

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

**Wednesday, August 26, 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: **Trustees Kim Wallach, Chris Mothersill and Madeleine Sloane.** *Also present:* Superintendent Stephen Rosenthal, Principal Christy Stocker and Administrative Secretary Mikki McIntyre.
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4. Closed Session 6:00 PM – 6:40 PM
5. Reconvene to Open Session at 6:45 PM.
6. Report Out: There was no reportable action.
7. Approval and Adoption of Agenda. **M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill** to approve and adopt the Agenda. **Vote: 3/0**

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Consent Agenda. *Action: M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill* to approve Consent Agenda with the amendment to approve Items A, B and D and not to approve Item C. (*Request for Interdistrict Transfer into Nicasio School District*).

Item C was moved from Consent Agenda and the board invited public comment:

- i. Student's parent requested that the IDT be granted so the child could continue attending Nicasio School.
- ii. Community member said it would be a benefit to the school to have more girls and more students.
- iii. Student's grandparent said student has blossomed at school, and expressed hope that the student could remain at the school.
- iv. Another grandparent expressed interest in providing volunteer participation at school.

Discussion: Board President Kim Wallach said the district has a policy on IDTs, and that due to the current economic conditions which have resulted in fewer teachers, more grades per classroom and significant budgetary cuts, the board (with regret) is not approving any new IDTs at this time. **Vote 3/0**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ACTION ITEMS

9. Approval of Resolution 2009-10 #1 to Authorize Instruction in a Self-Contained Classroom. *Action:* **M: Wallach** to approve Resolution 2009-10 #1. *In favor of motion (roll call vote):* **Wallach-Aye; Mothersill-Aye; Sloane-Aye 3 Ayes/0 Nays**
10. Approval of 2009-10 Board Meeting Calendar. *Action:* **M/S/C: Wallach/Mothersill** with the changes as indicated. *Discussion:* Principal Stocker presented previous draft of calendar and solicited input regarding any scheduling conflicts. Trustee Sloane requested that meetings begin at 6:15 PM. The November date was also changed. **Vote: 3/0**
11. Second Reading of Uniform Complaint Procedures Policy BP1312.3. *Action:* **M/S/C Wallach/Mothersill** *Discussion:* Supt. Rosenthal recommended that the policy be posted in every classroom. **Vote: 3/0**

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS / DISCUSSION

9. First Reading of Transportation for Students in Special Education – BP3541.2 & AR3541.2. *Discussion:* Principal Stocker presented the draft document. Supt. Rosenthal clarified that the responsibility of the district is to transport the child from home to school and school to home. He said the parent should be asked whether transportation will be needed. If so, it is the district's obligation to offer transport – whether by bus, taxi, or mileage reimbursement. The board requested changes in wording of the document.
10. Lunchtime Playground Supervision *Discussion:* Principal Stocker addressed concerns previously expressed by a trustee regarding adequacy of playground supervision given the large physical area utilized during recess and the broad age range of students using the playground simultaneously. She said it would cost approximately \$2200 per year (without payroll driven costs) to pay for a second playground supervisor. She added that there is a new protocol for the playground supervisor to circulate randomly throughout the playground. Principal Stocker noted that while the smaller enrollment seems to have resulted in a quieter playground climate this year, there is a degree of teasing that continues to take place among some students. A parent recommended teaching kids thematic life skills to minimize bullying and reward/acknowledge positive behavior. The

board discussed conflict management strategies and asked that a playground update be provided in the Principal's Report at the September board meeting.

11. 2008-09 Site Council Report. Principal Stocker presented a report prepared by members of the council. She noted the difficulty of finding new members for the council due to the small pool of parents, many of whom are already involved with other school programs and committees. The board discussed whether changing the meeting schedule from monthly to quarterly might draw new council participants.
12. Chief Financial Officer Report. There was no report.
13. Principal's Report. Principal Stocker presented her report.
14. Superintendent's Report. There was no report.
15. Trustee's Report.
 - Trustee Wallach reported progress with the water system upgrade and said she expected to receive documents on getting the initial study filed with the county.
 - She also reported that she sent a packet to Steve Kinsey office regarding the MPR Acoustics Enhancement Project, and said a contract should be arranged within 4-6 weeks.

CONCLUSION

16. Agenda Planning.

September:

- Second reading of Transportation of Special Ed Students Policy.
- Undaudited actuals.

October:

- Report by Principal Stocker of STAR results, with an addition of fourth year.
- Approval of initial study for water system.
- Board Retreat to discuss school sustainability.

17. Other Business.

18. Adjournment at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mikki McIntyre

Unadopted

Adopted

Madeleine Sloane, Clerk