

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COTATI-ROHNERT PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2007

President Kirchmann called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Creekside Middle School Gymnasium at 5154 Snyder Lane, RP. Call to Order

Trustees in attendance were Eric Kirchmann, George Steffensen, Leffler Brown, Karyn Pulley and Ed Gilardi. Student Board Members were absent. Trustees in Attendance

On a motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Pulley, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda. Agenda Adopted

Spanish Language interpreter services were available to those needing assistance. Spanish Language Interpreter Services

With regard to Item 4-A “Demographer’s Report,” Brett Merrick, of School Works presented the Report which included current information on birth rate trends, enrollment history and projections, capacity and current and projected enrollment by site, and projections of the potential future housing developments. The report is to be posted on the district website. Demographer’s Report

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment of this item:

- Paul Murphy, Evergreen parent
- Raghda Zacharia, District parent
- Bill Rhodes, Waldo Rohnert parent
- Emmanuel Huereca, Evergreen parent

Trustees discussed the report and asked clarifying questions of Mr. Merrick.

With regard to item 4-B “Presentation of Criteria and Information Pertinent to Elementary School Closure(s),” Superintendent Barbara Vrankovich and Chief Financial Officer J. Wade Roach presented a PowerPoint which included: Presentation of Criteria and Information Pertinent to Elementary School Closure(s)

- A review of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Team’s (FCMAT) three District budget scenarios: 1) with no school closure(s), 2) if one school closure occurs, 3) if two school closures occur.
- The criteria for school closure(s) which were based on the findings of the District “711” Committee Final Report of January 10, 2006.
- Results of the parent and employee surveys that were conducted

- Answers to the questions that were raised by the public at the Community Forums on October 18 and 23

Presentation of Criteria and Information Pertinent to Elementary School Closure(s)
(continued)

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding this item:

- Mark Galipeau, President, Rohnert Park Cotati Educators Assoc
- Chris Borr, Chair of Former 711 Committee
- Carrie Newcomer, District Parent

Trustees discussed the criteria for school closure(s) and suggested modifications. Trustee Kirchmann asked that the criteria include the condition of facilities; that the projected residential growth criteria be based upon present trends of number of actual students from added housing; and added criteria that would look at the percentage of students leaving the district by individual site.

Trustee Pulley asked that information regarding the number of students in the GATE Program at Marguerite Hahn and Waldo Rohnert be provided as part of the composition of the student population.

Trustee Steffensen suggested incorporating the topics of test scores and access to support services somehow into the criteria. Trustees Pulley and Kirchmann discussed their concerns about using test scores as criteria.

Superintendent's staff will modify the criteria according to the board's discussions for the November 13 meeting.

There being no further business, President Kirchmann adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:35 PM.

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session

The meeting was reconvened to Public Session at 9:57 PM.

Reconvene to Public Session / Closed Session Action

President Kirchmann read out Closed Session action taken: On a motion by Trustee Gilardi, seconded by Trustee Pulley the Board voted 5-0 to issue subpoenas in a student expulsion case.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Kirchmann, Board President

Barbara Vrankovich, Secretary

MINUTES ADOPTED: November 13, 2007