

Albany Unified School District Board of Education
904 Talbot Avenue, Albany, CA 94706
MINUTES FOR MEETING
May 19, 2009

Albany Community Center
Albany, CA 94706

I.

	OPENING BUSINESS 6:30 p.m.
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A)

	Call to Order
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Meeting called to order by President David Glasser.

B)

	Roll Call
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PRESENT :

David Glasser, President, Ronald Rosenbaum, Vice President, Miriam Walden, Board Member, Dr. Patricia Low, Board Member, and Paul Black, Board Member.
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ABSENT :

None.

STAFF:

Marla Stephenson, Superintendent, Laurie Harden, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Lynda Hornada, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Diane Marie, Director of Special Education and Michelle Suwczinsky, District Secretary.

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	Identify Closed Session Topics for Discussion Pursuant to Agenda Section III below.
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III.

	CLOSED SESSION	6:35 p.m.
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IV.

	OPEN SESSION 7:30 p.m. Depending upon completion of Closed Session items, the Board of Education intends to convene to Open Session At 7:30 pm to conduct the remainder of its meeting, reserving the right to return to Closed Session at any time.
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A) HYPERLINK " http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6298 " Reconvene to Open Session

Reconvened by President Glasser at 7:30 pm.

B)

	Roll Call
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PRESENT :

David Glasser, President, Ronald Rosenbaum, Vice President, Miriam Walden, Board Member, Dr. Patricia Low, Board Member, Paul Black, Board Member, Jean Kang, Student Board Member, and Patricia Mau, Student Board Member.

ABSENT :

None.

STAFF:

Marla Stephenson, Superintendent, Laurie Harden, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Lynda Hornada, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Diane Marie, and Michelle Suwczinsky, District Secretary.

Michelle Suwczinsky introduced and asked to call the roll.

C) HYPERLINK " http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6300 " Pledge of Allegiance
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The Board and audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D)

Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
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President Glasser reported that no action was taken during closed session.

E)

Approval of Agenda

Motion requested by President Glasser.

Motion by Ronald Rosenbaum, Vice President, seconded by Paul Black, Board Member to Approve Agenda. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

F)

Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion by Miriam Walden, Board Member, seconded by Dr. Patricia Low, Board Member to approve Consent Calendar.

The Board was polled, passed unanimously with Member Black abstaining from warrant # 868539.

Consent Calendar discussion:

2.b) HYPERLINK " http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6350 " Agreement between Samuel Merritt University and AUSD for Pg. 8 student interns
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President Glasser asked about the occupational therapy interns. Is this the first time they are being used, who will be supervising, does District need consent forms, and what is the process?

Diane Marie responded that she will supervise the interns and they will work directly with the OT. District has had OT interns in the past and they are part of an ongoing process through the same agency.

3.a) HYPERLINK " http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6353 " Warrants Pg. 18

868554 President Glasser asked Lynda Hornada about approval for the trip to Sacramento from Marin School and its purpose. Lynda Hornada explained that she only has day trips, not overnight field trips. She approves day trips without bringing them to the Board.

868587 Member Low inquired about "District-Wide Solution". Superintendent Stephenson discussed expanding the district's bandwidth. President Glasser confirmed that it needs to be capable.

869460 President Glasser asked for a definition of SPURR. Laurie Harden explained that it is the company the district works with for gas and electric services at reduced rates.

869981 Member Black confirmed that this rate is typical.

869466 President Glasser asked about recycling lamps, ballasts, etc. referencing PG&E rebates for these items a few years ago. Superintendent Stephenson confirmed the PG&E rebate and discussed the use of these materials as part of routine maintenance, the storage of burned out items, and the need to recycle them.

870436 Member Rosenbaum asked if the district was paying for a Fast Track violation. Superintendent Stephenson indicated that it is indeed the district's responsibility and that the district will find out who the driver is and bill them accordingly.

892732 President Glasser asked for clarification re HSBC item, which does not seem to correlate with other HSBC items. Vice Superintendent Harden identified HSBC as a Visa Card.

