

ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2615 Sierra Meadows Drive Rocklin, CA 95677

Todd Lowell, *President*
Greg Daley, *Vice President*
Camille Maben, *Clerk*
Wendy Lang, *Member*
Susan Halldin, *Member*



JANUARY 7, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES — 7:00 P.M.

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**— President Todd Lowell called the regular meeting of the Rocklin Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 7:05 p.m., January 7, 2015, in the District Administration Office located at 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677. A quorum was established.

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Todd Lowell, *President*
 Greg Daley, *Vice President*
 Camille Maben, *Clerk*
 Wendy Lang, *Member*
 Susan Halldin, *Member*

Trustee(s) Absent:

Student Representative: Trevor Bohatch, *Rocklin High School*

Administrative Staff: Roger Stock, *Superintendent*; Deborah Sigman, *Deputy Superintendent Educational Services*; Barbara Patterson, *Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations*; Colleen Slattery, *Assistant Superintendent Human Resources*; Sue Wesselius, *Senior Director*; Marty Flowers, *Director*; Karen Huffines, *Director*; Mike Fury, *Chief Technology Officer*; David Bills, *Principal Rocklin High School*, Kathy Goddard, *Principal Cobblestone Elementary School*.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Trevor Bohatch introduced the Whitney High School AFJROTC Color Guard then led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 **AUDIENCE/VISITORS PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – Todd Lowell welcomed all visitors and invited them to speak on agenda items at the conclusion of the Board’s discussion. He also invited visitors to speak at this time regarding non-agenda items and announced that the public portion of the meeting would be recorded. The following comments regarding non-agenda items were noted:

David Bills, Principal Rocklin High School (RHS), thanked the Board of Trustees for their part in hiring him nine years ago and for their support during his time with RUSD. As he leaves to pursue a new leadership position with the Yuba City Unified School District, he thanked Rocklin for the investment made in him and his family. Todd Lowell thanked Bills for his outstanding character and leadership, always modeling integrity with both staff and students. Lowell wished him all the best as he expands his leadership touch in a new District. Wendy Lang thanked Bills for his support as a parent of an RHS student and shared how she appreciated the graceful ways Bills dealt with issues. Camille Maben shared that one of the most unique jobs as an educator is being a High School Principal. Principals spend an enormous amount of time on nights and weekends working with students and parents to provide the best experience possible. Maben expressed gratitude to Bills for his faithful service to RUSD and thanked his family for sharing and supporting him all these years. Student Trustee member Trevor Bohatch thanked Bills for his support and shared that his he will be greatly missed by students and staff.

- 5.0 **COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)** – Student Representative Trevor Bohatch provided a detailed report on a variety of District-wide events happening at elementary and secondary schools.
- 6.0 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT** – Wendy Lang welcomed all in attendance back from winter break and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Greg Daley shared his gratitude for David Bills’ leadership in the District and wished him all the best in his new position. Daley also and thanked Breen for their representation at the evening’s Board meeting. He shared it was nice to see teachers taking the extra time out of their busy schedules to represent teaching staff in the District. Camille Maben wished all a Happy New Year. Susan Halldin shared that she kicked off the new year with tours at various RUSD school sites and is looking forward to getting to know sites better and continuing to learn. Todd Lowell thanked fellow Board members and Superintendent Stock for their commitment to the District and for taking the time in December to attend the California School Board Association’s Annual Board meeting. Roger Stock wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the RUSD facilities team for the outstanding work they did during the December storm season keeping sites open and in excellent working condition for students and staff.
- 7.0 **ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT CALENDAR**
- 7.1 **BOARD MINUTES** – Request to approve Board minutes.
7.1.1 Dec 11, 2014 (Special Meeting, Organizational Meeting)
- 7.2 **CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Certificated Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)
- 7.3 **CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)
- 7.4 **AGREEMENT FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES THROUGH SPURR** – Request renewal of agreement to purchase natural gas from SPURR. (Barbara Patterson)
- 7.5 **CHANGE ORDER NO. 01 FOR THE WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL 2014 RELOCATABLES, ASPHALT REPLACEMENT AT THE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER AND EXTERIOR PAINTING AT PARKER WHITNEY, ROCKLIN ELEMENTARY AND TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY** – Request to approve Change Order No. 01 in the amount of \$19,630.12 and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to sign on its behalf. (Sue Wesselius)
- 7.6 **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP(S)** – Request to approve the following overnight field trips. (Deborah Sigman)
- 7.6.1 Whitney High School students, grades 9 – 12, to participate in an ASB Retreat Overnight Field Trip at Tamarack Lodge in Truckee, CA, (January 10 – January 11, 2015).
- 7.6.2 Sunset Ranch Elementary School students, grades 4, to participate in an Overnight Field Trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium, in Monterey, CA, (January 20 – Jan 21, 2015).

Following this a **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Susan Halldin to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Lang – aye, Daley – aye, Maben – aye, Halldin – aye, Lowell– aye.

