

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COTATI-ROHNERT PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES –JANUARY 27, 2009

President Pulley called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Creekside Middle School Presentation Hall, 5154 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park.

Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Salute to the Flag

Trustees in attendance for Public Session were Karyn Pulley Ed Gilardi, George Steffensen, Leffler Brown, and Eric Kirchmann. Student Member Kacie Lesky was absent.

Trustees in Attendance

CFO J. Wade Roach requested that item 6-A-1, “Consider Acceptance of the 2007-08 Independent Auditor’s Report,” be moved before the (#5)Demographer’s Report. On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Brown, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the agenda, as amended.

Agenda Amended and Adopted

With regard to 6-A-1, “Consider Acceptance of the 2007-08 Independent Auditor’s Report,” Stephen Roatch, of Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation presented findings and recommendations from the audit of 07-08. He reported that two prior year findings had been fully implemented. He made a recommendation that future general fund transfers from the building fund be discontinued until a final legal determination can be made at the state level. On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Kirchmann, Trustees voted 5-0 to accept the 2007-08 Independent Auditor’s Report.

Auditor’s Report

Brett Merrick of SchoolWorks, Inc. presented updated demographic information for the District, showing the continuation of declining enrollment with stabilization not projected for another 6-8 years out.

Demographer’s Report

With regard to item 6-A-2, "Consider Discussion of Required Budget Reductions for 2008/09 and 2009/10," CFO J. Wade Roach presented information on the State budget and the District's budget reduction and stabilization needs. The County Office of Education has directed the Board to make structural changes in the unrestricted general fund to prevent fiscal insolvency. They have advised that reductions to the 08-09 school year budget must be made before February 15.

Discussion of Required Budget Reductions 2008/09 and 2009/10

Mr. Roach also presented 2 potential budget reduction scenarios to the Board for their consideration and discussion. The Budget Stabilization presentation and Scenarios #1 and #2 will be posted on the district website and copies will be available to the public at the District Office.

President Pulley opened Public Comment regarding the 08/09 and 09/10 Budget Reductions. The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Raghda Zacharia, Parent
- Tim Decker, RCHS Band Teacher
- Sally Reagan, Elementary Music Teacher
- Gary Sciford, Parent
- John Metras, Retired Music Teacher
- Katherine S., Student
- Dan Larkin, Elementary Music Teacher
- Vicki Peterson, Parent
- John Nykamp, Parent
- Thomas Hansen, Parent
- Katie C., Student
- Donna McKenna, Middle School Athletic Director
- Yvonne Murray, School Office Sect., RCHS
- Nichole Lahee, Parent
- Will F., Student
- Kevin Smart, MSABC
- Val Easton, Teacher
- Robert Coleman-Senghor, Community Member
- Rich Levine, IT
- Margo Baney, Parent
- Nikki Bannister, Community Member
- Erin Mitchell, Parent
- Enid Pickett, Teacher
- Bill Nelson, Community Member
- Wendy Martin-Miller, Parent
- Kathy O'Daniel, Parent
- Joelle Burnette, Parent

After Community Input, the Board began discussion of the information presented. They reviewed Scenarios #1 and #2 and asked that staff bring additional information to the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Staff will also address questions on February 10<sup>th</sup> that are submitted by the community. An email link will be placed on the district website for the community to submit questions.

President Pulley asked trustees to bring their calendars to the February meeting so that an additional special Board meeting date can be selected.

There being no further business, Board President Pulley adjourned the meeting at 10:15 PM

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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Karyn Pulley, Board President

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Barbara Vrankovich, Secretary

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