

# Victor Elementary School District

## MINUTES

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WED, January 14, 2015, 6:00 pm

Location: District Office, 12219 2nd Ave., Victorville, CA

The regular board meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at the district office board room, 12219 Second Ave., Victorville. The meeting began at 6:04 p.m.

#### **Members:**

PRESENT: Joyce Chamberlain, President; Gabriel Stine, Vice President; Gary Elder, Clerk; Clayton Moore and Karen Morgan (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

#### **Public Verbal Comments**

1. Receive Public Verbal Comments Regarding Closed Session Items: None

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/RELEASE/RESIGNATION: Act to Approve Personnel Reports #15-07 with Addendum(s)

Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Gabriel Stine, and followed by a 4-0 vote (Karen Morgan was absent), the board approved the personnel reports with addenda as presented.

3. REVIEW PUPIL SERVICES REPORT (Mrs. Benitez)

The board reviewed the pupil services report:

- A. Expulsion of student #97857
- B. Readmit student #258012

4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

District Representative: Maureen Mills  
Employee Organizations: V.E.T.A. and C.S.E.A.

5. RECEIVE LIABILITY CLAIMS UPDATE (Mrs. Betts)

6. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Review superintendent's contract

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

The board adjourned closed session at 6:54 p.m. and entered regular session at 7:06 p.m.

7. Pledge of Allegiance

8. Report Actions Taken in Closed Session

The action taken in closed session above was reported out to the public.

9. Review Board Protocol

Communication Section #1: During a meeting, board members, when interacting with the public, will not make statements that could be interpreted as having full board concurrence.

10. Review of Basic #3

VESD Basic #3: The Professional Guidelines for Common Courtesy are the standards for our conduct.

11. Special Recognition Item

Dr. Stine led the board in a moment of silence in remembrance of former board member Willie Pringle who passed away last week. Thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and the rest of the family. Dr. Stine said Willie was 100% about kids and served without an agenda. Willie Pringle was the definition of a school board member. He will be greatly missed.

**Communication Session**

12. Public Verbal Comments: None

13. V.E.T.A. Report

Penny D. Smith reported that things have been going smoothly, and teachers are pleased to have the new principals in place. Penny expressed condolences upon the death of Willie Pringle. He will be missed.

14. C.S.E.A. Report

Rhonda Heathcoat reported that the classified teams were busy during the winter break working at the schools. She thanked the board for all they do, and is looking forward to continuing the great relationship.

15. Superintendent Comments

(1) Superintendent Jan Gonzales reported on the recent CSBA (Calif. School Boards Assn.) conference which was very informational and featured excellent keynote speakers. It was a pleasure to be recognized and receive the Golden Bell Award at the conference. (2) The district has 90 teachers eligible to participate in the community "It s a Gas to Teach Class" program. (3) Mrs. Gonzales expressed condolences for the Pringle family. (4) Special thanks goes to the classified staff who worked on the freezing pipes and leaky roofs.

16. Board Member Comments

(1) Gary Elder expressed his condolences and shared memories about Willie Pringle. (2) Gabriel Stine reported on the CSBA conference and said he was very proud to see VESD receive the Golden Bell Award. The breakout sessions were good, and the board governs closely to the CSBA guidelines. (3) Karen Morgan shared memories of Willie Pringle. (4) Clayton Moore invited the audience to take a look at the display of materials he brought back

from the CSBA conference. Mr. Moore shared insight from MLK Day and spoke about freedom of speech. (5) Joyce Chamberlain said she is honored to serve as board president. While at the CSBA conference, she heard negative comments and complaining from other districts board members, and it made her proud of the great staff and teamwork in our district. She thanked the staff for all they do, and hopes the district will received Golden Bell Award #2 in the future. Mrs. Chamberlain shared fond memories of Willie Pringle.

### **Information Items**

17. RECOGNITION OF 2014 PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD (Mrs. Gonzales)

The district recognized and expressed appreciation to the 2014 board president, Karen Morgan, and vice-president, Joyce Chamberlain, for their service.

18. FIRST READING OF BOARD BYLAW 9250 (Dr. Elder)

Dr. Elder proposed a revision to Board Bylaw 9250 regarding an increase to the board member stipend. There was no discussion or questions from the board members.

19. RECEIVE 2013/2014 DISTRICT AUDIT (Mrs. Jauregui)

The District's Auditor, Jeff Nigro, CPA of Nigro & Nigro, has completed the 2013-2014 audit. Copies have been forwarded to the appropriate State and County agencies. Copies are also available at the District Office for review by any interested parties.

