

# ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2615 Sierra Meadows Drive Rocklin, CA 95677

Todd Lowell, *President*  
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Camille Maben, *Member*  
Wendy Lang, *Member*



**NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE, STEVE PAUL – RECOGNITION/RECEPTION — 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES — 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE, STEVE PAUL, RECOGNITION/RECEPTION** – The Board of Trustees, Rocklin City Council members, RUSD employees and members of the community honored Steve Paul for his twelve dedicated years of service to students and families in Rocklin. The Parker Whitney student choir performed a tribute, the Board of Trustees presented him with a plaque, and Rocklin Mayor, Skott Yuill, presented him with a proclamation from the city.

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** – President Todd Lowell called the regular meeting of the Rocklin Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 7:06 p.m., on November 19, 2014, 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*  
Steve Paul, *Vice President*  
Greg Daley, *Clerk*  
Camille Maben, *Member*  
Wendy Lang, *Member*

Trustee(s) Absent:

Student Representative:    Peyton Marvin, *Victory High School*

Administrative Staff: Roger Stock, *Superintendent*; Colleen Slattery, *Assistant Superintendent*; Sue Wesselius, *Senior Director*; Marty Flowers, *Director*; Mike Fury, *Chief Technology Officer*; Jim Trimble, *Principal Sunset Ranch Elementary*; Chuck Thibideau, *Principal Breen Elementary*; Brian Arcuri, *Principal Antelope Creek Elementary School*; Mark Williams, *Principal Victory High School*; David Bills, *Principal Rocklin High School*; Beth Davidson, *Principal Spring View Middle School*; Jay Holmes, *Principal Granite Oaks Middle School*; Juanita Fahnestock, *Director Nutrition Services*.

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

4.0 **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY ROCKLIN LOOMIS BASIN ROTARY FOR TEACHER MINI GRANT AWARDS** – Skott Hutton, Coordinator of Family/Community Engagement Strategic Planning introduced Mary Jo Edmondson, President of Rocklin Loomis Basin Rotary, she presented four mini-grant awards to teachers working to enrich the learning experience of students with new and innovative classroom ideas.  
Award Recipients: Ashley Goodnough, *Victory High School*; Brande Johnson, *Spring View Middle School*; Tori Hayes, *Spring View Middle School*; Margie McLain, *Whitney High School, Rocklin High School and Spring View Middle School*.

- 4.2 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION – ENERGY SAVINGS AND INCENTIVE CHECK PRESENTATION** – Sue Wesselius, Senior Director Facilities and Operations, shared that the District began its energy conservation program in March, 2011, and has avoided utility expenditures in excess of \$1.3 million dollars since that time. Wesselius recognized top performing school sites in the District at both the secondary and elementary levels with an incentive for their cost avoidance and conservation efforts during the 2013-14 school year.  
Rocklin High School, presented with an incentive award of \$8,603.74  
Cobblestone Elementary School, presented with an incentive award of \$5,061.38

- 5.0 **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:

Tiffany Pelkey, CSEA President and employee, thanked Trustee Steve Paul for his service as a Board of Trustee and for his sincere generosity in recognizing employees and their hard work over the years.

Barb Scott, President RTPA, invited Board of Trustee members to the California Teachers Association (CTA)/NEA and the Capital Service Center Council, School Board Dinner and Training Event, December 2014. Invitations were provided.

Several parents addressed the Board regarding the District’s Special Education Program and the District’s response to alleged abuse allegations regarding teacher S. McDaniel. Parents expressed concerns and requested that Trustees take a close look at procedures, communications, training and support of special education students and families. President Todd Lowell stated “we won’t be silent on this issue. We are all parents and our first priority is student safety.” The District is taking allegations very seriously and is cooperating fully with law enforcement in the investigation. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as necessary.

- 6.0 **COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)** – Student Representative Peyton Marvin provided a detailed report on a variety of District-wide events happening at elementary and secondary schools.

- 7.0 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT** – Wendy Lang congratulated Todd Lowell on his re-election to the Board of Trustees and thanked fellow Trustee Steve Paul for his dedicated years of service.

Steve Paul, after serving twelve years as a Board member, thanked the community and District for their partnership and support during his time of service. He expressed gratitude to fellow Trustees for their dedication to the District and for the good years and good work accomplished during his time as a Board member.

Superintendent Stock wished the community a happy Thanksgiving as we enter the holiday season.

- 8.0 **ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.1 **BOARD MINUTES** – Request to approve Board minutes.  
8.1.1 Oct 15, 2014 (Regular Session)  
8.1.2 Nov 5, 2014 (Regular Session)
- 8.2 **CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Certificated Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)
- 8.3 **CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)

- 8.4 **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP(S)** – Request to approve the following overnight field trips. (Deborah Sigman)
- 8.4.1 Whitney High School Student Body to participate in a Bi-Annual “Every 15 Minutes” Program, sponsored by California Highway Patrol, in Roseville, CA (April 14 – April 15, 2015).
- 8.5 **WILL SERVE LETTER – CREEKSIDE AT WHITNEY RANCH** – Request to approve “Will Serve” letter for the Creekside at Whitney Ranch Project. (Sue Wesselius)
- 8.6 **REJECT CLAIM NUMBERS R1401-R1412** – Request rejecting Claim Numbers R1401-R1412. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.7 **SPECIAL EDUCATION MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING (MOUs)** – Request approval of two Special Education Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

Todd Lowell requested Item 8.1 and 8.2 be removed for consideration as separate items. Roger Stock requested to table Item 8.6 for a future meeting.