892750 Member Low inquired about Granicus program and how it will help make public access easier re Board Meetings. She requested that the Board be informed when it is implemented and that a description be provided for her board notes. Superintendent Stephenson referred to Michelle Suwczynsky, secretary, who is currently being trained on the software. Michelle will forward a more thorough explanation or summary for Member Low's notes.

892792 Member Black inquired about the sound fence project and if item refers to the athletic field.

Superintendent Stephenson confirmed that it is the sound wall and is the last project to be completed at Cougar.

President Glasser confirmed that pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 are general retiree and payroll items and that there are no questions on any of these items.

b) HYPERLINK " http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6354 " Approve Service Agreement Contract, Hydrex Pest Control Pg. 29
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Member Black asked if same methods are being used, particularly around small children. Vice

Superintendent Harden confirmed that they are and that the same company is doing work at other sites.

Children's Center had been using their own vendor. This change is far more cost effective.

President Glasser noted that pesticides are not used. Member Rosenbaum noted that there are very strong regulations about pesticides.

President Glasser asked if they have all of the same warranties about background checks. Vice Superintendent Harden will check original contract to confirm. Member Rosenbaum commented that it likely since company is being used at other sites.

c) HYPERLINK "http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6355"
[Hazmat Consulting Services for AHS Pool Demolition Project Pg. 33](#)

President Glasser asked if item has gone out to competitive bid. Superintendent Stephenson stated that it has gone out to competitive bid, interviewed by consultant, self, and facilities supervisor. President Glasser asked that information be included in packet.

Member Black noted that bid was based on survey and abatement plans and asked if that had been brought before the Board. Superintendent Stephenson confirmed that it had, before she was superintendent. Level of abatement required needed to be determined first, then taken out to bid. They, Millennium Consulting Associates, will be supervising the demolition and handling the abatement.

V. HYPERLINK "http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6361"
[STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS](#)

Student Member Kang reported that Prom is Saturday, May 30th. Tickets sales began 05/18/09 and will range from 65.00 to 75.00. Appetizers and deserts will be provided at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco.

Leadership elections for 2009-2010 are coming up. Applications have been gathered and information posted outside the office. Elections will be held next Friday. Students who are running will be required to make a speech to the student body at assembly.

Student Member Mau discussed AP exams and finals. Official final exam schedule is from June 8th to June 11th, all of which are minimum days. Book fair at Barnes & Noble in El Cerrito on May 16th supporting AHS library up to 15 to 25% of sales.

Member Low asked about finals schedules. Student Member Mau explained that some teachers have finals now to lighten the load during finals week, and others follow the finals schedule. Student Member Kang added that AP exams are done in advance to help students be prepared for other exams.

VI. HYPERLINK "http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6362"
[STAFF REPORTS](#)

A) HYPERLINK "http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6363"
[Employee Recognition](#)

Superintendent Stephenson alerted the Board and the public that the district is starting an employee recognition program which will occur quarterly. Terry Pinol, student data base manager, was here, but was injured and was sent home. The employees also went home. She has asked that two technology support personnel, Dax Kajiwarra and David Fuks, be honored for their hard work, particularly during recent administrative transition. Employees will be recognized at board office and receive certificates and a small token of appreciation. Member Rosenbaum asked that the Board be notified when it happens so that members can be present. President Glasser asked that it be noted somewhere on the district web site.

B)

Volunteer Recognition

Superintendent Stephenson introduced principals, and others when principals were not present, to present certificates.

Ocean View: Presented by Superintendent Stephenson: Dawn Kawamoto, Jon Kawamoto, Ann Amer, Kevin Sullivan, Sunan Attanayake, Michelle Corona, Hanae Nishioka, Kendra Knowles, Jnana Gowan. The business of schools could not happen without the amazing support of parents and community members.

Cornell: Presented by Wendy Holmes: Because there are so many people who help, decided to recognize one person, fifth grade parent, Kathy Farley. Worked on beautification of school and student nutritional leaders. Will be honored at volunteer appreciation at school.

Marin: Presented by Lynda Hornada for Principal Casdia: John Montagh, Alesia Alonso, Cynthia Mah, Sheila Erickson, Ken McCroskey, Heather Cunningham, Jill Cooper, Kat Bliss, Ben Sanders, Aisha Kahn. Volunteers have gone above and beyond.