20. RECEIVE MONITORING REPORT (Mrs. Gonzales)

The board received the monthly monitoring report.

21. RECEIVE MONTHLY CONFERENCE REPORT (Ms. Clark)

The monthly conference report was presented.

22. RECEIVE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION REPORT (Mrs. Benitez)

The board received the monthly attendance recognition report.

23. RECEIVE MONTHLY SUSPENSION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2014 (Mrs. Benitez)

The board received the monthly suspension report.

### **Consent Items (Items 24-31)**

Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Gabriel Stine, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved all consent items listed below (items 23-29).

24. Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2014, Regular Board Meeting

25. Approve District Warrants

26. Approve 2015-2016 Budget Calendar

27. Approve Updated 2014-15 School Site Plan for Brentwood School of Environmental Studies

28. Act to Approve Updated County Form No. 1, Certification of Board Minutes
29. Approve Quarterly Contracts List for October - December 2014
30. Act to Approve Donation for Park View School from Federal Corrections Complex in Victorville of 50 computer CPUs, mice and keyboards
31. Approve Volunteers for West Palms, Green Tree East, Mojave Vista, Sixth Street, Park View, and Mountain View Montessori schools

## **ACTION ITEMS**

32. ACT TO APPROVE PUPIL SERVICES REPORT (Mrs. Benitez)  
Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Karen Morgan, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the pupil services report as presented.  
  
A. Expulsion of student #97857  
B. Readmit student #258012
33. ACT TO APPROVE MATH ADOPTION (Ms. Clark)  
So that each pupil in kindergarten through sixth grade in the Victor Elementary School District will have math instructional materials aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), a math pilot was completed. Staff reviewed math textbooks that were state board approved and voted on the selection that best aligned with CCSS for our district. A majority of the staff have voted for the Envision math program. Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Karen Morgan, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the math adoption Envision as presented.
34. ACT TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL SPEECH THERAPIST POSITION (Mrs. Mills)  
We have determined that there is a need to establish one new Language Speech and Hearing Specialist Position due to the increasing number of students requiring speech services. It is recommended that one additional Language Speech and Hearing Specialist Position be established. Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Clayton Moore, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved establishing the new position of Language Speech and Hearing Specialist effective January 15, 2015.
35. ACT TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT OF SPEECH THERAPISTS, NATASHA STUMPF AND RACHEL GILES ON THE BASIS OF A SUBSEQUENT VARIABLE TERM WAIVER (Mrs. Mills)  
The district actively seeks to employ fully credentialed speech therapists. There is a statewide shortage in this profession and we have an ongoing need to find qualified candidates. Natasha Stumpf and Rachel Giles have been performing the duties and making excellent progress towards their goal of earning their Speech Credentials. Upon a motion by Gabriel Stine, seconded by Karen Morgan, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the employment of Natasha Stumpf and Rachel Giles as speech therapists on the basis of a Subsequent Variable Term Waiver.
36. ACT TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM FOR

SERVICES ON PROJECTS INCLUDING "MEASURE E PROJECTS" FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS (Mr. Etter)

The District solicited several firms through a Request for Qualifications/Proposal (RFQ/RFP) process. One firm responded with a proposal, WLC Construction Services, Inc. Upon a motion by Gabriel Stine, seconded by Karen Morgan, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the appointment of the construction management firm WLC Construction Services, Inc., for construction projects over a period of 5 years.

37. ACT TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM FOR SERVICES ON PROJECTS INCLUDING "MEASURE E PROJECTS" FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS (Mr. Etter)

The District solicited several firms through an RFQ/RFP (request for quote/request for proposal) process and has selected WLC Architects for recommendation to the Board. Upon a motion by Karen Morgan, seconded by Gary Elder, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the appointment of WLC Architects for a period of five years, as presented.

38. ACT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-01 APPROVING THE ANNUAL AND FIVE YEAR REPORTABLE FEES REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 66006 AND 66001 (Mr. Etter)

The district has received and expended statutory and/or alternative school facilities fees for the construction and/or modernization of school facilities in order to accommodate students. Pursuant to Government Code Section 66006(a), the district is required to deposit the reportable fees collected into a separate capital facilities account. Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Gabriel Stine, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved Resolution 15-01 in compliance with Government Code.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Karen Morgan, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.