

**Albany Unified School District
Board of Education**

**Albany Community Center
1249 Marin Avenue
Albany, California 94706**

MINUTES OF:

Regular Meeting
January 6, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

President Calloway called the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2009 to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Board President, Jamie Calloway; Vice President, David Glasser; Board Members Miriam Walden and Dr. Patricia Low

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Board member, Ronald Rosenbaum and Student Representatives, Patricia Mou and Jean Kang were excused.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marla Stephenson, Superintendent; Laurie Harden, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Lynda Hornada, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Darlene Mock, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION: None

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:05 P.M.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Board of Education & audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

With respect to the Agenda, it was moved by Member Glasser and seconded by Member Low to approve the Agenda as presented and the modification to hear Item 7A before Item 6A. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

No Consent Calendar items were agendaized.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT:Albany High School Swim Center Update

Superintendent Stephenson stated that the District officials are being very conservative and it is imperative that the pool project come in at budget and the project must include additional classroom space, the District's use.

Vice President Glasser stated the high efficiency Co-Gen system will be maintained and included in the new pool facility. He stated the current information is on the District's website.

Superintendent Stephenson noted that the District's CEQA consultant is present and available for any/all questions. She informed the Board that a State funding consultant is commissioned to find available State funding. Also, the Pool Bond Oversight Committee has met and its bylaws have been formed. The pool construction will begin Spring 2009.

David Burke of Bollo Construction and Steve Newsom and Paul Breckenridge of LPA Architects presented the proposed pool facility plans. Mr. Burke stated the 75 minute summary is a year's worth of work. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the District's website.

Public comment:

Steve Terasaki, AHS parent and master swimmer, encouraged the Board to participate in a master plan with the City of Berkeley or Berkeley Unified. He stated William Rogers, Berkeley Parks and Recreation director, has an open ear to collaborating. He stated the Albany groups use the old pool for therapy. Andrew Austin, parent, had similar concerns.

Ira Sharnow, resident, stated his concerns about the funding to the indoor pool versus classrooms. Mr. Sharnow suggested exploring whether the City of Berkeley or its school district would collaborate to build similar facilities to avoid redundancy. He asked for detailed program budgets and summaries.

Bob Ivason, resident, stated he voted for the bond but now is convinced this was the wrong move on his part and presently doesn't support the District providing a pool for the community. He supports collaboration with the City of Albany to provide a pool facility. He supported the proposed additional AHS classrooms.

President Calloway asked about the security measure because the proposed pool design has a massive amount of glass and lack of available lockers.

Member Walden confirmed that this is just a report and no action will be taken tonight. Superintendent Stephenson stated the next action would be for the resolution to sell bonds in February and then go out for bids for the various aspect of construction. Vice President Glasser reiterated that he is concerned about the building of two pools. President Calloway stated she and the Board are always accessible to the public via e-mail or telephone.

REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS:Review and Approve Auditor's Report

Robert Wilkinson stated the audit is a financial and compliance audit for the Feds and State. He stated that there were a couple of State compliance items and they have been resolved. Member Walden asked how past and current findings could be compared. Mr. Wilkinson explained the findings process. He stated he appreciated Laurie Harden's hard work as it was difficult to close the books since she wasn't working for the District the past year.

Member Walden asked about the money set aside with the intention of a sinking fund for the GASB. Mr. Wilkinson stated there are six districts that have set aside an irrevocable trust and some districts self insure their funds. He explained the process to set aside money per GASB requirements and stated that it is difficult to set aside in these difficult times. Member Walden

asked for compelling reasons to set aside funds and Mr. Wilkinson stated that it is inevitable and those districts had a chunk of money.

Member Glasser moved and Member Walden seconded to approve the auditor's report. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Review and Approve Resolution 2008-09-15 Classified Layoff-Assistant Pool Director

The Board members reluctantly voted to lay-off the assistant pool director, Stephen Dunkle; due to the closure of the old pool December 21, 2008. Mr. Dunkle stated he wants to be here when the new pool opens and is interested to be rehired when the new pool opens; he stated "If you want me there, I'm back". He will continue as the AHS varsity swim coach.

