

Victor Elementary School District

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WED, December 9, 2009, 7:00 pm

Location: Liberty School, 12900 Amethyst Rd, Victorville, CA

The regular board meeting of the Victor Elementary School District was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at Liberty Elementary School, 12900 Amethyst Rd., Victorville, California. The meeting began at 7:08 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance

Members:

PRESENT: Karen Morgan, President (arrived at 7:10 p.m.); Timothy G. Hauk, Clerk; Dr. Gary Elder, Dr. Gabriel Stine, and Willie Davis Pringle

REGULAR SESSION

1. Review VESD Basic #13:

The board reviewed Basic #13: We celebrate and recognize each other's accomplishments.

2. Review of VESD Way - Psychological Health (Dr. Marsden)

The board reviewed the Psychological Health component of the VESD Way.

School Report

3. RECEIVE LIBERTY SCHOOL REPORT (Mrs. Cammon)

Principal Ailene Cammon and staff presented the school's action plan to achieve the district mission.

Communication Session

4. Public Verbal Comments: None

5. V.E.T.A. Report

(1) Nancee Fine introduced herself and said it's nice to be home at Liberty where she taught for 17 years. Liberty's growth and success is exciting. (2) Nancee attended the Fall Leadership Conference along with Dr. Dale Marsden and she has received positive feedback. (3) Nancee reported on the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference she attended recently. (4) Nancee said she appreciated the opportunity to give cost savings input at the first transportation meeting. (5) She's looking forward to communicating to the public, in this election year, about legislative effects on school district budgets. (6) Nancee said she appreciates the efforts and time given to VETA.

6. C.S.E.A. Report: None

7. Board Members Comments

(1) Gary Elder reported on the Victorville Christmas Parade he attended, saying the new music teacher at West Palms did a great job with their group. Dr. Elder congratulated Liberty on their 57 point increase on test scores. (2) Willie Pringle reported on the CSBA Conference that he attended with the rest of the team. He found the "going green" and transportation workshops very interesting in looking at ways to save money. (3) Gabriel Stine reported on the CSBA Conference saying he was excited to hear Lori Clark's presentation on Special Education. He is extremely proud to be part of this district which values staff development to enhance skill and knowledge. This is the reason our district is leaps and bounds ahead of other districts. This needs to be a core value for us even though there are budget reductions as a result of tough economic times. Staff development needs to always be a priority. (4) Karen Morgan said we need to make Sacramento accountable to give school districts the money promised to them. School board members throughout the state are very concerned, and some districts are in a much worse condition than ours. (5) Karen Morgan said the CSBA Conference was excellent, however, it was sad to see that the attendance was down due to budgetary concerns. (6) The board congratulates the Liberty team on their great success. (7) Willie Pringle thanked Ailene Cammon and Linda Mikels for their outstanding presentation at the CSBA Conference.

8. Superintendent's Comments

(1) Dr. Dale Marsden complimented Liberty for taking accountability and responsibility for their actions (no excuses) and focusing on progress. Other districts are contacting us to find out what we are doing to be so successful. (2) Daniel Pink's book, "A Whole New Mind," and another one of his new books confirm that our district is moving in the right direction. (3) Lori Clark's presentation at the California School Boards Association Conference on saving costs in Special Education was outstanding. Our district has one of the lowest special education rates in the country. Linda Mikels and Ailene Cammon also had an excellent presentation at the CSBA Conference. Many school board members from throughout the state stayed after the presentation to find out more. (4) Our district is looking into retirement incentives, Race to the Top funding, etc., and will not leave any stone unturned. Information from the Fall Leadership CTA Conference was that these budget cuts are not short-term, but will go for at least five years. Cabinet will visit all sites to discuss the budget process, as we involve our stakeholders in decisions. There will be a stakeholders meeting at the fairgrounds on Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. and another one in February to discuss budget concerns. (5) Dr. Marsden announced that there will be a reception on Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m. to congratulate Denise Edge on her promotion.

Recess

The board took a brief recess at 7:52 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:09 p.m.

Information Items

9. RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS AWARDS (Dr. Marsden)
The applications for Sixth Street Prep and West Palms Conservatory(draft) Distinguished Schools Awards were presented for the board's review.
10. RECEIVE MONITORING REPORT (Dr. Marsden)
The board reviewed the updated district Monitoring Report.
11. RECEIVE DISTRICT DASHBOARD REPORT (Mrs. Mikels)

The updated Dashboard Report was presented for the board's information.

12. REVIEW CHAPTER 9 OF BOOK, "DISRUPTING CLASS" (Dr. Marsden)

The board reviewed Chapter 9 of the book, "Disrupting Class - How Disruptive Innovation Will Change the Way the World Learns," by Clayton Christensen, 2008 Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts.

