

**NICASIO SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
-MINUTES-**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009
6:00 PM
Nicasio School Library
5555 Nicasio Valley Road Nicasio, CA 94946**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Patriotic Moment.
2. Roll Call: **Board President Kim Wallach, Trustee Chris Mothersill and Trustee Madeleine Sloane.** Also present: **Superintendent Stephen Rosenthal, Principal Christy Stocker, District Secretary Mikki McIntyre and Teacher Colin Williams.**
3. Reconvene to Open Session at 6:40 PM.
4. Report Out: Action taken during Closed Session: The Board scheduled a special meeting for February 25th at 7:30 a.m. to approve AB 1200 Disclosure for Nicasio Teachers Contract and to approve the creation of a new classified staff position.
5. Approval and Adoption of Agenda.
*Action: M/S/C – Sloane/Mothersill to approve and adopt agenda with an amendment to move the 6/7/8 Field Trip (Item #12) forward on the agenda. **Vote: 3/0***

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
 - b. Ratification of Warrants Paid through February 5, 2009.
*Action: M/S/C – Sloane/Mothersill to approve Consent Agenda with a correction to Item #15 on the January 21st Board minutes to read "...she said the \$300 ADA reduction for this year could be reduced by an additional \$200 for next year." **Vote: 3/0***

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. Public Forum (non-confidential matters only). There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Approval of Revised 6/7/8 Year-End Field Trip Proposal.
Action: **M/S/C – Wallach/Sloane** to approve revisions to 6/7/8 Year-End Field Trip.
Discussion: Colin Williams presented an overview of his revised field trip itinerary. The revised proposal eliminates one day from the trip, which lowers the cost to \$320 per student. Transportation will be by private vehicles. Teachers/chaperones will be in contact via walkie-talkies. The students will write a reflection paper at the conclusion of the trip. Colin noted that the content standards of the trip fit in nicely with the three year trip rotation that has been proposed by Principal Stocker. The Board commended Colin for his efforts at revising the scope of the trip. **Vote: 3/0**

11. Approval of Resolution 2008-09 #5 to Close Special Reserve Fund 17.
Action: Sloane/Wallach to approve Resolution 2008-09 #5.
In favor of motion (roll call vote): Sloane – Aye; Mothersill – Aye; Wallach – Aye. 3-Ayes/0-Nayes.

12. First Reading of Revisions to Field Trip Policy BP6153.
Action: There was no action. The Board made recommendations for additional changes to the policy and asked that it be brought back for a second reading at the March meeting.

13. Approval of Revised 3/4/5 Year-End Field Trip Proposal.
Action: **M/S/C – Wallach/Mothersill** to approve Revisions to 3/4/5 Year-End Field Trip.
Discussion: Principal Stocker said that although the revised cost for the trip (including chaperones) still slightly exceeds administrative guidelines, she feels it is still within a reasonable cost range, given the educational value of the trip. The trustees concurred that the \$240/cost per person is acceptable as long as chaperones are being paid for out of the classroom field trip account. **Vote: 3/0**

14. 2009-10 School Calendar.
15. *Action:* There was no action. The Board requested that the item be tabled until the March Board meeting.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS / DISCUSSION

16. Chief Business Officer's Report. There was no report.

17. Golden Bell Nominations. Principal Stocker distributed an historical list of past Golden Bell award recipients at Nicasio School. She also presented a list of specific criteria for selecting future nominees. The trustees expressed their support for nominating Laura Rogers as the certificated nominee for this year. They requested that staff research whether trustees are being honored with Golden Bell awards this year

18. Principal's Report. Principal Stocker presented her report. *See attached.*
 - She also presented a modified and newly formatted Nicasio School Strategic Plan.

19. Superintendent's Report. Supt. There was no report.

20. Trustee's Report.

- Trustee Wallach reported that she met on January 28th with Reed Johnson and Keith O'Brien regarding the water system upgrade project. She said the subcontractor is going to assess whether there may be deep water somewhere beneath the school campus, and that the cost for this effort will be built into the cost of the water upgrade project. She also said the state wants the district to secure water rights from the Marin Municipal Water District, and that she is going to consult with Steve Kinsey on making that request.
- Trustee Wallach reported attending a meeting of the MTN Governing Board. She said that the board, in acknowledgement of the state budget crisis, recommended that the activities of MTN be put on hold for the remainder of the year pending new funding or recommendations by the superintendents group. She said that basically, there will be a fee-for-service system put into place, and although there is a grant proposal in the works, the funds would not be in place for quite a while. She added that there will be a Tam District feeder school meeting to discuss the appropriation of money.

CONCLUSION

21. Agenda Planning:

- 2009-10 School Calendar
- Special Board Meeting on February 25th at 7:30 am.
- Foundation/Board Workshop on March 18th at the Rancho Nicasio. To be posted as a board workshop. The Board will let Principal Stocker know if that date will work.
- Second Reading Field Trip Policy Revision
- School Survey Results
- Enrollment (Discussion issue: The interviewing and selection of students to complement the projected student body.)

22. Other Business.

23. Adjournment.

Action: **M/S/C – Wallach/Mothersill** to adjourn the meeting at **8:15 PM. Vote: 3/0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mikki McIntyre

Unadopted

Adopted

Madeleine Sloane, Clerk