Member Walden moved and Member Glasser seconded to approve Resolution 2008-09-15 Classified Layoff-Assistant Pool Director. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Review and Approve Contract for State Facilities Consulting Services with Hancock, Gonos & Park Inc. for the Albany High School Pool Project not to exceed \$9,600.00

Member Walden moved and Member Glasser seconded to approve the contract for State Consulting Facilities Consulting Services with Hancock, Gonos & Park, Inc. for the AHS Pool Project not to exceed \$9,500.00 and the funding from the pool bond money. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Review and Approve 2nd Reading of BP 4040- Employee Use of Technology

A 2nd reading was conducted. The Board asked if any changes occurred and Superintendent Stephenson stated no language was changed.

Member Glasser moved and Member Walden seconded to approve the 2nd reading of BP4040- Employee Use of Technology. The Board was polled and passed unanimously

Review and Approve 2nd Reading of BP 6163 - Student Use of Technology

A 2nd reading was conducted. The Board asked if any changes occurred and Superintendent Stephenson stated no language was changed.

Member Glasser moved and Member Walden seconded to approve the 2nd reading of BP6163- Student Use of Technology. The Board was polled and passed unanimously
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REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2nd Reading AR 4040 - Employee Use of Technology

A 2nd reading of AR 4040 was conducted. The Board asked if any changes occurred and Superintendent Stephenson stated no language was changed.

2nd Reading AR 6163 - Student Use of Technology

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BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Board:

Member Glasser asked about the State budget. Superintendent Stephenson stated next week she will go to the State budget meeting in Sacramento. She stated the leadership team is creating scenarios to meet the budget crunch. Member Walden stated that former superintendent Wong wrote a letter in 2002 stating where the cuts could be done and she supported such a letter composed by the District Office. Superintendent Stevenson assured

Member Walden the 2002 letter would be reviewed and updated and Member Walden stated she would share her copy if needed.

Member Low stated she has received numerous e-mails supporting the "walking bus". She's been requested to meet with the Albany Strollers and Rollers who are active in the Traffic and Safety Committee. Also, Member Low stated that enrichment issues would be discussed Saturday and she asked one Board member to volunteer to attend the meeting.

Vice President Glasser requested that the Board recognize students at a future Board meeting.

President Calloway asked that a Board member volunteer to carry-on Board summaries that former President Blanchard wrote and Member Low volunteered. President Calloway informed the Board of her absence at a couple of the upcoming Board meetings. Also, she stated she attended the Pool's closing ceremony and said it was well attended and a nice ceremony and good memories and documents were shared.

Superintendent:

Superintendent Stephenson stated she met with the City of Albany's recreation director who asked Marla to promote the Martin Luther King activity at the Albany Community Center that would piggy back on President-elect Obama's request to "create a list of volunteer opportunities. Superintendent Stephenson stated the District leadership team would create a list.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Student Performance	January
Consolidated Application Part II	January
Traffic & Safety Committee	January
Redistribution of Parcel Taxes	February
School Accountability Report Cards 2007-08	February
Enrichment Task Force	February
2 nd Interim Report	March
Albany Children's Center Report	April
Increase of 1987, 1999, and 2005 Parcel Tax Rate Increase	June
Consolidated Application Part I for Funding Categorical Programs	June
Review 1987,1999 and 2005 Parcel Tax Reports	June

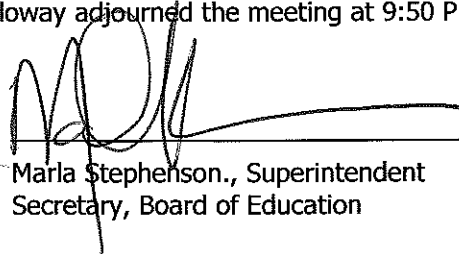
FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS:

- A. Tuesday, January 20, 2009 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- B. Tuesday, February 3, 2009 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- C. Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, *Cornell Elementary School,901 Cornell Elementary School,*
- D. Tuesday, March 3, 2009 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, , Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- E. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, , Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany

ADJOURNMENT:

With no objection from the Board, President Calloway adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M.


Jamie Calloway President
Board of Education


Marla Stephenson., Superintendent
Secretary, Board of Education