POLLOCK PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
Board of Trustees
September 14, 2010

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by President Dennis Cullen in Room B-1 at the Emigrant Trail Educational Center.

Members Present
Dennis Cullen
Tom Griffin
Dean Smith
Cindy Stetler

Board Member Dave Campbell was absent on an out-of-state business trip.

Adoption of Agenda
It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to adopt the agenda. 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 August 10, 2010. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment
Kris Schultz stated that Superintendent Monsma has made quite an impression on staff at both sites. He has been very visible, and it has been very much noticed and appreciated.

Presentations and Hearings

Public Hearing - Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials
The public hearing regarding the availability of textbooks and instructional materials in the district was opened by Mr. Cullen. Board members reviewed information regarding the district’s adopted standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials in each subject and an inventory of the numbers of adopted standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials available for each grade level along with current grade level enrollment numbers. The district is up-to-date on recent textbook adoptions with adequate textbooks for all students. There being no public input, Mr. Cullen closed the public hearing.
Mr. Cullen opened the public hearing for the revised recalculated 2009-2010 and estimated 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit, known as the Gann Limit. It was noted that the district’s appropriations in 2009-2010 and those projected for this school year are within the Gann Limit. There being no public input, the hearing was closed.

Superintendent Monsma reported that STAR 2010 test data was officially released yesterday and congratulated Sierra Ridge for a score over 800. Both Pinewood and Sierra Ridge met the state API requirements, and both schools have API scores of over 800. Both Pinewood and Sierra Ridge also met the Federal AYP requirements in English Language Arts and math. In addition, it is important to note the increases in proficient growth in subgroups.

Next year, the percent proficient target moves up close to 70%. We have some areas in math to work on, and we will continue to look at the data to determine our next step, using the Data Director program to provide additional assistance to staff in this area. As more schools are doing well at meeting the API overall target goal of 800, the state may change the API benchmark from 800 to 900. Changes in the state accountability system are expected before next year.

Superintendent Monsma thanked the principals and staff for all the hard work they have done. President Cullen added his congratulations to both Pinewood and Sierra Ridge for API scores above 800.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-2011-04, “Adoption of the ‘Gann’ Limit.” Motion unanimously carried with four Ayes, zero Noes, and one Absent (Mr. Campbell).

The Board reviewed the Report on Investments, as per Government Code Section 53646 and Board Policy No. 3430.

Chief Fiscal Officer Sean Martin reviewed with Board members the 2009-2010 Report of Unaudited Actual Financial Data which summarizes all the financial transactions of FY10. Some important items of note:

- Enrollment is at 693, up 18 students from our projection.
- Even with the decline in enrollment, cafeteria sales have been consistent, and revenue exceeded expenditures by $20,000.
• The Transportation fund required a General Fund contribution of $83,390, and the Special Education Fund required a General Fund contribution of $93,336.
• ARRA funds were used to support Title I, Special Education, and CSR programs.
• Funds from the 21st Century Grant were used to support Boys & Girls Club and after-school intervention programs. Grant carryover will be used to purchase six computers for Boys & Girls Club.
• The Board Reserve for Technology has been reduced to $10,000.

It was the consensus of the board that recommendations be included with the 1st Interim Budget report for the redesignation of reserve balances, increasing the technology reserve and possibly the transportation reserve within the current reserve levels.

Approval - CFO Martin reported that Developer Fees have been used to install/update computers at Pinewood and install fencing at Pinewood and Sierra Ridge. Developer Fees are also being used for the fire hydrant project at Pinewood. It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the annual accounting for Developer Fees Report and Findings. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE) for support and superintendent recruitment services provided by Don Helms and the EDCOE Human Resources Department. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with EDCOE for superintendent support services provided by Molly Helms. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Adoption - It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-2011-05 attesting that the district possesses sufficient textbooks and instructional materials for each student as verified upon review of information regarding the district’s adopted standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials in each subject and an inventory of the number of adopted standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials available for each grade level along with current grade level enrollment numbers. Motion unanimously carried.
Approval - Authorization of Operation of Pollock Pines Sports Boosters