Albany Middle School: Presented by Robin Davis: Janet Scaglione, Kanna Aoki, Maureen Green, Richard Brabham, Mary Lewis, Carrie Sachs. Many people who give their time and support.

MacGregor High School: Presented by Principal Alexia Ritchie: Alan Marris, Janet Martorano, Stefanie Kalmin, Richard Trout, Sharon Dolan, Mark Kalman, Anna Lionberger. Given such a small school there is an amazing amount of energy that comes from just a few people.

Albany High School: Presented by Ted Barone: Teresa Barnett, Edith Morrow, Joanne Lee, Cheryl Sudduth,

Karen McKeown, Katherine Korlacki, Bill Cooper, Barbara Cooper, Joyce Kessler, Amy St. George, Jeff Shea, Michelle Guant, Bill Chapman, Dana Meyer. A true army of volunteers that make the place work. These are individuals that represent whole groupings of people.

Workability Business Partner Awards Presented by Diane Marie on behalf of Sara Pickler, Workability Coordinator: 5 Little Monkeys, Macaroni Grill, and Barnes and Noble including plaque. President Glasser asked for a brief overview of workability program. Diane Marie explained that the program helps students with disabilities with their transition planning including writing applications, resume writing, interview skills, and help to get the students out into job placements, both paid and unpaid.

Superintendent Stephenson informed the Board that school crossing guards will be recognized at a future meeting.

President Glasser thanked staff for putting together and recognizing people who help make the district what it is. Member Rosenbaum commented on the impressive group of people and thanked Superintendent Stephenson for realizing that this should be done quarterly and congratulations to all. Member Low asked for correct spelling of names for her record. President Glasser referred to Michelle Suwczynsky's list of names which she will forward to Member Low.

C) HYPERLINK "http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6674"
~~Update of the Addition of 20 minutes to the 1-3 Instructional Day — Oral Report~~

Oral report presented by Lynda Hornada. In 2007-2008 school year the Curriculum Advisory Committee suggested adding 20 minutes to 1st through 3rd grades. In June 2008 Board voted to add minutes requesting report at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. The following steps were taken to implement plan; the District informed parents and day-care providers, day-care providers worked to adjust schedule and staffing, bell schedules, recesses and lunches were adjusted. There was no specific directive re use of time. Principals recently interviewed teachers re use of the time and forwarded information. Responses were varied and included math instruction, differentiated reading activities, social studies and science activities. Per feedback from 1st grade teachers, students had difficulty staying engaged for the length of the day. Found it impossible to quantify results. Today's information is an anecdotal snapshot. Over next two years district and teachers will gather multiple points of data to evaluate student achievement based on district assessment plan, providing an annual report to the Board beginning Spring 2009-2010 school year. Member Rosenbaum asked about attempt to standardize or provide direction. Lynda Hornada responded that we are working through realizing Small Group Reading Task Force recommendations, piloting a language arts program. Flexibility was important this first year.

Member Low confirmed that first report would be spring of next year and that a language arts pilot program will be looked at this year. Lynda Hornada informed currently in the adoption period, continuing to pilot, and recommending a program by the end of next year. Looking at 7 programs, narrowing to 2-3, and then presenting.

Member Low asked about Data Director training with teachers. Lynda Hornada stated that teacher training has happened. Elementary schools are collaborating monthly. District asked for benchmark assessment in math based on standards and information teachers have been presenting through the Everyday Math program. Data Director was part of assessment data, getting results to teachers who were able to discuss their school data, resulting in feedback from teachers about Data Director. In response all elementary teachers have been trained and ongoing training is planned.

Member Low inquired about benchmark test. Lynda Hornada informed that benchmark was given in February and will not be given again this year. Member Low asked for summary of benchmark data. Lynda Hornada discussed that this is a pilot year and that next year a full assessment program including two benchmarks with formative assessments and the two summative benchmarks will be developed.

Member Low discussed relation to achievement gap, how much time we should have and what is being accomplished. Clarified summative and formative assessments. Lynda Hornada discussed intent to work with committee to guide the plan, providing more conclusive data, including comparative results from summative assessments in both September and the spring. Member Low requested seeing those results when they come out.

