



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, April 15, 2010

Meeting Opening 4:15 PM

Closed Session 4:16 PM

Regular Open Session 5:00 PM

Adjournment 6:45 PM

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OPEN SESSION:

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PUBLIC COMMENTS: Robert Giffin, President of the Board, called the Meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present were Robert Giffin, Karen Irwin Magee, Carolyn Dixon, Stan Greenberg, and Robin Jackson.

Public comment regarding closed session agenda items: **None.**

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Public Employee Evaluation: District Superintendent

REGULAR OPEN SESSION:

WELCOME; CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Announce action taken in Closed Session: None

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Requests to have any agenda item heard at a specific time: None

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:

Volunteer Recognition: *Mariá Chavez*, in recognition for active and cooperative participation in tutoring and leadership.

Mrs. Chavez was present with family members. Robert Giffin read a statement of commendation and presented Mrs. Chavez with a certificate of appreciation and commendation.



REPORTS:

Staff/Community Reports

- **History Day 2010 Report:** The Sonoma County History Day Competition took place in March at Sonoma Academy. Twenty-seven students from Wright District participated with 12 different entries. Three entries won and our students are heading for the state tournament. The winning entries included 2 posters from J X Wilson School and a performance from Wright Charter School. Jeff Tobes introduced Andrew James and Jordan Pancoast with a poster and research project on the history and impact of the telephone and Trey McKeay with a poster and presentation on satellites. All participating students researched and conducted interviews with local experts to prepare their projects.

Harmony Gooch, seventh grade teacher at Wright Charter School shared that participation in History Day was required for 7th grade students and the school held a local competition with the best projects going on to the Sonoma County competition. Four 7th grade students were present and performed a section of their project: *Innovation and Change of the Polio Vaccine* regarding Jonah Salk.

- **Williams Report-** January to March 2010: None to report

Board Report

Principals' Reports

- **J X Wilson School:** Principal Jane Futrell reported that she had just received a phone call from Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Schools, notifying her that J X Willson will be receiving a California Distinguished School Award. Mrs. Futrell also spoke regarding the dedication ceremony of the Kindergarten lawn for Kainoa Richardson. Family members, volunteers, and vendors who donated supplies were present. Extended Childcare had prepared a bench and daffodils were planted. There will be a "Kai Richardson Award for the Friendliest, Kindest Student" each year.
- **Robert L Stevens School:** Principal Maxine Reagh reported on the school's recent spaghetti dinner. She noted that the event was a success and that the best part was seeing 6th graders serving the meal and rising to the occasion. Teachers are preparing for the STAR test to make sure everyone will do their very best. The Methodist church across the street from the school has contacted her to coordinate efforts to create a community garden. In addition to opportunities for students to engage in learning opportunities, all families associated with Robert L Stevens School are invited to participate and have their own plot.
- **Wright Charter School:** Principal Terrena Rodebaugh reported on the volunteer lunch that was held on Wednesday, April 14th. Staff honored several parents and placed their names on the "Above and Beyond" plaque. The community garden will be put together before the end of the school year. The garden will be 100' by 60'. Staff are hoping to have mostly have parent volunteers to work on the garden over the summer. The Wright Charter School Carnival will be on May 14 from 4-7 pm.

Superintendent's Report

- **New Principal at Robert L. Stevens School:** Superintendent D'Angelo introduced Lori Pola Hoard. She will be assuming the role of principal at Robert L. Stevens School as of July 1, 2010.
- **Projected enrollment for 2010-11 and staffing plans:** Enrollment projections were shared.

- **Facilities Update:** Plans have been completed for the back path walkway at Wright Charter School and bids will be presented at the May Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed use of funds pursuant to Tier III Categorical Program Flexibility Provisions in SBX 3 4 & SB4X 2 enacted February 20, 2009. The flexibility to transfer funds from these programs is authorized for five years-from 2008/09 through 2012/13: No comments made.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approve the use of funds transfer of categorical funds, for the 2009-10 school year, to the unrestricted General Fund pursuant to Tier III Categorical Program Flexibility Provisions in SBX3 4& SB4X 2, enacted February 20, 2009: On a motion by Jackson, seconded by Greenberg, all in favor to approve.

