

**Albany Unified School District  
Board of Education**

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

**MINUTES OF:**

Regular Meeting  
November 5, 2008

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

President Blanchard called the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2008 to order at 6:33 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Board President, Charles Blanchard; Vice President, Jamie Calloway; Members, David Glasser, Ronald Rosenbaum

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Member, Miriam Walden, Student Board Members, Kang and Mou

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION:** None

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION:** 6:35 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 Vice President Calloway to approve the Agenda as presented. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Certificated

1. Teacher
2. Substitute Teacher
3. BTSA Mentors
4. Translator

Classified

1. Clerical Aide

2. Career Coordinator
3. Yard Duty Aide
4. Secretary II
5. Coach

Member Rosenbaum asked for background information about the Head Start Program and Superintendent Stephenson informed the Board that this program has been in the District for five years.

With respect to the Consent Calendar Member Rosenbaum moved and Member Glasser seconded to approve the Consent Calendar; President Blanchard stated with the omission of Item 4F#1A3 BTSA Mentors (action occurred during the Review and Action/8B). Jackie Rydman mentioned the Secretary II position start date and end dates corrected to October 20, 2008.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Everyday Mathematics Adoption Progress Report

During the 2007-2008 school year, Marla Stephenson formed a committee to select a new math program for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The committee recommended the adoption of *Everyday Math* for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade that was approved by the Board of Education.

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Karen Adams, math coach for the elementary schools and on leave from AMS, presented the Everyday Mathematics Progress Report. She presented the many methods math is taught/presented. The "thread of algebra" becomes evident in the program and the teachers interpret the methods better.

President Blanchard stated the levels of mathematics are very diverse and complex. Member Rosenbaum asked how successful are the methods to learn algebra and Karen observed that the interventions are needed to preview to "teach-ahead" for the teachers. Member Rosenbaum congratulated Superintendent Stephenson for moving the District in this direction and Superintendent Stephenson was pleased with Karen's coaching capabilities. Marla stated that the mandate for algebra to be taught and the middle school is rapidly moving towards success in learning/teaching algebra.

Member Glasser asked how consistent is the delivery and Karen stated the delivery is consistent and sufficient. Karen stated the teachers are beginning to discuss the strategies to bring everyone to success. Karen discussed how she coaches certain teachers to teach. Member Glasser asked how the chapter testing is administered and Karen stated the tests are given and accessed.

Marla reported the budget has limited the schedule but will be continued. There were no public comments.

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

Pat Low, newly elected to the Board of Education, reported that Member Rosenbaum and she were elected and thanked Member Rosenbaum and John Kindle for stepping forward to campaign and for the respect each gave each other during the campaign. She asked every community member to step forward to assist the Board of Education for the children.

President Blanchard thanked all the board candidates for their contributions.

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT:** None

## **REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS:**

### Review the Overview of Title IX Requirements and Approve Standard Field

President Blanchard stated this action approves the funding of \$22,274.00; and tonight, the type of sporting field(s) and who would play on which fields would not be determined.

Superintendent Stephenson reviewed Title IX and stated that Title IX is comprehensive and not just limited to sports. President Blanchard referred to case examples and how the cases were treated and viewed. Superintendent Stephenson commented on the claims, findings and the differences. Member Glasser asked if "equal" is sport for sport and/or equal funding for male and female sport(s). He asked for clarification regarding how equality is determined. Superintendent Stephenson explained the issues are viewed differently and considered on a "needs" basis, as the funding/dollar amount is not the issue. Member Rosenbaum asked to err on the side of caution regardless of the reported cases. Superintendent Stephenson asked the Board to fulfill the needs morally and ethically for all athletic teams at Albany High School.

