

Mill Valley School District Board of Trustees

Special Meeting No. 9 – March 22, 2006

MINUTES

Trustees Present: John Duncan, Monib Khademi, Laura Murphy, Paula Reynolds, Steve Sell

Administrators Present: Ken Benny, Superintendent
Kerri M. Mills, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent
Michele Rollins, Ed.D., Chief Business Official
Chris Lincoln, Director of Technology
Brian Moran, Director of Maintenance & Operations
Whitney Hoyt, Mill Valley Middle School Principal
Anna Lazzarini, Mill Valley Middle School Assistant Principal
Jane McDonough, Old Mill School Principal
Leslie Thornton, Strawberry Point School Principal

Finance Advisory (CFAC) Members Present: Mike Fuchs
Frank Sabella

CALL TO ORDER The Mill Valley School District Board of Trustees, acting as the Governing Board of the Mill Valley School District, met in special session at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the Mill Valley School District Administrative Office, 411 Sycamore Avenue, Mill Valley, CA. President Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

CLOSED SESSION As there was no public comment, the board recessed to Closed Session at 5:33 PM to consider Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Administrative/Management/Certificated; and Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: significant exposure to litigation; two cases. The Closed Session was recessed at 6:45 PM.

RECONVENE & REPORT OUT Ms. Reynolds reconvened the meeting to Public Session at 7:05 PM at Mill Valley Middle School, 424 Sycamore Avenue, Mill Valley, CA. and reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

AGENDA *M/S/C Khademi/Duncan (5-0) to approve agenda.*

PUBLIC COMMENT - General Fifth grade students from Edna Maguire School spoke about concerns with computer equipment at the school. Parent Mari Allen presented the Board with results of a survey of teachers at Edna Maguire regarding technology.

INTRODUCTION Superintendent Benny made introductory remarks regarding this study session, the second meeting in a series to focus on a single topic, and which will serve as part of the budget building process. Mr. Benny said that this session was for a dialogue about finance in the District, both short and long term.

STAFF PRESENTATION Dr. Michele Rollins, CBO, reviewed the meeting packet contents, which included District goals; District mission; questions asked as a Professional Learning Community; “Questions Every Board Member Should Ask About Your District Budget”, developed by Marin County Trustee/District Business Officials Budget Committee; General Fund Historical Trend; Comparison of Adopted 2005-06 Budget Unrestricted Funds of several local or comparable districts; Dr. Rollins presentation on Budget Development and Long-Term Finances; several Budget Decision Packages; and Input from Budget Meetings with School Staffs, Kiddo, PTA Council and Administrative Council (AC). Following Dr. Rollins presentation, Mr. Benny reported on the process for creation of the Budget Decision Packages, and briefly reviewed each one. He said that tonight’s discussion should provide clarity about the most important and impacting issues for the AC to focus on at its budget retreat.

PUBLIC COMMENT In response to a concern expressed about the responsibilities associated with laptops on carts at the schools, it was reported that there is a plan for implementation at various grade levels. Other comments referred to the comprehensive presentation and information provided.

BOARD DISCUSSION The Board directed questions and comments to staff and other participants, followed by in-depth discussion and dialogue among Board, staff and CFAC members. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Benny, Dr. Rollins and staff for the presentation and thanks extended to all who participated in the meeting.

ADJOURN

Ms. Reynolds announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Mill Valley School District Administrative Office and adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Benny, Superintendent & Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Date of Approval:

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