

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

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009  
6:00 PM**

**Nicasio School Library  
5555 Nicasio Valley Road Nicasio, CA 94946**

\*REGULAR MEETING\*

1. Call to Order and Patriotic Moment. The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Army Specialist **Jake Velloza** of Inverness, California who was killed in action in Mosul, Iraq on May 2, 2009.
2. Roll Call **Trustees Kim Wallach, Chris Mothersill and Madeleine Sloane**. *Also present:* Superintendent Stephen Rosenthal, Principal Christy Stocker and Administrative Secretary Mikki McIntyre.
3. Approval and Adoption of Agenda **M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill** to approve and adopt agenda with the following modifications: move items #6, 9, 11, 12 and 14 forward; and table item #13 until the next regular meeting of the Board. **Vote: 3/0**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4. Consent Agenda.
  - a. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
  - b. Ratification of Warrants Paid through May 6, 2009.
  - c. Approve (2) Interdistrict Transfer Requests into Nicasio School District for 2009-10 School Year (1- renewal, 1-sibling).

*Action: M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill* to approve Consent Agenda. **Vote: 3/0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

5. Public Forum (non-confidential matters only) .....Info  
*This is an opportunity for the public to direct questions or comments related to school business to the Governing Board concerning matters not on the agenda.*
  - a. Foundation President Debbie Goelz announced that the Foundation officers for 2009-10 include Whit Jackson, Holly McArthur, Mary Jane Pasha, Jennifer Higgins and Kent Grady. She explained that the Foundation’s primary function will be to focus on fundraising. She also said a steering committee (led by Leanne Greentree and Tory Grady) is being formed to establish a Parent Club for non-fundraising activities at the school. In response to a Board inquiry about Parent

Club funding for various activities, Debbie said the Foundation plans to provide seed money, with the ultimate goal for the club to become self-sufficient and fund their own activities.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

6. Approval to Move Restricted Funds into Unrestricted Budget Category.  
*Action: M/S/C: Wallach/Mothersill* to move Restricted Funds into Unrestricted Budget category. **Vote: 3/0**
7. Approval of 2009-10 Business Services Agreement (*Agenda Item #9*).  
*Action: M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill* to approve 2009-10 Business Services Agreement.  
**Vote: 3/0**
8. 2009-10 Preliminary Budget (*Agenda Item #11*). Chief Financial Officer Susan Skipp presented Preliminary Budget for 2009-10. She reported that the categorical funds the District received this year were cut by the state for 2009-10 by 15 percent. Also, the state budget is not looking good for 2009-10 and the current projection is for a \$600/student reduction in funding. She noted good news in that the district will receive approximately \$30,000 in special education-related federal stimulus money (\$15,000 of which can be used to offset the general fund). Additionally, the state fiscal stabilization funds will backfill the 15 percent cuts that were made in 2008-09. Thirdly, Susan received notice that special education funding for 2009-10 will increase by an estimated \$20,000. Susan inquired about anticipated contributions from the Foundation for 2009-10. Principal Stocker said there is no discussion at this time to reduce programs or the grade levels that programs are offered to. Foundation President Debbie Goelz asked said the principal to prepare a proposal which can be presented to the Foundation Board for consideration.
9. Proposal for Pre-Kindergarten Class (*Agenda Item #14*). Five community members expressed interest in starting a pre-kindergarten program at Nicasio School for their children and other interested families, to be privately funded by the participating families. The program would accommodate pre-k children at any hour and school-age kids outside of regular school hours (before and after school). Parent Mary Jane Pasha said that a local daycare owner (and Nicasio School parent) has indicated potential willingness to assist with an after school care component of the program. Supt. Rosenthal outlined the model used at Shoreline School District, where an onsite, private coop preschool is completely separate from the district's services, the only connection being the renting of space from the district. He recommended that the same be model be used by Nicasio should discussions proceed any further. He said the process for organizing and securing licensure for such a program is complex and can take six to eight months. He suggested that the interested parents visit the site in Tomales and speak with the program's administrator about requirements, licensure and other startup/facility/operational considerations, and that the group organize a subcommittee to research/address those issues. He also stressed the need for a separate administrator/teacher from the school's administrator. Trustee Wallach expressed support for the concept of such a program from a community standpoint and welcomed further discussion on the issue.

10. Approval of Principal Salary Increase for 2008/2009.  
*Action: M/S/C: Wallach/Sloane* to approve principal salary increase of five percent retroactive for 2008/2009. **Vote: 3/0** Trustee Mothersill said the Board put a reasonable amount of work into researching salaries for comparable principal salaries. Principal Stocker expressed her appreciation to the Board.
11. Second Reading of Revised Facility Use Policy.  
*Action:* Item tabled until the next (June 2009) regular meeting of the Board.
12. Approval of Agreement to Permit the Use of Nicasio School as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter.  
*Action: M/S/C: Wallach/Mothersill* to approve Agreement to Permit the Use of Nicasio School as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. **Vote: 3/0**

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

13. Principal's Report Principal Stockier presented her report (attached).
14. Superintendent's Report. There was no report.
15. Trustee's Report. Trustee Wallach reported speaking with Reed Johnson of Nolte & Associates who told her the school is on track for receiving the water system upgrade grant from the state.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

16. Second Interim Report Confirmation, Karen Maloney, MCOE, April 15, 2009.

### **CONCLUSION**

17. Agenda Planning.
  - ♦ *Approval of Site Council MPR Acoustics Phase II Recommendation*
  - ♦ *Approval of Superintendent Contract Renewal for 2009-10*
  - ♦ *Approval of 2009-10 Budget*
  - ♦ *Quarterly Williams Report (due in July)*
  - ♦ *Facilities Use Policy Revision*
  - ♦ *Trustee Sloane will not be able to attend June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.*
18. Other Business. There was no other business.
19. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at: 7:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mikki McIntyre*

Unadopted

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Madeleine Sloane, Clerk

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