Superintendent Stephenson suggested scheduling something as a preview for the Board of assessment plan, K-12, in the fall when presenting STAR data and revisit again in the spring.

Member Rosenbaum asked if next year the 20 minutes will be used for piloting. Lynda Hornada indicated that teachers will use the time according to their professional judgment, which may include piloting. Not planning on a district directive. Member Rosenbaum expressed concern that teachers find the time valuable.

Member Black asked if the language arts program is the pilot. Lynda Hornada confirmed. 20 minutes is in addition to time required for language arts. 20 minutes were used in many ways by the teachers. Member Black asked if the teachers were happy with the time. Lynda Hornada informed that data was not intended to place a value on the 20 minutes rather to see how it was being used.

Member Low would like Board to have conversation about what is being looked for in terms of growth so teachers can discuss how to track and document using things like Data Director, which can be used in ways other than the STAR data. Confirmed that all teachers will be trained on Data Director and asked about support. Lynda Hornada hopes to find a teacher leader at each site for training beyond the basics. Member Low discussed benefits of teacher leaders in other states.

Member Walden informed that if presenting language arts is through a fidelity arrangement she won't be comfortable discussing until seeing better evaluation of Everyday Math. Focused on how students and teachers feel about the program and exchange of other things to accommodate the program. Interested in qualitative results, including atmosphere, environment and school culture. Looking to discuss consequences of the math program before looking at another fidelity program. Would like to see that information when available.

Lynda Hornada discussed work in progress and collaborative environment. School change research shows that the first couple of years you're just scratching the surface, within five to seven you're in the thick of it, but real consistent change is over a period of seven to eleven years. Will continue to update on progress. Comment from Liz Avery, Marin school. Interested in questions about standardized curriculum. As a teacher, the 20 minutes provide time to teach all of the various curriculum that teachers are required to teach. Teachers are concerned that benchmark tests are reflective of new math program. It would be really important if teachers could get direct information about expectations for entering into Data Director at the end of this year.

VII.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA
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Fern Tiger, President of Fern Tiger Associates, working with the City on Voices to Vision's work on the waterfront project, now fully launched. Here to ask that people spread the word, [HYPERLINK "http://www.voicestovision.com"](http://www.voicestovision.com) www.voicestovision.com. Process includes about 40 small group sessions by micro areas, allowing for fuller participation. People found them productive and informative. Invited attendance. Doing youth sessions and youth video program at AMS that are moving along. Will be article in The Cougar. Separate meetings for adults and students facilitates collecting data about those who can vote and those who can't. Presented buttons and fliers. This is phase one, then data will be evaluated, there will be another round of meetings in the Fall with final results by January. President Glasser commented that this is everyone's opportunity to participate. Member Low commented that the maps are very complete and very interesting.

Rosalee Gonzales, Albany resident and former district librarian, discussed concern about district's plan to lay off three district librarians replacing them with teachers, and eliminating all library technicians. Measure A Parcel Tax of 2005 states that one of the uses of the funds will be for librarians. Discussion about differences between librarians and teachers re skills and certifications. It would be an extraordinary set back to lose the librarians. Member Walden clarified that the Board agrees with interpretation of language in the parcel tax. Clarified that there is no plan or intention to lay off librarians and replace them with staff, rather librarians were temporary employees and were laid off as part of the general temporary employee lay off. Board has expressed it's commitment to retain those positions. Now need to begin complex process of moving forward legally and fiscally, which has caused a delay. Expressed enormous respect for the three individuals and their investment. Member Rosenbaum supported Member Walden's statements.

Jackie commented about the importance of the library technicians and her hope that they can come back too. Member Walden discussed issue of unintended consequences, including possibility of having librarians and not techs requiring librarians to do a different level of work than they are trained for and hope that tech positions can also be restored.

VIII.

REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

President Glasser suggested that items VIII A and B be combined and asked Laurie Harden to speak to those items. Laurie Harden stated that Ruth Alhidorian is present from K & M Public Finance to discuss resolutions or the process, and introduced the resolutions. Also introduced John Hartenstein from Oric to answer technical questions.