Following this, a **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Greg Daley, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Paul – aye, Daley – aye, Maben – aye, Lang – aye, Lowell– aye .

A **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Steve Paul to approve **item 8.1**, Oct 15, 2014, Board Minutes. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Lowell– aye. (Daley abstained, Maben abstained)

A **MOTION** was made by Greg Daley and seconded by Camille Maben to approve **item 8.2.**, Nov 5, 2014, Board Minutes. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Maben – aye, Paul – aye, Daley – aye, Lowell– aye. (Lang abstained)

## 9.0 **ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 9.1 **SET DATE FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – A MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Camille Maben to set the annual School Board Organizational Meeting for December 3, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

## 10.0 **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 10.1 **SMARTER BALANCED ASSESMENT UPDATE** – Deborah Sigman, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, shared with the Board of Trustees the extensive process across the consortium states in determining the very recently released assessment guidelines, scores, and achievement levels, recommendations and impact data. Smarter Balanced presentation highlights included:
- Background and Purpose
  - Process and Principles that Guided recommendations
  - Results and Impact Data

Comments: Camille Maben thanked Ms. Sigman for her informative presentation and asked if the results shared were surprising or expected by the consortium? Greg Daley also inquired on whether or not the people who measured the assessments were surprised with the amount of students in “level one” (which would likely include level one and two combined in past standards assessments). Sigman replied that the consortium, and those immersed in standards development, were not surprised by the findings, and that it is a common thought process that it will take time

to get students to desired levels of performance given the new standards and depth of learning that we are asking students to achieve. Greg Daley thanked Sigman for her excellence in preparing data for the presentation and shared his concerns on the District's continued discussion of standards if the work has already been done by the consortium. He is looking forward to future information that will be shared with Trustees on how new standards will impact the growth of student learning. Todd Lowell commented on the depth of policy level and insight that Sigman brings to the table and shared that the District is fortunate to have her on staff to share and lead in this new era of new assessments.

- 10.2 TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (TOSA) UPDATE**– Deborah Sigman shared that in the spring of 2014, in the interest of advancing the Educational Services goals of supporting professional learning, learning leadership, and deepening instructional capacity, the RUSD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of four Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs). In June, four RUSD teachers were selected from a pool of internal candidates to serve as TOSAs during the 2014-15 school year. The four TOSAs began their own training in June and began their work with teachers in August. Since then, they have been engaging and supporting K-12 teaching staff in a variety of ways. TOSA team members include:

Jeri Farmer, Elementary Language Arts  
Lara Kikosicki, Elementary Mathematics  
Kari Auwae, Secondary Language Arts  
Joseph McLean, Secondary Mathematics

The TOSA team shared that the group was created through common core one-time funding specifically to support schools and teachers. As part of the District strategic plan alignment, TOSAs continue to build individual and organizational capacity to establish a comprehensive, collaborative and continuous instructional support system for teachers to enhance personal learning and growth. The TOSAs are fully engaged in the lesson study process in which teachers jointly plan, observe, analyze and refine actual classroom lessons. The team is taking next steps in building capacity in the District by providing support and resources (ie: Smarter Balanced Digital Library) to expand lesson study models and increase instructional coaching and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). The team is committed to their work and will bring additional information to share with the Board later in the school year.

Wendy Lang thanked the team for their enthusiasm and excellence in their work and is encouraged by the training and partnerships being done with classrooms teachers. She asked the TOSA team “who created the digital library and where it was housed?” Sigman explained that the Digital Library is part of the Smarter Balanced Program built by teachers all across the consortium states that will be available to every RUSD K-12 teacher as a powerful resource.

Steve Paul thanked the TOSA team for their diligent work, and is confident that the District will continue to cultivate people like the TOSA members that will make the District better.

Stock thanked the Board for their direction to continue to build capacity by using the smart people in our classrooms as a resource. He shared that funding has been approved by the Board in Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the next few years to continue this critical and important work.

Kathy Goddard, Principal at Cobblestone Elementary, thanked the Board for their support of this program. She felt it was very important for the Board of Trustees to know that she has seen first hand the exceptional learning support they have provided at Cobblestone. She has seen ground breaking modeling of superb teaching in a safe training environment that teachers have responded positively to. It is her wish to see the program continued as an outstanding resource for teachers district wide.

- 11.0 **PENDING AGENDA** – No items were placed on the Pending Agenda.
- 12.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:10 regarding the following matters:
- 12.1 *Public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to Government Code section 54957.*
- 12.2 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9*
- 12.3 *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
- 13.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – President Lowell reconvened the meeting to open session.
- 14.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** –
- The Board of Trustees took a first action and voted to release an At-Will hourly certificated employee. The vote was unanimous.
- The Board of Trustees took a second action to approve the issuance of charges for dismissal and immediate unpaid suspension of a certificated employee. The vote was unanimous.
- 15.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – President Lowell adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

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