



Wright Elementary School District

Governing Board Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Governing Board Members

Robert Giffin, President
Karen Irwin Magee, Clerk
Stan Greenberg
Robin Jackson
Carolyn Dixon

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Meeting Opening 3:30 PM

Closed Session 3:31 PM

Regular Open Session 5:05 PM

Adjournment 8:15 PM

Wright District Office

4385 Price Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
(707) 542-0550
www.wrightesd.org

DRAFT 2/9/2010 11:46 AM

OPEN SESSION:

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comment regarding closed session agenda items:

CLOSED SESSION:

PROPERTY ISSUES, NEGOTIATIONS (CERTIFICATED/CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES), AND PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Conference with the Board's labor negotiator, Casey D'Angelo, regarding (Government Code 54957.6):

Negotiations with Wright Educators Association (represented certificated employees)

Negotiations with California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #835

Negotiations with unrepresented certificated employees [Administrative Employees]

Negotiations with unrepresented classified employees [Confidential Employees]

Conference with Superintendent D'Angelo regarding (Government Code 54957):

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

REGULAR OPEN SESSION:

WELCOME; CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Announce action taken in Closed Session: Board President Giffin announced that, in Closed Session, no action was taken and direction was given to the Superintendent regarding negotiations.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Consent Item 8.3 Approval of agreement with AESOP changed to Action Item 6.7.

Requests to have any agenda item heard at a specific time: Action Item 6.1 regarding Resolution #5/0910 RESIG JPA and agreement to be heard after the Principals Reports then Discussion Item 7.1 West County Transportation Agency Report and then the Superintendent's Report.

Declarations of conflict of interest from any Governing Board Member(s) abstaining from discussions and voting on any particular agenda item(s): None.

Public comment regarding any item which is not on the Open Session Agenda: None.

RECOGNITION:

2009 California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) Honor Roll School: J X Wilson School and Robert L Stevens School have been recognized as “Star” schools by CBEE. Superintendent D’Angelo presented Principals Futrell and Reagh with banners.



REPORTS:

Staff/Community Reports

CBEDS/ CALPADS Annual Report (formerly CSIS): Annual enrollment and demographic data was reported.

PACT: Minutes from the January 6th meeting were shared.

Williams Report- October to December of 2009: No complaints have been submitted.

Audit report for RESIG for 2008-09: Accepted.

Board Report: Board Member Carolyn Dixon reported on her conversation with a local resident, Mrs. Sally Dietz, regarding one of the entry pathways to Wright Charter School. The abundance of rain has flooded the pathway entry, making it difficult for students to get through without getting wet or muddy. Superintendent D’Angelo noted that district staff are working on a solution and have scheduled a civil engineer to evaluate the situation and make a recommendation as to how best to proceed.

Principals’ Reports

J X Wilson School: School Site Minutes were presented. Mrs. Futrell shared that the winter concert will now be a benefit concert for Haiti Relief. The student council will use the occasion to kick off a two-week long coin drive with all donations going to UNICEF Fund for Haiti.

Wright Charter School and Booster Club Report: The Winter Music Program will be a fundraiser as well. Mr. Rodebaugh reported that the new 5-7th grade puberty education curriculum will soon be taught as part of the school’s health curriculum. The Algebra Boost program will again be offered this year. Staff and volunteers are working on temporary garden boxes. Staff are preparing for K-8 student recruitment for the 2010-2011 school year. A showcase for recruitment will be held February 4th at 6pm. There will be a dress code meeting next week. It was noted that the last Site Council meeting did not have a quorum. Parent and Community representatives are needed to fill all Council seats. Board President Giffin requested that an update on the charter objectives of parent involvement and ecology education be presented at the next meeting.

Robert L Stevens School: School Site Council did not hold a December meeting. Mrs. Reagh noted that R. L. Stevens School will also hold a fundraiser and student council has begun the process. The goal is for every student to donate one dollar. Donations will be given to the Red Cross Fund for Haiti. All K-3 teachers have had Tool Box training and are reporting that the curriculum is delightful to teach. The perception by staff is that it will have a beneficial impact on students and families. At the next ELAC, there will be a literacy fiesta produced in partnership with the California Parenting Institute (CPI).

Approval of Resolution #05-09/10 Authorizing the Execution of the Amended Joint exercise of Powers agreement of the Redwood Empire Schools’ Insurance Group (RESIG): Brent Howatt, RESIG Director was present to answer questions. He described the process for returning unspent fund and liabilities after withdrawals and clarified that districts are only responsible for liabilities incurred during years that they are participating members.

