognition of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code was waived, following the determination that this exemption would not allow the district to extend certain insurance coverage rights to the organization.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the request for authorization of operation of the school-connected...
organization, Pollock Pines Sports Boosters. Motion unanimously carried.

**Review - Facility Inspection Program Reports**

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

**Certification - Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report**

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to certify the Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report for the period of July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

**Personnel**

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

**Approval - Assignment of Sharon McGaughey**

Assignment of teacher Sharon McGaughey to teach departmentalized History pursuant to Education Code 44256(b)

Motion unanimously carried.

**Approval - Assignment of Leeann Stewart**

Assignment of teacher Leeann Stewart to teach departmentalized History pursuant to Education Code 44256(b)

Motion unanimously carried.

**Staff Reports and Announcements**

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

In addition, Transportation Supervisor Stacy Barraque reported:

- The Transportation Department passed its recent safety review conducted by the California Highway Patrol.
- Another route change has been made to accommodate the addition of a bus stop to meet student transportation needs.
- Revenue from bus fees is down from last year, due to an increased percentage of families qualifying for free and reduced transportation.

M&O/Food Service Supervisor Phil Karnitz reported:

- Food Service sales continue to be slightly above last year’s.
- The M&O Department is gearing up for winter.
Superintendent’s Reports, Announcements, and Communications

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- CBEDS Enrollment – District enrollment is down 26 students from last year’s CBEDS enrollment at 719 students.
- Budget Committee Meeting – The second meeting of the 2009-2010 Budget Advisory Committee will be held tomorrow, October 14, at 3:30 p.m., in the Board Room.
- SSDA Annual Conference – The SSDA Annual Conference will be held April 14-16, 2010, in Sacramento.
- Workshop – Five teachers, Rich Callaghan, and Superintendent Spencer will attend a workshop, “The Opportunity: From ‘Brutal Facts’ to the Best Schools We’ve Ever Had,” presented by Dr. Mike Schmoker on October 21. Dr. Schmoker is the author of the book, Results Now. His workshop is being presented by the Placer County Office of Education.
- Smart Boards – Smart Board technology is a huge step forward in providing a tool to teachers to engage students, assess them on the spot, and help direct instruction for students who have not grasped the concept. Cost has always been our biggest consideration; however, we recently participated in a trial CSIS data incentive program which generated enough money, combined with a current sales incentive program, to purchase three Smart Boards. Jill Hoagland, Pinewood School Secretary and District CSIS Coordinator, entered all the CSIS data which earned the money to purchase the Smart Boards. In recognition of her efforts and hard work, the boards will be known in our district as “Jill’s Smart Boards.” One will be installed in a Pinewood classroom, with the remaining two installed in Sierra Ridge classrooms. The teachers in these classrooms will be assessing whether the boards are effective teaching tools and recommending whether to purchase additional boards or look in another direction.

Board Members’ Reports and Communications

EDCSBA Report

There was no EDCSBA report.

Future Board Agenda Topics

No future board agenda topics were suggested.

Other Board Member Reports

Board members will be scheduling dates to visit sites to have lunch with staff once each trimester. The dates for the first trimester’s visits will be scheduled as soon as possible.
Consent Agenda

Approval - Warrants
It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve warrants. Motion carried with four Ayes, zero Noes, and one Abstention (Mr. Campbell).

Declaration - Surplus Equipment
It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Smith, to declare the inventory item 0552, as surplus and authorize its disposal. Motion unanimously carried.

Closed Session
At the hour of 7:45 p.m., Mr. Cullen concluded the open portion of the meeting, and the Board met in closed session regarding:

1. Conference with labor negotiator – Agency Negotiator: Susan Spencer
   - Silver Fork Contract
   - Superintendent’s Contract

2. Superintendent’s Evaluation

Actions from Closed Session

The Board returned to open session at 10:15 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the revised language of the superintendent’s contract, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. Motion carried with five Ayes and zero Noes.

Adjournment
There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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

APPROVED:

J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: ____________________