In leading the Board to a recommendation, Superintendent Stephenson reported that the City of Albany proposed that the District provide matching funds. Superintendent Stephenson supported matching funds because we co-own the fields and also we have obligations to the playing time on the fields by the various sporting teams. Superintendent Stephenson discouraged a "deductive action" that leases practice time to the teams. Also, the mound issue should be resolved by providing a field without a mound or a portable mound (but Superintendent Stephenson stated this is not the best solution). The completion could be done prior to softball season, if we work quickly with the City. Superintendent Stephenson reported security/safety issues were brought to her attention by the Ocean View Elementary staff and these issues need attention regardless who is playing. A meeting with the Ocean View staff is this week. Superintendent Stephenson stated the funding source for this would be parcel tax and Assistant Superintendent Harden confirmed the district had reviewed the parcel tax language and would be utilizing prior year parcel tax funds for this purpose.

President Blanchard thanked the staff for the comprehensive information. President Blanchard requested additional information about the kindergarten yard and traffic flow from the Ocean View staff. President Blanchard asked about the Gill Tract proximity to the playing fields so information could be shared at future Board meeting discussions about Ocean View Park.

With respect to the overview of Title IX Requirements Member Rosenbaum moved and Vice President Calloway seconded to approve the Standard Field Improvements Match for Ocean View Park Field Renovations in the amount of \$22,274 from the 1999 Parcel Tax funds.

### Approve Beginning Teacher Support (BTSA) Memorandum of Understanding Between AUSD and Contra Costa County Office of Education BTSA Induction Program for the 2008-09 School Year for the Budget Costs as Attached to the MOU

Member Glasser moved and Member Rosenbaum seconded to approve the beginning teacher support (BTSA) memorandum of understanding between AUSD and the Contra Costa County Office of Education BTSA Induction Program for the 2008-09 school year for the budget costs indicated in the MOU as presented. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Member Glasser moved and Vice President Calloway seconded to approve the BTSA mentors as listed in this agenda's consent calendar. The Board was polled and passed unanimously.

Approve Change Order #8 – McGuire & Hester Construction Company,  
Cougar Field Improvement Project/Track and Field Construction for  
the Amount of \$32,981.52

With respect to the change order #8- McGuire & Hester Construction Company, Cougar Field Improvement and Project/Track and Field Construction for the amount of \$32,981.52 was moved by Member Glasser and seconded by Member Rosenbaum. The Board was polled and passed, Vice President Calloway abstained.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Facility Master Plan Committee Assignments

The Board was prepared to review and discuss facilities master plan committee assignments to determine the intended process of the potential scope of work and facility improvement for the Albany High School, MacGregor High School, Albany Middle School, Cornell School, Marin School, Ocean View School, Albany Children's Center and District Office.

President Blanchard suggested that the Board members e-mail their preferences to Superintendent Stephenson in the absence of Vice President Calloway and Member Walden. No further discussion was conducted.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading BP/ 5117 -Interdistrict Attendance

The board policy and administrative regulations were reviewed together. Superintendent Stephenson reported that she rearranged language for clarity. President Blanchard commented on the wording of childcare provider. A 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be conducted at a future Board meeting.

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading BP 4040 - Employee Use of Technology

With new laws, legal ramifications, and concerns with cyber-bullying, district staff has found it necessary to revamp our existing technology acceptable use policy to align it with current regulations and practices. Upon review of current policy, we have found it is essential to administration to establish two separate policies with regards to technology use by employees and students.

The proposed board policy and administrative regulation drafts are meant to provide sufficient clarification for these technology policy concerns.

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This item was not reviewed and would return to a future Board agenda.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading BP 6163 - Student Use of Technology

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**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

Board:

The Board complimented the Cougar Field summary.

Superintendent:

Superintendent Stephenson reported the newly lit 5:00 p.m. football games should end at 8:00 P.M.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

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| A. Lunch Program                                     | November |
| B. FCMAT   | November |
| C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Interim Report                    | December |
| D. Parks & Recreation Report                         | December |
| E. Reorganization of the Board                       | December |
| F. Small Group Reading Task Force Report             | December |
| G. Solano Avenue, Adult School & Preschool Locations |          |
| H. Albany Children's Center Report                   | April    |

**FUTURE AGENDA MEETINGS:**

- A. Tuesday, November 18, 2008 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- B. Tuesday, December 2, 2008 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany
- C. 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 10:05 P.M.



David Blusser  
Charles Blanchard, President  
Board of Education



Marla Stephenson, Superintendent  
Secretary, Board of Education