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

Approval - Authorization of Operation of Pinewood Parent Teachers Club

It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the request for authorization of operation of the school-connected organization, Pinewood Parent Teachers Club. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Griffin expressed the board’s appreciation to both groups for the services they provide to our students.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve/accept the following personnel items:

Approval - Employment of Cathy Narr, Instructional Aide I – Yard Duty, 1.75 hours per day, effective August 11, 2010 (Pinewood)

Approval - Employment of Virginia Vanderpool, Instructional Aide I – Yard Duty, 1.25 hours per day, effective August 11, 2010 (Pinewood)

Acceptance - Resignation of Rebekah Boatman, Media Technician, 6.0 hours per day, effective August 27, 2010 (Pinewood)

Approval - Employment of Rebekah Boatman, Teacher, effective August 30, 2010

Motion unanimously carried.

Staff Reports and Announcements

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

Board members unanimously agreed they would like to present a plaque to the Mountain Lake Medical Group in recognition and appreciation of the free sports physicals the Group has provided for the district’s students for the last two years.
In addition, Mrs. Barraque, Transportation Supervisor, reported:

- Our new 78-passenger bus purchased with the El Dorado County Air Quality Management Grant will be delivered next week. It will have a camera system and spot chains and will be our first bus with seatbelts.
- Approximately $11,000 has been collected in bus fees, with over 50% of students transported qualifying for free and reduced bus transportation. One parent has designated e-scrip funds for payment of bus fees.
- The Transportation Department earned approximately $1,300 this summer providing shuttle service for Sugarloaf.

Mr. Karnitz, M&O/Food Service Supervisor, reported that the radio antenna on the roof of the transportation building has been repaired.

Superintendent’s Reports, Announcements, and Communications

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Appreciation – Appreciation was expressed for CFO Sean Martin’s attendance at tonight’s board meeting after his arrival back in the state just this afternoon.
- Lunch at Sites – Board members are scheduled to have lunch at Pinewood on September 28 and at Sierra Ridge on September 29.
- Candidate Forum – District informational materials will be provided for board candidates, and a public forum will be scheduled for October. This will provide an opportunity for parents and community members to meet the candidates and propose questions to them.
- “School District Organization” Workshop – A “School District Organization” workshop will be held Monday, October 4, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the El Dorado County Office of Education. This is an introductory information workshop regarding the processes and considerations for school district consolidation. It is open to Board members, Superintendents, and Chief Fiscal Officers. Workshop reference materials will be available for review before the meeting.
- STRS/PERS – There is currently legislation on the Governor’s desk which, if signed, will affect STRS and PERS retirement pensions, effective January 1. More information regarding the details of these changes will be available soon.
- Enrollment – Current district enrollment is 694, with Pinewood at 385 and Sierra Ridge at 309. This is down 17 students from our August enrollment of 711; however, Pinewood’s enrollment is down only one student since August.
SSDA Conference – The 28th Annual SSDA Conference will be held April 13-15, 2011, at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento.

Board Members’ Reports and Communications

Future Board Agenda Topics
The Extreme Hardship Paving Project will be a topic for a future board meetings.

Other Board Member Reports
President Cullen reported that he met with Ralph, Phil, and Kevin (Monsma) on September 1 and walked the wooded area on the north and west side of Pinewood to get an idea of what might need to be done to reduce its potential fire hazard. A fire in this area would threaten both Pinewood and the residences located primarily to the north. We will see if there are any grants available through the Fire Safe Council to help us with the cost involved. It may also be possible to have Growlersburg do all the work. Removal of the brush will not only lessen the threat of fire, it will also reduce or eliminate the juvenile parties held there by allowing visibility of the entire area for the sheriff’s patrol.

President Cullen also reminded all those in attendance that the Rotary Club’s fund raiser event, “Evening in the Orchard,” will be held tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m., at Rainbow Orchards in Camino.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve Item 1 of the Consent Agenda: Approval of Warrants. Motion carried with four Ayes, zero Noes, and one Absent (Mr. Campbell).

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve Item 2 of the Consent Agenda: Declaration of KDS Valiant Laptop as surplus and authorization for disposal. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment
There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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

APPROVED:

J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: _________________