

**Albany Unified School District
Board of Education**

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

MINUTES OF:

Regular Meeting
October 21, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

President Blanchard called the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2008 to order at 6:36 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice President, Jamie Calloway; Board Members, Miriam Walden, David Glasser and Ronald Rosenbaum; Student Board Members, Patricia Mou and Jean Kang

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Board President, Charles Blanchard was excused.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marla Stephenson, Superintendent; Laurie Harden, Assistant Superintendent, 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: 6:40 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 Walden to approve the Agenda as presented. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

Certificated

1. Teacher
2. Substitute Teacher

Classified

1. Athletic Clerk
2. Library Aide
3. Secretary II
4. Secretary I
5. Yard Duty Aide
6. Special Education Paraeducator

7. Custodian
8. School Transportation Driver
9. Wrestling Coach
10. Cross Country Coach

With respect to the Consent Calendar Member Glasser moved and Member Rosenbaum seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Student Members gave a report.

STAFF REPORTS:

Albany High School 9th Grade Renewal Program

Ted Barone, AHS principal, introduced the 9th grad renewal program. He summarized the busy activities are in process to assure the WASC directives are in alignment. Ned Purdom, AHS teacher, highlighted the English Program as part of the renewal program.

Member Glasser asked how to reach the 8th graders to prepare them before 9th grade. Principal Barone stated there are efforts to reach into the middle school and the AMS and AHS principals are meeting to articulate their plans and views. Principal Barone stated he is getting the high school in order first.

The Board thanked them for their report and acknowledged the difficulties teachers deal with to teach with the parameters of the schedules and the facilities, etc. Member Rosenbaum asked how to make the program work and Bob stated that time is needed and a place for the students assured they have a place to go to. Genevieve stated that the doors are open to interact with teachers and encouraged communication, plus she stated she appreciates the small community forum.

Albany Children's Center Report

Susan Stevenson, Albany Children's Center director, summarized the glimpse into the before and after school curriculum and its focuses. She reported the fee increase was good and the families responded positively. The families were happy the staggered reading schedule was accommodated and appreciated the flexibility. She stated the financial goals compared to last year and hopes that ACC can be self-supporting. Member Walden stated she liked hearing about the curriculum because it's different from the budget issue. She noted that there are a lot of enrichment activities at times of the day at ACC. Superintendent Stephenson stated that a waiting list is good and the Board concurred. Member Walden and Susan Stevenson noted that it shows that the word on the street about ACC is great.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Sherman Lim, local banker and the Albany Chamber of Commerce president, represented his friend Mr. Grossman. Mr. Grossman lives at his place of business although his primary resident is Vallejo, CA. He is trying to enroll his son into the Albany schools. The City rezoned his business place to a work/live status. Mr. Grossman offered the District to view his living quarters to verify his residency.

Vice President Calloway informed Mr. Grossman of the appeal process. Superintendent Stephenson stated she would get in contact with Mr. Grossman and inform the Board of the outcome.

Member Walden stated that the fundraising at the schools for the AMS band and elementary music programs. She stated this was unethical for this to occur and objected. She asked for an investigation of the fundraising activities and that this never happen again. Member Rosenbaum

suggested that this be on a future agenda and are raffles allowed and what extent of fundraising is allowed for the sports teams.

REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS:

Approve Resolution 2008-09-11 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Lynda Hornada reported there is a sufficiency of material via the site principals' surveys and reported to the District Office sufficient instructional materials.

Member Walden asked about the science laboratory resources and Ms. Hornada stated she would follow-up. Ted Barone, AHS principal, stated in the past a lot of SLIB money was spent, but the changes of the rooms' usage helped the need for supplies and there have been fewer requests for money. Member Glasser asked why different versions of texts are being used for elementary geography and Ms. Hornada stated she would follow-up. Superintendent Stevenson stated that if the District is in the idle of an adoption cycle, it may not be easy to replace additional texts.

Member Walden moved and Member Rosenbaum seconded to approve Resolution 2008-09-11- Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. The Board was polled and passed.

Approve and award the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consulting services to Benson Lee Consulting for the Albany High School Pool Project beginning October 22, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00

Member Glasser stated we are not required to accept the lowest bidder, but the most qualified bidder. Benson was the lowest and most qualified bidder.

Member Rosenbaum moved and Member Glasser seconded to approve and award the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consulting services to Benson Lee Consulting for the Albany High School Pool Project beginning October 22, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 and a negative declaration. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Approve and award Geotechnical & Geohazard consulting services to Geosphere Consultants, Inc. for the Albany High School Pool Project Amount not to Exceed \$24,115.00

Superintendent Stevenson stated that a new law was discovered and a seismic test is required because the District's proximity to a fault. Member Glasser thanked the District staff for seeking the bid process. Superintendent Stevenson informed the Board that this survey would serve other District needs.

Member Walden asked if warranties are noted for this project and directed that warranties obtained. Superintendent Stevenson stated she is confident that all of the walk-through and punch lists reviewing the operations of the systems occurred and discouraged commissioning warranties, because we've done all of the check-offs. Member Glasser clarified that the warranties are directed for the baseball field and Superintendent Stephenson stated that the other projects are completed.