Tier III Program	SACS (Account Code)	2009/10 Budgeted Revenue in Gen. Fund		
		Program*	Unrestricted	Total
P E Teacher Recruitment Grant	6258		29,348	29,348
Community Based English Tutoring (CBET)	6285	9,516	10,532	20,048
Art and Music Block	6760	10,896		10,896
Peer Assistance Review (PAR)	7271	2,921	5,327	8,248
Math & Reading Professional Development	7294		1,897	1,897
Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)	7140	12,579	4,640	17,219
Professional Development (Cert. Staff Buy Back Days)	7393	10,716	53,878	64,594
Targeted Instr. Improvement Block (Supplemental Grant)	7394		31,572	31,572
Ed Tech	7110	8,220		8,220
Instr. Mat'l Funding Realignment Program	7156	13,825		13,825
School & Library Improvement Block	7395	120,123		120,123
Total		188,796	137,194	325,990

Approval of agreement with Stephen Roatch Accountancy for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 fiscal year audit services: On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Greenberg, all in favor to approve.

Adoption of Resolution #7 – 09/10 Revising the Date Upon Which Lincoln’s Day is Observed for 2010-11: On a motion by Greenberg, seconded by Jackson, all in favor to approve by roll call vote.

Adoption of Resolution #8 – 09/10 May 12, 2010, Day of the Teacher: On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Greenberg, all in favor to approve by roll call vote.

Adoption of Resolution #9 – 09/10 Declaring the Week of May 16-22, 2010, as Classified School Employee Week: On a motion by Greenberg, seconded by Jackson, all in favor to approve by roll call vote.

Approval of revised calendars for 2010-2011:

Robert L Stevens School and Wright Charter School Traditional Calendar: On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Dixon, all in favor to approve.

J X Wilson School Balanced/ Modified Calendar: On a motion by Irwin Magee, seconded by Greenberg, all in favor to approve.

Approval of Board Member compensation: Board Member Greenberg, seconded by Irwin Magee, moved that the Board Bylaw 9250 be revised with the first paragraph to be amended as follows: "Each member of the Governing Board may receive a monthly compensation of no more than \$150.00, **provided that during the 2010-11 school year, the monthly compensation shall not exceed \$125.00.**" On a vote of 4/1 the motion carried by majority vote (Giffin opposed in favor of a greater reduction).

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2010-11 Strategic Goal Area #2 Support Services: The goal was reviewed. Clerical changes were suggested and the Project Scholar program will be noted as a Service.

CalSERVES fund deficiency for 2010-2011: ASES funding is reduced. CalSERVES has made some budget cuts but are still about \$13,000 short to provide the Cool School program. About 225 students are being served. One option is to ask parents for about \$10 per month or provide funding from the district general fund. A discussion of the appropriateness of charging a fee was held. Board members expressed a desire to find a way to provide the Cool School program without charging a fee. This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Transportation Reduction for 2010-2011: The Board has twice discussed bussing this year. Transportation funding from the state has been significantly decreased. Changes for the 2010-11 school year were discussed. Some local districts are eliminating the service completely while others have significantly reduced routes. It has been proposed to possibly eliminate the afternoon kindergarten route at Wright Charter School and restructure some of the stops on the existing routes. Board members discussed pros and cons. If the kindergarten route is eliminated, students could stay in an afterschool care program until the regular afternoon route brings them home. This will be an action item at a future board meeting.

School crossing guard proposal for 2010-2011: Wright District is looking at every opportunity to reduce costs. The City of Santa Rosa will not share crossing guard costs for the 2010-11 school year, leaving the District with an additional \$13,000 cost. The District is looking into hiring our own staff instead of contracting out. The guard is only needed 30-45 minutes in the morning and afternoon. It is estimated that the District could hire its own guards and implement a crossing guard stop for Robert L. Stevens School and remain within the current budget.