Ruth presented overview re pool program and readiness to proceed requiring funds. Voters authorized

issuance of a series of bonds in 2008. All provisions are pretty much requirements of the state or federal guidelines. Refunding includes series from 1993-1994 bonds that have been paid down and can be refinanced at current lower interest rates. Tax payers will save, although they won't see it because of the addition of the 10 million.

Member Black inquired about maturation date of refinanced bonds. Ruth indicated that it must be the same as the original bonds. The restructure simply allows access to lower rates. Member Black asked about the difference in rates. President Glasser discussed typically setting or requiring a target threshold for savings. Ruth indicated that current savings would be close to 6% savings. Member Rosenbaum asked about advanced refinancing. Ruth explained that generally investors want to know that you won't refinance quickly, generally 10 years. It is possible to refinance within the 10 years but it can only be done once and the payments must be made on whatever is due until the 10 years is up. This is not an advance refinance because 10 years has past.

President Glasser commented that this tells investors that these bonds will be protected for 10 years and asked how can people invest in these bonds. Ruth indicated that we hope to sell them competitively. Broker wants to know that people are interested so people should let their own financial advisers know in order to generate interest. Underwriters will then bid more aggressively. Generally they are bought and then sold to investors. We can ask how local residents can buy bonds. They may provide a contact at the firm or at the brokerage if sold. President Glasser inquired about providing a link on the district's web site, or if that would be a solicitation. Ruth recommended that they contact her and then she will make the connection. Member Walden confirmed that it would be easy for individuals to contact Ruth and make a purchase. Ruth noted that the interest rate may not be the best from their perspective because the district is trying to get the lowest possible rate.

President Glasser discussed the Preliminary Official Statement, information that will be disclosed to investors. Board has an obligation to review and certify the document, which holds a lot of good information. President Glasser asked if document will be posted on the web site. Ruth indicated that it is still preliminary needing some updates, etc. and asked for information and comments. President Glasser discussed the general fund expenditures and need to explain why the district's finances went up, e.g. SELPA, etc., requesting that all members review the document and get any changes to Laurie Harden. President Glasser explained that we will be approving the document as to form and will be signing off on the final document when the rating, debt service numbers, etc. are present. Member Low asked if this is being done now because of the state of the economy or because the money is needed for the demolition.

Superintendent Stephenson responded that this is the time and that we do need to proceed with the pool project without jeopardizing the general fund. Member Low asked if it is common for sales of bonds to go ahead with the process without a definite time line for the construction. Superintendent Stephenson indicated that there is a time line, anticipating construction on task force's recommendation January 2010, six to seven months behind schedule. Task force's report is expected in June. President Glasser noted the bond authorization several years ago and that the process is well in advance of knowing the cost of the facilities. President Glasser asked about monies left over at completion of project. Ruth indicated that bond measure defined what money will be spent on and referred to John. Member Walden mentioned flexible scope and suggested that there is not a need to go beyond the language of the bond measure to find useful and important purposes for it. Ruth discussed relatively broad bond measure in 93 and how the district went to the voters re purchasing the land for the middle school. Point of bond language can confirm voters intended use. The IRS wants to know that the district isn't borrowing before it is needed, burdening the market, looking at a three year window.

A&B)

	Resolution 2008-09-29 Sale of Bonds Authorizing the Issuance of Sale Pg. 54 of Not to exceed \$10, 000,000 of Bonds of the AUD, and Resolution 2008-09-30 Sale of Bonds Authorizing the Issuance and Sale Pg. 141 of Refunding Bonds and Approving Forms of Documents and Action of Officers of the District Necessary in Connection Therewith
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Motion by Miriam Walden, Board Member, seconded by Ronald Rosenbaum, Vice President to approve Resolution 2008-09-29 Sale of Bonds Authorizing the Issuance of Sale of Not to exceed \$10, 000,000 of

Bonds of the AUSD and Resolution 2008-09-30 Sale of Bonds Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Refunding Bonds and Approving Forms of Documents and Action of Officers of the District Necessary in Connection Therewith.

Board was polled and passed unanimously.