13. RECEIVE WILLIAMS QUARTERLY REPORT (Mrs. Clark)

The Williams Quarterly Report was reviewed with the board.

14. RECEIVE OCTOBER 2009 SUSPENSION REPORT (Mrs. Clark)

During the month of October 2009, approximately 98.9% of the Victor Elementary School District's student population presented themselves with proper conduct. The suspension report was reviewed with the board.

15. REVIEW BOARD PROTOCOLS (Dr. Elder)

Dr. Gary Elder asked that the board review Board Bylaw 9400 regarding board protocols.

Consent Items (Items 16-22)

Upon a motion by Gabriel Stine, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved all consent items listed below (items 16-22).

16. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

(click on Minutes in the left column, then select date)

17. Approve District Warrants

18. Approve Volunteers at Puesta del Sol, Galileo, Challenger, Liberty, Brentwood, Park View and West Palms schools

Puesta del Sol volunteer: Ricardo Flores

Galileo Academy volunteer: Eileen Patterson

19. Approve Donation for Discovery School to be used for instructional supplies

Edison Employee Contributions, in the amount of \$188.22 (Felix Alonzo \$24.00, Joseph Baker \$89.22 and Robert Morse \$75.00)

Edison International, Edison Gifts, in the amount of \$164.22 (Joseph Baker \$89.22 and Robert Morse \$75.00)

Explorer Parent Support Group, checks in the amount of \$408.24 and \$1790.00.

20. Approve Donation to Brentwood School: \$623.50 from Herff Jones to be used for instructional supplies

21. Approve Donation to Liberty School from Southern California Edison in the amount of \$60 to be used for instructional material for 5th & 6th grade

22. Approve Donations to The Academy

\$574.56 from Hanh (Lisa) Doan and Minh Tran for the purchase of a carpet for the kindergarten classroom; and \$1,905.72 from Hanh (Lisa) Doan and Minh Tran for the purchase of a laminator.

Action Items

23. ACT TO APPROVE FIRST INTERIM REPORT (Mrs. Betts)

Upon a motion by Gabriel Stine, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board directed its president to certify that, based on current conditions, the district will be able to meet its financial obligations for this year and the ensuing two years; and approved changes to the district's budget through October 31, 2009.

24. ACT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-27 TO AUTHORIZING ONGOING BOARD APPROVED BUDGET REDUCTIONS BASED ON THE GOVERNOR'S JULY ENACTED BUDGET FOR FIRST INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING (Mrs. Betts)

Upon a motion by Timothy Hauk, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved Resolution #09-27 authorizing ongoing board approved budget reductions based on the Governor's July Enacted Budget for First Interim financial reporting.

25. ACT TO ELECT THE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 (Dr. Marsden)

The representative serves to vote at the county committee on school district organization's annual meeting, to fill any vacant committee positions. The county committee reviews requests on unification and/or transfers of territory. The board representative for 2009 was Gabriel Stine. Upon a motion by Gabriel Stine, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board elected Karen Morgan as the voting representative for 2010.

26. ACT TO ELECT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 (Dr. Marsden)

The clerk will run board meetings in the president's absence and will serve as signator on all actions requiring board certification. The clerk for 2009 was Tim Hauk. Willie Pringle nominated Gary Elder who declined. Gary Elder nominated Willie Pringle who declined. Upon a motion by Willie Pringle, seconded by Timothy Hauk, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board elected Gabriel Stine as clerk of the board for 2010.

27. ACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 (Dr. Marsden)

The president of the board is in charge of the board meetings and serves as the spokesperson on behalf of the board. The 2009 board president was Karen Morgan. Gabriel Stine nominated Timothy Hauk and Willie Pringle seconded the motion; motion died as Tim Hauk declined the nomination. Karen Morgan nominated Gary Elder who declined. Upon a motion by Willie Pringle, seconded by Gabriel Stine, and followed by a 3-2 vote (Tim Hauk and Gary Elder voted no), the board elected Karen Morgan as president of the board for 2010.

CLOSED SESSION

The board recessed at 8:52 p.m. before entering closed session at 9:05 p.m.

28. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/RELEASE/RESIGNATION: Act to Approve Certificated, Classified and Charter Personnel Reports #10-07 with Addendums

Upon a motion by Timothy Hauk, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the

board approved all items on the personnel reports/addendums as presented.

Report Actions Taken in Closed Session

The board returned to regular session at 9:24 p.m. and reported out to the public on all actions taken in closed session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Timothy Hauk, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board adjourned at 9:25 p.m.