Member Walden moved and Member Glasser seconded to approve and award Geotechnical & Geohazard consulting services to Geosphere Consultants, Inc. for the Albany High School Pool Project Amount not to Exceed \$24,115.00. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Approve Change Order #5-Bollo Construction, Inc., Cougar Field Renovation Project

Member Glasser moved and Member Rosenbaum seconded to approve Change Order #5-Bollo Construction, Inc., Cougar Field Renovation Project for the Field House. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Approve Notice of Completion – American Civil Constructors – Cougar Field Renovation – Baseball Field

Member Glasser moved and Member Rosenbaum seconded to approve the Approve Notice of Completion – American Civil Constructors – Cougar Field Renovation for the Cougar Field Baseball Field. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Approve Resolution 2008-09-10 Recesses in the Month of July and the Latter Part of December

Member Rosenbaum moved and Member Glasser seconded to approve Resolution 2008-09-10 Recesses in the Month of July and the Latter Part of December. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ocean View Park Field Renovations

Superintendent Stephenson summarized the issues. She officially recognized the City for realizing the District's needs. Superintendent Stephenson emphasized team spirit and accessibility.

Penelope Leech, City of Albany Park and Recreation Director, reported the council approved the standard improvements and explained the items. She suggested the Board attend a City Council meeting if they want modifications or to discuss the issues at the 2x2x2 meetings. Member Glasser asked Ms. Leech for the amount of the matching funds and grants.

Public comment:

Jack Miller asked that the northwest corner of the field as the permanent home for the girls' softball team, because it would cost less than a retrofit.

Member Glasser asked for the majority of the equities. Superintendent Stephenson stated the practice time and the mound (play-offs) can't be played held without the omission of the mound). Member Rosenbaum asked for equity and compliance with Title IX.

Stephanie, lead softball coach, spoke of her concerns of Ocean View versus Memorial Park. Her preference is Memorial Park. She stated the safety of crossing Buchanan Street at Ocean View is an issue. She stated she wants to maintain the spirit of the school, staff and players.

Member Walden asked for clarification of the Northwest improvement and Stephanie stated that modifications are needed. Superintendent Stephenson and Penelope Leech stated these modifications are not viable unless the District does more investigation. The possibility of modifying the retaining wall would be expensive.

Ted Barone stated softball at Memorial is valuable for the school spirit and culture. This is an important school experience and the close proximity to the high school is important. He advocated for Memorial and stated that Title IX compliance is not where we are, but where we are going forward.

Member Walden asked if the soccer field could be conducted at Cougar Field and Superintendent Stephenson stated this is a consideration, but doesn't know if Little League knows this is possible. Superintendent Stephenson stated that Cougar Field doesn't accommodate all of soccer's needs. Member Glasser stated that the Tom Bates practicing field is booked solid. The Board discussed various solutions. Member Glasser asked for the ideal scenarios and Stephanie explained the playoff qualifying requirements. Member Rosenbaum supported Memorial Field. Vice President Calloway asked for clarifications of the northwest corner. Ms. Leech stated the girls would not get extra practice time with an improved northwest corner and Ms. Calloway rescinded her request for the northwest corner.

Member Calloway moved and Member Rosenbaum seconded to extend the Board meeting until 10:15 to hear public comment.

Jeff Shipley commented on the fields. David Arkin, Albany Little League president, commented on the cost issues and spoke of the risk factor if the nets/fences are not high enough or adequate. He suggested adequate money, because it always cost more than projected. David Akin, thanked the Board and staff for crafting a solution and supported Memorial Park for the softball team.

Member Walden asked for costs for the netting, contingencies and speculations. Superintendent Stephenson acknowledged the request and stated the business office would review the issues. Member Glasser requested that the Title IX issues and compliance presented at a future Board meeting.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Board:

Member Rosenbaum thanked Superintendent Stephenson for the 1st Community Forum and admired that she makes herself available to the public.

Superintendent: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

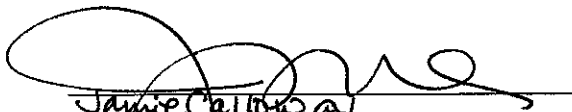
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| A. Review BP 6147 Acceptable Use of Technology | November |
| B. Solano Avenue, Adult School & Preschool Locations | November |
| C. AR5117 – Interdistrict Transfers | November |
| D. Lunch Program | November |
| E. 1 st Interim Report | December |
| F. Parks & Recreation Report | December |
| G. Reorganization of the Board | December |
| H. Small Group Reading Task Force Report | December |
| I. Elementary P.E. Report | December |

FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS:

- A. *Wednesday*, November 5, 2008 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- B. *Tuesday*, November 18, 2008 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- C. *Tuesday*, December 2, 2008 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- D. *Tuesday*, December 16, 2008 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany

ADJOURNMENT:

With no objection from the Board, President Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 10:15 P.M.


Charles Blanchard, President
Board of Education


Maria Stephenson, Superintendent
Secretary, Board of Education