C)

	Waive First Reading and Adopt - Board Policies 0000, 2000, 3000, 6000, 7000, 9000 under separate cover
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Superintendent Stephenson stated readiness to approve about half of the board policies. Not able to get entire policy in one meeting due to current district office staff and will present them in two meetings. Will review the 0000, the Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans. Will also have 2000, the Administration, the 3000, Business and Non-Instructional Operations, the 6000, Instruction, the 7000, Facilities, and 9000 By-Laws of the Board. After approval, will come back section by section to reflect work of staff and Board direction, which will bring policies current and in compliance with current government code. Member Low referred to new system which will send automatic updates on changes. Superintendent Stephenson cited example of two updates that couldn't be included or the process could not be completed. Will approve these and action items will be presented, likely quarterly. Binders are for notes and edits, after updated they will be put on the web for Board, staff, and public.

Motion by Ronald Rosenbaum, Vice President, seconded by David Glasser, President to approve Waive First Reading and Adopt - Board Policies 0000, 2000, 3000, 6000 with proviso that each section be reviewed and updated in the future.

Board was polled and passed unanimously.

IX.

	REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
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	Board Policies Section 0000	Pg. 151
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Superintendent Stephenson asked if, now that the Philosophy, Goals and Objectives have been approved in a global way, would the Board like to address each policy individually or provide feedback for proposed changes? Has recommendation for 0005.

Superintendent Stephenson asked for comments or recommendations for 0000, District Vision. Member Rosenbaum suggested that it might be more efficient to give comments. Member Walden suggested having each member present their thoughts on any item in the 0000.

Member Black had comments on 0100 presented in handout, which had been emailed previously, proposing rewording philosophy regarding contributions that others make to the district, including teachers, volunteers, etc. Superintendent Stephenson suggested that she incorporate these changes, to be included and lined in the updated version. Member Rosenbaum thanked Member Black for suggestions. Member Low also thanked Member Black referring to number 14 and 15 as very well expressed.

Member Black noted many requirements for superintendent which sound good but are a lot of work. He also noted that the described procedure includes soliciting input from the community and asked about a mechanism for that. Superintendent Stephenson identified community advisory committee that meets with her monthly as a good vehicle. Member Black discussed site council funds and noted language regarding 'useful tool' to develop comprehensive school plans, suggesting that it should be a useful tool. The site council exists to come up with a single plan for student achievement and should be working on this plan even if they do not have the funds. Under comprehensive safety plan it states that school site council will develop the safety plan. Superintendent Stephenson noted that there has been a safety committee. There are changes that need be reflected under our new plans. Member Black noted requirement for training for site council members. Superintendent Stephenson commented that the County used to, and may still, provide school site council training. Training should be arranged. President Glasser doesn't see in the text how the individual school site plan flows up to and integrates with the district plan. Member Black noted that the site councils present their plans to the Board, and the Board integrates the plans. President Glasser suggested that the district goals be part of the site council training. Member Rosenbaum suggested that this would be above the state requirement, which might be a good thing. Member Black discussed the vision, which is developed by the Superintendent and the Board, sharing that vision with everyone in the district, and serving as a guiding statement for the site council. Member Rosenbaum suggested that this would be a topic for future discussion. Superintendent Stephenson noted that these items are being reviewed in isolation, e.g. a large section in the 6000 that discusses this topic. Member Black noted that

the Board has very specific instructions for site councils that would probably address this issue. Member Black addressed the technology plan noting that there is a three year technology plan which was done at the same time as ?? and that the two have some different goals and recommendations. Would like to reconcile those before approving the technology plan.

Member Low agreed with Superintendent Stephenson's decision to leave funds at sites. Member Low attended the middle school site meetings and was impressed with how the funds were used. Member Low agreed with repeated comments about stake holders and would like to return to the idea of the strategic planning process and asked about future plans to address it. Superintendent Stephenson indicated that she had met with Total School Solutions to start the strategic planning process, is working on a request for proposal and will meet with Fern Tiger as well. Hope to bring top three candidates for Board to interview in August. Noted that the money is still reserved in the budget due to its priority. Member Black confirmed that candidates will be consulting firms. Superintendent Stephenson recommends that Board go outside to engage consultant as staff does not have the time.