On a motion by Greenberg, seconded by Jackson, by roll call vote, all in favor to approve.

West County Transportation Agency Report: Options for reducing the cost of bussing were discussed. Options include: Eliminate the kindergarten return route and arrange with ECC for daycare for those students until upper grades are dismissed; Consolidate routes; and reduce stops for the northern area. The board will consider options again in March and May.

Superintendent’s Report

- **Facilities Update:** A section of gas pipes at Wright Charter will be repaired and/ or replaced.
- **Art Display at Wells Fargo Center:** Student artwork will be on display for the next few months and on their website, wellsfargocenterarts.org/studentart.html.
- **Odyssey of the Mind:** Two teams from J X Wilson School and one team from Robert L Stevens School will compete. The Regional Tournament is February 27, 2010, at Santa Rosa High School. Visitors are welcome to come and observe the events.
- **Wright Charter School API:** Their 2009 Growth API has increased to 780. This was a 7 point improvement from their 2008 Base API and exceeded the 5 point goal.
- **STAR Revised Scores:** District-wide, we had met all of our goals in the summer. The CA Dept. of Education then revised the District and school scores based on results and participation in the California Modified Assessment (CMA) for students with disabilities. This test is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations. The CMA has been developed to provide more access so students can better demonstrate their knowledge of the California content standards. Due to the revision, Wright Charter School also missed its goals for 2 additional subgroups. Only 3% of students that took the CMA and scored proficient count toward the District scores and now the District did not meet the goals for the Special Education Student Subgroup.
- **Early Warning Program:** If the district does not meet its subgroup goals for the next two years, then district will be in Program Improvement. It is unlikely that the district will meet its goals as currently defined by NCLB for this subgroup.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Agreement with Sylvan Learning Center for Title I – Supplemental Educational Services: On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Dixon **all in favor to reject.**

Board members questioned various provisions of the revised contract concerning suggested deletions by the prospective vendor, the absence of a quoted hourly rate, and inadequate liability/ insurance protections for Wright District.

Approval of accepting audit by Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corp. for the 2008-09 school year: On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Jackson, all in favor to approve.

Business Manager, Gloria Chao noted and explained findings.

Approval of Consolidated Application Part II (2009-2010): On a motion by Greenberg, seconded by Irwin Magee, all in favor to approve.

Dr. D’Angelo noted that some districts combine approval for Parts I and II each year in June. This will be a discussion item on the May Board Meeting.

Approval of policy revision

Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy, Board Policy 2210

On a motion by Greenberg, seconded by Irwin Magee all in favor to approve as revised

Budget, Board Policy 3100

On a motion by Jackson, seconded by Greenberg all in favor to approve as revised.

Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies, Board Policy 3270

On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Greenberg, all in favor to approve

District Records, Board Policy 3580

On a motion by Jackson, Greenberg all in favor to approve.

School Calendar, Board Policy 6111

On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Jackson, all in favor to approve.

Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities, Board Policy 6145

On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Greenberg: **No vote taken. TABLED**

Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials, Board Policy 6161.1

On a motion by Greenberg, seconded by Jackson, all in favor to approve.

Approval of budget revisions: On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Jackson, all in favor to approve.

Approval of agreement with AESOP for substitute placement services for 2010: On a motion by Greenberg, seconded by Irwin Magee all in favor to approve.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda to give board members an opportunity to ask questions about the fiscal impact of the transition from contracting with Piner-Olivet Subfinder. It was noted that training on the new system was provided free of charge and that the annual cost is expected to be about half of what the district was paying. Also it was noted that with the online system, there are less unfilled jobs and that most substitute positions fill within half an hour.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Process and Timeline for Superintendent Evaluation: A special session board meeting will be held Monday, March 22nd. The closed session will begin at 2:20 PM and representative groups will give input to board members regarding the superintendent's evaluation beginning at 2:25 PM.

Proposed District Calendars for 2010-2011

Robert L Stevens School and Wright Charter School Traditional Calendar: Dr. D'Angelo shared local districts' efforts to collaborate and compromise on calendars. The goal is to have 180 days of bussing for the West County JPA member districts for the 2010-2011 school year. The overall reaction has been very positive.

J X Wilson School Balanced/ Modified Calendar: The proposed calendar was reviewed. The modified calendar would have 3 seasonal breaks that include an extra week for summer school style intervention classes.

