

REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 21, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Attendance: Region 9 Board of Education members: Colangelo, D'Agostino, Gombos, Hocker, King, Lewis

Administration: Josefsberg, Sullivan, McMorran, Pierson Ugol, Czudak, Geraghty, Sheehy

Others: six members of the community and staff, a representative of the Redding Pilot/Easton Courier and videographer

Mr. Hocker called the meeting of the Region 9 Board of Education to order at 7:05 pm in the Joel Barlow Media Center.

AGENDA CHANGE AND ADDITION

Motion: move to change the agenda order, moving Approval of Capital Project invoices to the first item. Gombos, Colangelo. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to add to the Capital Project invoices for approval, an invoice from EAS Inc. for \$398. Gombos, King. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STADIUM PROJECT AND ROOF PROJECT INVOICES

Three invoices for the Stadium Project and Roof Project were presented. Mr. Lewis noted that the FAC Committee reviewed the invoices and recommended payment.

1. Tremco WTTI, \$323,100.00, Roof Project, progress payment. Mrs. Sullivan noted that this was the second progress payment requested. The work on the roof is 100% complete and the final cleanup of the site is being completed. She expects to receive the final Tremco WTTI invoice shortly.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve payment of the Tremco WTTI invoice for \$323,000.00 as presented. Gombos, King. Approved. Unanimous.

2. Gale Associates, \$1,884.75: Stadium Project
3. EAS Inc., \$398.00; Stadium Project, for installation of lockbox per request for access to stadium gate by fire/ems.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve payment of invoices to Gale Associates for \$1,884.75 and to EAS Inc. for \$398.00 as presented. Gombos, King. Approved. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as submitted. Gombos, D'Agostino. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on October 1, 2016 as amended. Colangelo, King. Approved. Unanimous.

Amendment: the minutes were prepared and submitted by Mr. Hocker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Rakich, Redding: Mrs. Rakich spoke in support of the proposed trip to Italy for Latin students. She also read a letter of support from her daughter Anna.

Laura Harvy, Easton: Mrs. Harvy addressed the board with her concern about Board Policy 5.4.2 Student Drug Policy, stating that the school does not have a certified drug expert on staff, nor does the Redding Police Department. She noted that no one at the school is qualified to determine if a student is impaired and an investigation is currently being made by someone not qualified to make the judgment. She asked that the school get a certified drug person at the school.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Gombos asked that the Policy Committee review Policy 5.4.2.

REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. King reported that he and Mr. Johnston met with the auditors to review the completed preliminary draft of the 2013-14 audit. He noted that there were no identified problems, but suggestions for improvements were reviewed. The auditor, McGladrey, will develop a Capital Accounts policy and a Transfer policy for further consideration. In addition, they recommended, for greater transparency, a statement of expenses for the top two or three people be created, and a quarterly reporting on the miscellaneous revenue & expenses and capital items.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED TRIP TO ITALY

Dr. McMorran introduced Latin teacher Barbara Smith for the request for approval of a Latin student trip to Italy. Mrs. Smith reviewed the planned trip for the April break and the educational opportunities the trip would provide.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the student trip to Italy as outlined. D'Agostino, Colangelo. Approved 5-1. Mrs. Gombos voted no.

AGENDA CHANGE

Motion: move to change the agenda order, moving Policy Review to the next item for discussion. Colangelo, Gombos. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD POLICY

1. Policy 0200: District Goals and Beliefs: Mr. D'Agostino noted that this policy does not currently exist. Following discussion, no action was taken on this policy.
2. Policy 3542.31: Electronic Communications Use and Retention: Mr. D'Agostino noted that this is a revision to an existing policy.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education accept Policy 3542.31 for a first reading. Gombos, King. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent, Head of School: Dr. McMorran provided a written report and noted that the PSATs were administered to all sophomores and juniors last week.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction: Mrs. Pierson Ugol submitted a written report for review.

Director of Finance and Operation: Mrs. Sullivan reported the health insurance claims are on track and the operating budget is on schedule. The transfer report was provided for review. The major transfer is for

the snow removal contract cost. She added that a rebate was received from MIRMA (Workman's Compensation) for \$12,000. Mrs. Sullivan provided an updated Apportionment Schedule. The current year apportionment is 54% for Redding and 46% for Easton. Based on projections, next year would be 53% for Redding and 47% for Easton. All enrollment data has been forwarded to Dr. Prowda for the next set of enrollment projections.

Superintendent: Dr. Josefsberg provided information on the Open Choice program for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Fields Committee: Mr. D'Agostino noted that a meeting was held and those present discussed the Capital Plan and adjustment to the plan. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Harvy, Easton: Mrs. Harvy addressed a comment made by a board member regarding Policy 0200 that 96% of the Barlow graduates move on to college. She stressed that not all students are college bound and the school needs to focus on that 4% as much as the 96%.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move that the meeting be adjourned. King, Colangelo Approved. Unanimous.

The meetings were adjourned at 8:11 pm

Submitted by Catherine Gombos, Board Secretary
Recorded by Mary Maday