

Mill Valley School District Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting No. 3 – October 1, 2008

MINUTES

Trustees Present: John Duncan, Janet Miller, Paula Reynolds, Steve Sell, Judy Sherman
Administrators Present: Ken Benny, Superintendent
Kerri M. Mills, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Michele Rollins, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Terry Kritsepis, Director of Technology
Tim Ryan, Director of Maintenance & Operations
Anna Lazzarini, Mill Valley Middle School Assistant Principal
Jane McDonough, Old Mill School Principal
Lisa Zimmer, Edna Maguire School Principal

CALL TO ORDER The Mill Valley School District Board of Trustees, acting as the Governing Board of the Mill Valley School District, met in regular session at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at Edna Maguire School, 80 Lomita Drive, Mill Valley, CA. President Steve Sell called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

AGENDA & OPENING REMARKS President Sell thanked Principal Lisa Zimmer and the several staff and PTA members for hosting the meeting at Edna Maguire School, reviewed the agenda format and meeting process, and highlighted the main areas to be addressed.
M/S/C Reynolds/Sherman (5-0) to approve the Agenda.

PRESENTATION
Welcome to Edna Maguire Edna Maguire School Principal Lisa Zimmer welcomed the Board of Trustees with a harvest basket of fresh produce from the school garden. Following a tour of the garden, Ms. Zimmer reported on the school curriculum and assessment focus areas for the year, including the integration of the garden into all aspects of the educational program. Parent/garden coordinator, Saor Stetler, reported on garden activities. School staff and PTA leaders were introduced.

BOARD REPORTS Mr. Sell report: he attended the recent reception for Sironka, Maasai artist, who was in Mill Valley last year with a Maasai dance troupe, and who will be conducting batik workshops at area schools; and provided an update on Measure A campaign activities.

SUP'T REPORT Superintendent Ken Benny also spoke about Sironka being in Mill Valley; and thanked Lisa Zimmer, Katrina Kehl (PTA President) and Dave Rintelman (maintenance) for their efforts in hosting the meeting at Edna Maguire.

COMMUNICATIONS There were no communications to the Board.
CONSENT AGENDA ***M/S/C Reynolds/Sherman (5-0) to approve Consent Agenda, as follows:***
BD OPERATIONS - ***Minutes Regular Meeting of September 10, 2008.***

Minutes: Reg: 9/10/08 -; #0282-7950/8006, dated 09/10/08, for \$257,550.43; -8404/8449, dated 09/12/08, for \$313,328.71; -8775/8806, dated 09/17/08, for \$51,762.78; -9330/9357, dated 09/19/08, for \$19,613.18; -9648/9678, dated 09/24/08, for \$57,406.94.
BUSINESS/FINANCE - ***September 2008: End of Month, dated 9/23/08, for \$1,580,922.39.***
Warrants - ***Gifts – for benefit of Edna Maguire School, \$7,500 for district funding the gap commitment, from EM PTA; for MV Middle, \$2,601.69 for library; \$1,193.80 for Principal's & Assistant Principal's Funds, from MVMS PTSA; for MVMS, \$150 from J. Dentkos-Hearn and \$150 donation from Levi Strauss Foundation, matching gift for J. Dentkos-Hearn's participation in Levi Strauss & Co's employee community involvement program.***

Payroll Certifications - ***Personnel Agenda #0809-3.***
Gifts: EM PTA, MVMS
PTSA, Dentkos-Hearn;
Levi Strauss Fdtn.

PERSONNEL
PA #0809-3
REGULAR AGENDA
STUDENT LEARNING
Sufficient Instructional materials for 2008-09 Each school district is required to hold a public hearing annually and adopt a resolution declaring sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials that are aligned to the academic standards in math, science, history-social science and English/language arts. As required, the District posted a public notice at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
Public Hearing: President Steve Sell conducted a public hearing regarding sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for students for 2008-09. As there was no public comment, the hearing was closed and the following action taken.
Sufficient Materials 08-09 ***M/S/C Duncan/Sherman (5-0 by roll call vote) to adopt Resolution #4-08/09: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2008-09.***

Res. #4-08/09: Sufficient Instructional materials

Parent Survey

Superintendent Ken Benny presented an overview of the annual parent survey conducted in spring 2008. This was the 6th year that the survey was conducted on-line, with a significant increase from 2007 in the number of respondents. Mr. Benny reported that parent perceptions are very positive in many areas, including the District's communication efforts and methods. He also reviewed some of the strategies for the 2009 survey. Discussion and comments followed.

**BOARD OPERATIONS
Wms. Uniform
Complaints**

Superintendent Ken Benny presented the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the period July-September 2008, saying that no complaints were received.

**BP/AR 6164.6: Section
504 Identification**

Dr. Kerri Mills, Assistant Superintendent, presented for first reading the pertinent changes in Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6164.6: Identification & Education under Section 504.

**- Motion: BP/AR 6164.6
ID under Section 504**

M/S/C Reynolds/Miller (5-0) to approve 1st reading of Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6164.6: Identification & Education under Section 504.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE
State Budget Update**

Dr. Michele Rollins, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services, reported on recent School Services of California conference regarding the state budget and the effects on the district, including possible mid-year reductions and 0% COLA recommendation for 2009-10. Dr. Rollins also reported that the County of Marin treasury, which manages our district funds, is expected to maintain its AAA rating; and that the County maintains conservative investments. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sell announced that there will be a Board Study Session on student learning on Wednesday, October 22 at Mill Valley Middle School and that the next regular business meeting will be Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the District Administrative Office and adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Benny, Superintendent & Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Date of Approval:

These are unofficial minutes subject to approval by the Governing Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.