8.0 **ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 8.1 **2013-14 AUDIT REPORT** – Barbara Patterson introduced Peggy VandeVooren with Gilbert Associates, Inc., who performed the District’s annual independent financial audit as required by education code. VandeVooren presented an overview of the results of the 2013-14 Audit Report, pointing out that the District was given full approval, with no findings, adjustments or recommendations for correction and certified the accuracy of the District’s financial accounting. Greg Daley and Wendy Lang shared that they appreciated Gilbert Associates’ diligent work on the report and their flexibility in adjusting to Board schedules. Daley and Lang were impressed in the thorough work presented, with no findings, and acknowledged the nice job they did working with school sites. Todd Lowell thanked RUSD’s business department staff for their exceptional work on the audit report and recognized that the District should be proud of the fact that no findings, adjustments or recommendations were made, an outstanding result for an organization this size

A **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Greg Daley to approve the final audit report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 **REPLACEMENT OF OLD RELOCATABLES AND THE ADDITION OF NEW RELOCATABLES AT GRANITE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Sue Wesselius, Senior Director, Facilities and Operations, together with Mitch McAllister, President, California Design West Architects, Inc., presented a report for approval on proceeding with design work at Granite Oaks Middle School for replacement of old relocatables (seven classrooms) and the addition of new relocatables (eight classrooms). During the recent update to the District’s Five Year Facilities Master Plan, the decision was made to send new students generated from Area 12, located east of Whitney High School, to Granite Oaks Middle School, generating approximately 200 new students and presenting a need for more classroom space. Wendy Lang asked presenters if the Architectural Design firm had taken into consideration construction issues with large rocks and underground digging which had posed some problems in the past. McAllister shared that they had looked at this and did not anticipate any problems as they are building up, adding soil as needed, instead of digging down (avoiding rocks). Camille Maben asked if the relocatables design plan was sustainable for the expected growth in Rocklin and whether or not the Granite Oaks Middle School student population was expected to decline. Wesselius responded that although there will be some student population decline, the District expects to always have a need for both middle schools. Maben asked if the law still requires the District to have 30% of its buildings as relocatables, to which Wesselius responded “no, that requirement has gone away.” Lang and Lowell confirmed that approval on this item was for design costs only. The Board will receive a report on proposed construction costs at a later date.

A **MOTION** was made by Greg Daley and seconded by Camille Maben to authorize staff to proceed with the final design work and Division of State Architect approval for the replacement of seven existing classrooms and the addition of eight new classrooms at Granite Oaks to accommodate growth. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.3 **APPROVE BOARD POLICY (BP) AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (AR)**
- 8.3.1 AR 4112.2 Certification – revised
 - 8.3.2 BP 4112.2 Certification – revised

A **MOTION** was made by Greg Daley and seconded by Camille Maben to pass items: 8.3.1 and 8.3.2. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4 **APPROVE BOARD POLICY (BP) AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (AR)**
- 8.4.1 AR 4115 Evaluation/Supervision – revised
 - 8.4.2 BP 4115 Evaluation/Supervision – revised
 - 8.4.3 BP 4315 Evaluation/Supervision – revised
 - 8.4.4 BP 4315.1 Staff Evaluating Teachers – deleted

Board of Trustees requested that **item 8.4.1 (AR 4115)** be brought back at a later date for review based on guidelines given from the Board related to frequency of evaluations.

A **MOTION** was made by Greg Daley and seconded by Susan Halldin to **pass items: 8.4.2, 8.4.3, 8.4.4.** Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

ELEMENTARY MATH MATERIALS ADOPTION UPDATE – Deborah Sigman, Deputy Superintendent Educational Services; Karen Huffines, Director Elementary Programs & School Leadership; and two members of the District’s Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) team, Joe McLean and Lara Kikosicki, presented an Elementary Math Materials Adoption Update to the Board of Trustees. With the adoption of California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in 2010, and Math Frameworks in 2013, Rocklin Unified elementary schools are currently engaged in the review of aligned math programs and materials with the goal of presenting a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in May of 2015. The presentation included an overview of elementary math materials and specific information on the pilot selection processes. Kathy Goddard, Cobblestone Elementary Principal and facilitator of the math adoption process, also shared with Trustees that in her 13 years of experience, this thorough adoption process is outstanding and qualitatively better than anything she has seen before. The forethought and diligence of the District’s math adoption process is strengthening the District and providing outstanding support to teachers in the implementation of materials. Goddard thanked the Board for their support in this process and expressed that she fully supports the work being done.

Comments: Wendy Lang asked presenters how the District is supporting campuses that have one pilot (verses two pilots). Joe McLean and Lara Kikosicki responded that TOSAs are working closely with these sites to provide support as needed. Greg Daley asked if math books are digital, and if so, are students able to use them at home. Joe McLean responded that yes, eBooks are available to students and can be used at school as well as at home. Susan Halldin asked how social content standards are included in math books. Deborah Sigman responded that the state requires this social content and criteria in all textbooks including math. The intention of the requirement is to avoid any social barriers for students and to provide access to all. Superintendent Stock shared that the math adoption implementation time line will give elementary teachers a chance to use math materials before implementing English Language Arts materials. He shared that this detailed and thorough math materials adoption process will be used as a model for the District in other curricular areas. The attention given to this process, the TOSA support, and time investment will benefit the District tremendously in the future.

10.0 **PENDING AGENDA** – No items were placed on the Pending Agenda at this time.

11.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – Closed session convened at 8:45 p.m. regarding the following matters:

- 11.1 *Public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to Government Code section 54957.*
- 11.2 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9*

- 11.3 *Conference with Labor Negotiators* as authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6:
District Representative(s): Roger Stock, Superintendent
Barbara Patterson, Deputy Superintendent, Business and
Operations
Colleen Slattery, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
- 12.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – President Lowell reconvened the meeting to open session.
- 13.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**– No action was taken in closed session.
- 14.0 **ADJOURNMENT**– President Lowell adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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