Possibility of J X Wilson School becoming a Charter School: Pros and cons were discussed. There are not currently plans in place to convert J X Wilson School to a charter. As the new schedule and interventions are implemented, this may be a topic that returns to the board for discussion.

District Goals

Progress Toward Meeting 2009-2010 Goals: A progress report prepared by Dr. D'Angelo was shared and reviewed.

Planning for 2010-2011 Goals: This item will come back for discussion with the goals due for adoption in May.

Early Retirement Requests: A request has been made by Susan Crow.

Summer School Plans and Timeline: The summer school may be held at Wright Charter School. Mr. Guy Tillotson indicated his interest in continuing to administer summer school. It was discussed that due to current flexibility with funding and the changing calendar at J X Wilson School, summer school may be held for 3 weeks in July and exclude J X Wilson students. Funds allocated for JX Wilson students would be used to offer support during the intersession weeks. A decision will be made at a future board meeting. SCOE will not fund the kindergarten jump-start program but interest was expressed in continuing to offer the program to English learner students that have never attended preschool.

CONSENT ITEMS: On a motion by Greenberg, Jackson all in favor to approve with a change to the December 10, 2009 minutes.

Approval of Governing Board Minutes:

December 10, 2009 - Regular Session and Organizational Governing Board Meeting. (*The meeting was adjourned by Board President Robert Giffin, not Karen Irwin Magee.*)

January 5, 2010 - Special Session Governing Board Meeting

Approval of decreasing the mileage reimbursement rate for District employees from \$.55 per reimbursable mile to \$.50 per reimbursable mile effective January 1, 2010 (per IRS rate)

Ratification of Following District Employment Actions by Superintendent:

Offer of Employment to the Following, Contingent Upon All Employment Requirements Being Met:

Wright District

- Jeff Tobes, P.E. Teacher/Consultant, (January-March 2010)

J X Wilson School

- Elizabeth Church, After School Math Intervention Teacher (January-April 2010)
- Amy Holden, Temporary, Short-Term Instructional Assistant (January-February 2010)
- Amy Holden, Temporary, Short-Term Yard Duty (January -May 2010)
- John Lyhne, Temporary Substitute Library Manager (January 19-March 15, 2010)
- Randy Sorkin, After School Math Intervention Teacher (January-April 2010)

Robert L Stevens School

- Margo Addison, Reading Intervention Program Teacher (January-April, 2010)
- Beth Benson, GATE Enrichment Teacher/Consultant: Games (March-May 2010)
- Lynne Van Cleave, GATE Enrichment Teacher/Consultant: Storytelling (January-March 2010)

Wright Charter School

- Harmony Gooch, GATE Enrichment Teacher/Consultant (Knitting, March-May 2010)
- Beth Goodman, GATE Enrichment Teacher/Consultant (Acting, March-May 2010)
- Christina Grech, GATE Enrichment Teacher/Consultant (Knitting, March-May 2010)
- Angela Perez, Instructional Assistant – 4th/5th Science Class – January-May 2010
- Jeff Tobes, GATE Enrichment Teacher/Consultant (Chess, January-March 2010)

Approval of Warrants for 2009-2010 School Year: December 1-31, 2009

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION:

PLANNING:

Next Governing Board Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2010--Closed Session @ 3:30 p.m.; Open Session @ 5:00 p.m.

District Office and School Sites Closed:

- February 8, District and School offices closed for Lincoln's Day
- February 15, District and School offices closed for Presidents' Day

Topics for Future Board consideration

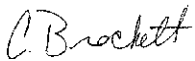
- Sonoma County Quarterly Investment Report (Oct-Dec 09)
- Adoption of Calendars for 2010-11
- Corrective Action for the June 30, 2009, Audit Report
- Superintendent Evaluation Process
- Planning for District Goals for 2010-11
- Summer school
- Early Retirement Requests
- Requests for Reduced Work Load Pre-Retirement Incentive
- Part-time leaves/shared staffing contracts
- Upper grade program at Wright Charter School
- Update on easement repair

Upcoming District and School Site Meetings, Events, Committee Meetings, Workshops

- January 27- Wright Charter School Music Concert 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Benefit for Haiti)
- January 28- JX Wilson Music Concert 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Benefit for Haiti)
- February 3- RL Stevens Music Concert 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- February 3- PACT at District Office at 1:45 pm

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION: There being no further business, board President Robert Giffin adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Submitted by:



Chelsie Brockett,
Administrative Assistant

February 5, 2010

Date

Approved by:

Robert Giffin,
Governing Board President

Date

Karen Irwin Magee,
Governing Board Clerk

Date