

**SEBASTOPOL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2015**

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sebastopol Union School District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President Debra Ramirez.

Roll Call

Members of the Board present: Trustees Debra Ramirez, Deborah Drehmel, Olivia Leon, and Bob Hynes.
Absent:

Others Present

Linda Irving, Sarah Lampenfeld, Debbie Hanks, Robin Hedrick, Carole Simkins, Heidi Pedrazzetti, Karen Miller and Cheryl Powers

Public Hearing

There were no requests to address the Board on Closed Session agenda items.

Closed Session

Trustee Ramirez moved the meeting to Closed Session at 4 p.m. for the purpose of: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Public Employee Employment and Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

Trustee Ramirez moved the meeting to Open Session at 4:43 p.m.

1.0 Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2.0 Agenda Approval

On a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Hynes, the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the agenda.

3.0 Report Out

Trustee Hynes reported the Board approved the new hires:
Park Side – .19 FTE ISS Garden for (7.5 hours/week), Saivya Birnbaum
Brook Haven - .40 FTE 7th Math/Science Teacher, Terri Beckett
Brook Haven - .40 FTE 7th English/History Teacher, Cody Pickering

4.0 Volunteer of the Year

Karen Miller was chosen as SUSD's 2014-15 Volunteer of the Year. Linda started by introducing her to the room and talked a little about Karen and what she does for the district students. Karen is a member of the community and helps with the Toolbox program at both schools. Debbie praised her calm demeanor and the staff and students all enjoy working with her. Karen spoke to the board saying she appreciates being recognized for the work she does.

Trustees Drehmel explained that the Volunteer of the Year recognition is about how much we appreciate those in the community that have given to the district as a whole. There are not many people that fill that criteria. She then shared a quick story about Karen and a young student in the Read to Me program that didn't really want help until Karen started helping him and now wants her help to continue, even beyond SUSD.

5.0 Public Comments

Linda took this opportunity to talk about Bob Hynes stepping down from the Board and this being his last meeting. She thanked him for his short time on the Board and recognized that he had to make some tough decisions in that time.

6.0 Consent Agenda

- 6.1 Approval of August 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- 6.2 Warrants and Expenditures
- 6.3 2014-2015 Unaudited Actuals
- 6.4 Board Operating Principles & Governance Handbook
- 6.5 Renew contract with Attorney Paul Boylan, Esq for district representation in negotiations
- 6.6 Policies:
 - BP 0200 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives & Comprehensive Plans (District)
 - BP/AR 0420.1 – School Based Program Coordination (Deleted)
 - E 0420.41 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives & Comprehensive Plans (Schools)
 - BP/AR 0440 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives & Comprehensive Plans (District Technology)
 - BP/AR 0460 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives & Comprehensive Plans (LCAP)
 - AR 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees
 - BP/AR 1240 – Volunteer Assistance
 - BP/AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
 - AR/E 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

On a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Leon the Board approved the consent agenda.

Ayes: Trustees Ramirez, Drehmel, Leon and Hynes

Noes: None

Absent:

Not Voting:

7.0 Reports:

- 7.1 SETA – Carole brought to the attention that the openers letter is forth coming for negotiations.
- 7.2 Superintendent/Park Side Principal – The Board reviewed the report provided in the board packet by Superintendent Linda Irving. Linda presented the SBAC data that was just released. She talked about where our results put us in comparison to other districts with similar demographics in the county. She also let the Board know next steps.
- 7.3 Brook Haven Principal – The Board reviewed the report provided in the board packet by Principal Debbie Hanks. Debbie said that enrollment is continuing to climb and she's excited about the growth. Many 5th graders are now in band. Trustee Drehmel asked if we have a policy on how to handle interdistrict transfer students with disciplinary issues. Linda said this is a policy that needs to redone to address these guidelines regarding students with behavior issues and/or RSP students.
- 7.4 Sebastopol Independent Charter School - The Board reviewed the report provided in the board packet by Director Chris Topham.
- 7.5 The REACH School - The Board reviewed the report provided in the board packet by Director Heidi Pedrazzetti. Heidi introduced Cheryl Powers as their new treasurer on the Board of the Reach school. Their enrollment is at 105 students. They are using a grant they received for staff and operating expenses. They have also put some of last year's grant money into their reserve fund to help with the upcoming facility move expenses.
- 7.6 Trustees – Trustee Hynes says he, unfortunately, had to move out of the district boundary with his family and for that reason is forced to step down from the Board. He is disappointed that this happened, but the circumstances couldn't be helped. He will miss his time here. He believes the new handbook approved tonight will be a great tool for anyone coming in.

Trustee Drehmel said she has been impressed with everything he has brought to the Board. He asks the hard questions and thoughtful of the process. He is able to think of the district as a whole and understands what it means to be on the Board.

Linda mentioned that he will be around to help in a professional capacity with facility issues.

Trustees Ramirez spoke about SEF having a dine and donate night at Honeymoon Yogurt this week and then another at Mombo's Pizza next week at both of their stores. Ren Faire plans are coming together quickly and nicely.

8.0 Action Items

8.1 On a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Hynes the Board voted 4-0-0 to approve Consider approval of Resolution 15/16-02 for the Gann Limit.

Ayes: Trustees Ramirez, Drehmel, Leon and Hynes

Noes: None

Absent:

Not Voting:

9.0 Discussion

9.1 Policies:

BP/AR 3100 – Budget

BP/AR 3260 – Fees and Charges

BP 3280 – Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property

BP 3312 – Contracts

AR 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability

BP 3513.3 – tobacco-Free Schools

AR 3514.2 – Integrated Pest Management

Discussion ensued. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting in the Consent Agenda.

10.0 Planning

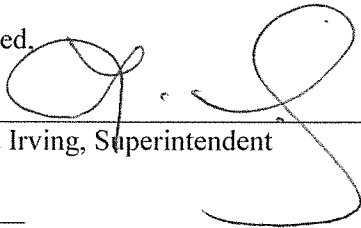
10.1 Identification of items for future agenda: Resolution for Sufficiency of Instructional Materials; Policy update; Choose new Board Clerk

10.2 Next Meeting: Special Meeting – October 8, 2015, 4:30 p.m.

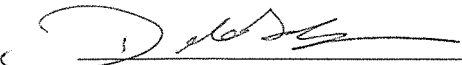
11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Irving, Superintendent



Debra Ramirez, President



Deborah Drehmel, Clerk