Arts & Ethics Academy: Dyan Foster and other representatives from the Arts and Ethics Academy were present. They are interested in having Wright District become their chartering agency when their if their charter is not renewed with the Santa Rosa School District. The group gave an overview of their program and enrollment expectations. The school enrolls students that have not been successful in a standard school environment or who may be more successful in a small school environment. Current enrollment is 56 students. The Santa Rosa School District and the Arts and Ethics academy have had some difficulty agreeing on the projected enrollment and size of the budget for upcoming years and that is part of the reason for the academy's interest in Wright District. Also, the school is located at 950 So. Wright Road and there exists a possibility for sharing resources. Mrs. Foster noted that they have a governing board similar to a school site council and that their board is flexible as to what a partnership with Wright District would look like. The school has WASC accreditation and is working on their course eligibility for the UC system. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss possible pros and cons to the District. More information will be gathered and be presented at a later board meeting.

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

All matters listed under "Consent Items" are considered by the Board to be routine and will be acted upon by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request discussion or transfer of specific items.

Approval of Governing Board Minutes:

- March 18, 2010 - Regular Session Governing Board Meeting
- March 22, 2010 - Special Session Governing Board Meeting

Approval of Water related Field Trips

Ratification of Following District Employment Actions by Superintendent:

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

J. X. Wilson School

- Barbara Nichols, Temporary 42% teacher, shared contract with Brown, 2010/2011 school year

Robert L. Stevens School

- Lori Pola Hoard, Principal, effective August 2, 2010
- Judy Lubas, Temporary 20% teacher, shared contract with Fors-Schoellhorn, 2010/2011 school year

Wright Charter School

- Lauren Harris, Substitute ELD Instructional Assistant, April-May 2010
- Jim Kirk, Temporary 20% teacher, shared-contract with Cox, 2010/2011 school year

Approval of Leave of Absence

- Cheleise Alvillar, WCS ELD Instr. Asst., March 29-May 28, 2010
- Kim Pistey, JXW Library Manager, March 18-19, 2010

Acceptance of Resignation

- Kathleen Jacobs, RLS Instructional Assistant, effective May 28, 2010
- Maren Belland, WCS Special Day Class Instructional Assistant, effective May 28, 2010
- Susan Snow-Hern, WCS Temporary Teacher (shared contract), effective May 28, 2010

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION:

Correspondence from Mark Dobbemann, Westside Little League

Voting rights workshop notification from School and College Legal Services

PLANNING:




Next Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday May 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 20, 2010 *Please note changed time-* **Closed Session @ 3:00 p.m.; Open Session @ 4:00 p.m.**

Topics for Future Board consideration

- CalSERVES program at Napa County Office of Education (NCOE)
- Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: CLAD Emergency permits
- Goals for 2010-11
- Board Policy Approval
- 8th grade curriculum
- Misc. annual contract renewals

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

- Policy Committee TBD
- Art exhibit opening at Finley center April 16 6:00-8:00 pm
- Wellness Committee April 21 1:45-3:00 pm at District Office
- District Chess Tournament April 29 3:00- 6:00 pm at Robert L. Stevens School
- PACT May 5 1:45-3:00 pm at District Office
- Music Concerts:
 -  Wright Charter School May 7 7:00-8:00 pm
 -  J X Wilson School May 13 7:00-8:00 pm
 -  Robert L. Stevens School May 19 7:00-8:00 pm
- Open House: May 20 6:30-8:00 pm at school sites
- Retirement/Farewell Reception May 26 3:30 - 4:30 pm at District Office
- Sixth Grade Promotion May 28 at Robert L. Stevens and J X Wilson Schools
- Last Day of School May 28 All school sites
- First Day of 2010 School Year Aug 9 J X Wilson School
- Aug 18 Robert L Stevens School and Wright Charter School

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION: There being no further business, Board President Robert Giffin adjourned the meeting at 6:45.

Submitted by:

Chelsie Brockett, Date
 Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Robert Giffin Date
 Governing Board President

Karen Irwin Magee Date
 Governing Board Clerk