Member Walden agreed with Member Black's ideas noting concern that Board is reviewing the policies in isolation and would rely on staff to check for unintentional contradiction or overlap. Noted that goals for district are focused on students and student learning and thinks that the Board has been more expansive in it's vision including the broader community, e.g. the pool and it's use by seniors and those with special needs. Noted that the Board has been concerned about child care and enrichment outside of the school day, and a vibrant community. Other Broad goals include the districts impact on the environment, etc. things that are not included in this language. Superintendent Stephenson asked that Member Walden assist staff in some wording, suggesting changes in items 10 and 12, requesting the changes via email for update, underline, and review by the Board.

President Glasser suggested that the pool should be mentioned along with children's center, etc. Under 6000, President Glasser noted that the city charter, which is not always consistent with ed. code, believe city charter is superior in the course of law to the ed. code. There was discussion between President Glasser and Member Walden. President Glasser noted that relevant issues would be term of office, vacancies, etc., and not curriculum. Discussion re location of issues in 6000 or 9000. President Glasser credited Members Black and Rosenbaum and the staff for time and work involved and expressed anticipation of a smoother process for maintaining policies.

Member Rosenbaum suggested that item return for re-adoption as an action item. Superintendent Stephenson suggested that it might come back one more time for review and asked to return to policy 0005, school organization, which is reflective of district practice, concern re adult school and children's center shall be maintained and operated. Would Board like to expand on that a bit? If district loses University Village leased property it could be difficult to find location for the pre-school. Should 'shall' be changed to 'may'? Member Low suggested that it may be wise given current economic status, etc. President Glasser commented that the policy could be changed by the Board at any time. Member Walden suggested change may be premature. President Glasser confirmed that all suggested changes will be provided to Superintendent Stephenson electronically.

X.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

A) HYPERLINK " http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6373 " Board Members
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Member Rosenbaum congratulated Member Walden on her Master's.

President Glasser discussed his attendance at a Park and Recreation meeting and topic of accessibility issues at garden and recreational facilities. Committee discussed standard accessibility guidelines for parks and gardens, some more accessible than others.

Member Low thanked Member Black for his work on the new blog noting the benefit of communication with the public. Blog is at HYPERLINK "<http://www.prblack.com/doi>" www.prblack.com/doi. President Glasser commented on talented community and impressive display of information and technology. Member Black thanked Member Low for her board notes and allowing them to be posted on the web page.

Member Walden announced that the parcel tax committee will be meeting Wednesday this week, tomorrow, and Wednesday next week, the 27th and expressed concern about having proposal for the Board when the Board isn't meeting in July and approval will take some time. Member Walden is working with the County on a time line for the election. Board participation in watching outcomes of committee would be helpful due to tight time line. President Glasser will attend one of the meetings as will Member Low.

B) HYPERLINK " http://albanyca.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=193&meta_id=6374 " Superintendent

Superintendent Stephenson announced promotions and graduation. High school graduation is Friday, June 12, at 5:00; request that as many members be present as possible. The middle school promotion is Thursday, June 11, at 5:00; request that the Board President or a representative be present. MacGregor graduation will be Wednesday, June 10th, at North Brae Community Church at 7:00, requested as many members as possible. Three elementary promotions on Friday, June 12th, all at about 1:00, please inform if attending so that a seat of honor can be arranged.

President Glasser noted upcoming band performances. Superintendent Stephenson noted employee recognition of years of service on June 3rd. Member Rosenbaum noted elementary open houses this Thursday.

XI.

	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
A)	
	Increase of 1987, 1999, and 2005 Parcel Tax Rate June 3
B)	
	Staff Recognition June 3
C)	
	Enrichment Update June 3
D)	
	Single School Plans June 3
E)	
	Board Award Demo Contract June 3
F)	
	Energy Audit/Greening of Schools June 3
G)	
	Consolidated Application Part I for Funding Categorical Programs June 30
H)	
	2009-2010 Budget June 30

XII.

	FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS
A)	
	Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
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	Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
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	PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a meeting in July.

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~~ADJOURNMENT—There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at~~ 9:45 pm.

