

THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

September 28, 2017

Convene Regular Meeting at the District Office:	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
Members Present:	Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Ielati, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shields, Mr. Blake
Public Comment Prior to Closed Session:	None.
Closed Session:	The Board convened to closed session at 5:05 p.m.
Public Present:	Jeff Kuhn, Bill Harrington, Sue Russell, Ed Gregorio, Rochelle Simmons, Julie Carr, Karin Zimmerman, Robyn Solansky, Stacie Schuman, Sonya Smith, Melissa Brault
Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:	The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:30 p.m. None.
Pledge of Allegiance:	The pledge of allegiance was led by Griffin Smith and Amir Johnson.
Students Report to the Board:	Griffin Smith and Amir Johnson, 5 th and 4 th grade respectively, reported to the Board on their roles as student council representatives at Plumas Avenue School. The students shared that they worked with their advisor, Ms. Brault to help plan fun activities at the school which include observing Bullying Prevention Month and Red Ribbon Week starting in October. Future events planned include a Read-a-thon, Pajama Day and a community service project.
Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:	None.
Change Order of Agenda Upon President's Discretion:	There were no requests to change the order.
Adoption of the Agenda:	The motion to adopt the Board Agenda was made by Mrs. Ielati and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Reports to the Board:	<p>Stacie Schuman, Principal of Plumas Avenue School reported to the Board on the changes and goals at Plumas Avenue for 2017-2018. Changes included new staff and an increase in enrollment. Goals included improving literacy and school climate. Ms. Schuman shared highlights of the parent survey from last spring and plans to address concerns.</p>
Public Hearing:	<p>Public Hearing regarding the sufficiency or insufficiency of instructional materials for 2017-2018. Hearing was opened at 6:41 p.m. There were no comments. Hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.</p>
Consent Agenda:	<p>The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Walker.</p> <p>Mrs. Fultz called for a vote which was five ayes. Motion passed.</p>
Public Comments:	<p>Robyn Solansky recognized Karin Zimmerman, Master Teacher at TLC Preschool, who is retiring effective September 29, 2017.</p>
TTA:	<p>Julie Carr reported that negotiations went well and recognized Connie for her work during her time in the District.</p>
Management:	<p>Stacie Schuman reported that teachers are working hard on implementing new curriculum.</p> <p>Ed Gregorio reported the new fundraiser at Sierra is going well. He gave kudos to staff for setting the expectations and handling discipline appropriately, students at Sierra have been going to another classroom to reset instead of going home. He recognized the efforts of Dawn Lopez and Mai Lao who organized the extra curriculum in storage at Sierra.</p> <p>Bill Harrington recognized the library clerks for working together district wide. Mr. Harrington gave kudos to the Poplar site custodians and M&O staff for their work on the campus as they scored exemplary on the Williams inspection conducted by the County Office. Mr. Harrington share there is a lot of work going on district wide on new curriculum and he is excited about the direction the district and management team is going.</p> <p>Jeff Kuhn reported that Nelson Avenue 7th graders went on the ropes course field trip yesterday. Odyssey did a great job of including the 8 keys used at Nelson and Mr. Kuhn looks forward to keeping those positive</p>

conversations ongoing at Nelson Avenue.

Rochelle Simmons reported that Nelson Avenue also received an exemplary on their Williams report from the County Office. Mrs. Simmons invited anyone who is interested to attend the first rally tomorrow during the last 45 minutes of school. Mrs. Simmons also shared that on October 6 there will be an invite parents to lunch event and on October 13th Nelson will hold its first fundraiser, a jogathon along with a Halloween dance. Teachers are working hard behind the scene on essential standards prior to next meeting with Michelle Sanchez. First site council meeting today included 4 new parents.

Jeff Kuhn reporting on CDS shared that he and Julie Carr are having parent meetings to help parents and students with transitions back to Nelson. Parents seem to want help and are appreciative of the help.

Robyn Solansky reported TLC students have a field trip coming up to pumpkin patch and on October 23rd there will be a family afternoon event including a free book for the kids.

Connie Cavanaugh shared that this month has been a month of reflection. A lot was accomplished in the last 18 months and reiterated that working in Thermalito was a great experience.

Superintendent

Mr. Blake agreed that negotiations was a good experience. He also reported that he was able to attend the Explorer's Faire and it was a well planned and executed event. Mr. Blake shared that the administrators went to a PLC meeting and shared the facilitator with OCESD, it allowed for collaboration within our district and hopes to collaborate with OCESD as well as this process continues. Mr. Blake along with Mrs. Simmons and Mr. Kuhn were able to attend a meeting at OUHSD that discussed the transitioning of the 8th grade students to high school. Grade level work with Michelle Sanchez and Lisa is moving right along and it is exciting work. Joyce Dennison was able to attend a drinking water for schools seminar in Chico. We qualify for the grant for water dispenser stations with the exception for the testing for storm water and the grant will not be funded until 2021. We will need to decide if we want to move on this on our own with district funds if we don't want to wait for 4 years. Mr. Blake reported on the interview for the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, stating two gentlemen were interviewed and one did rise to the top and an offer will

be made tonight.

New Business:

Approval of Resolution #17-18-03

Annual certification of sufficiency of materials.

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shields. Motion passed with 5 ayes.

Approval of Heritage and Pioneer CDS Bell Schedules

The approval of the modified bell schedules is required to file the waiver with CDE to allow for Heritage and Pioneer to have minimum days in order to facilitate professional development.

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Ielati. Motion passed with 5 ayes.

Approval of Resolution #17-18-04

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Ielati and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed with 5 ayes.

Board Discussion/Comments:

Mr. Blake handed out enrollment and class size numbers. The Board discussed class sizes in the district. The Board will review the hand outs and this item will be placed on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Date Board Approved: _____

Board President: Darlene Fultz