

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

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009
6:15 PM
Nicasio School Library
5555 Nicasio Valley Road Nicasio, CA 94946**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Patriotic Moment. 6:20 PM. The Board acknowledged the unopposed re-appointment of Trustees Kim Wallach and Madeleine Sloane for new four-year terms.
2. Roll Call: In attendance - **Trustees Chris Mothersill, Madeleine Sloane and Kim Wallach**. Also present: **Supt. Stephen Rosenthal, Principal Christy Stocker, Administrative Assistant Mikki McIntyre and Chief Business Officer Susan Skipp**.
3. Approval and Adoption of Agenda.
Action: M/S/C – Sloane/Mothersill to approve and adopt agenda.
4. Oath of Office was administered by Superintendent Stephen Rosenthal to the following Board members: **Madeleine Sloane and Kimberly Wallach**.
5. Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees in accordance with CA Education Code 35143.
 - *Action: M/S/C: Mothersill/Sloane* to elect the following officers: **Trustee Wallach** as President, **Trustee Sloane** as Clerk, and **Trustee Mothersill** as Legislative Representative/Member, Marin County School Boards Association Board of Directors. **Vote: 3/0**
 - *Action: M/S/C: Wallach/Sloane* to establish the second Wednesday of each month as the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. **Vote: 3/0**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
 - b. Ratification of Warrants Paid through December 2, 2009.
Action: M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill to approve Consent Agenda subject to the typographical and collation corrections as amended. **Vote: 3/0**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ACTION ITEMS

8. Approval of First Interim Report for 2009-10.

Action: M/S/C – Wallach/Sloane to approve First Interim Report 2009-10. Chief Business Officer Susan Skipp noted the following:

- The statewide budget is troubling, in that for 2000-10, there is an 18% deficit. That deficit has less meaning for Nicasio – a basic aid district - than for the revenue limit districts.
- The budget is based on what the county assessor is estimating, but the actual numbers won't be known until late spring. For 2010-11 and 2011-12, there is no budget increase.
- The information for Foundation is based on maintaining existing programs at the current staffing level.
- Special education costs continue to be a challenge due to an increase in students requiring services this year.
- The District is now utilizing flexibility funding.
- Nicasio School District's 2010-11 contribution of its Basic Aid Fair Share reimbursement to the state will be approximately about \$19,000 (5.81%).
- Funds that were previously restricted to Deferred Maintenance now come into the General Fund as unrestricted; however, the Board has directed CBO Skipp to set that money aside for expenses that may arise. All the restrictions will be local, not from the state. Supt. Rosenthal said a five-year plan may no longer be required.
- Developer fees have totaled \$17,000 so far this year. There are only a couple of more years remaining on that loan. Extending that fee is directly tied to growth, and unless the community grows, the fee cannot be extended.
- Supt. Rosenthal noted that midyear cuts are highly anticipated this year, but the amounts are not yet known.
- CBO Skipp said that the BP Cohort funds used for Aeries start-up and training were inadvertently overspent. She apologized for the error and said there is money in REAP and unrestricted categories that can be used to backfill that account. Principal Stocker expressed hope that the backfill from unrestricted would not impact the funds needed for technology improvements. She noted that the new math program is requiring so much technology use that it is limiting use by other students and staff members. She said she is researching creative ways to expand those resources using unrestricted funds.

Vote: 3/0

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS / DISCUSSION

9. Principal's Report. See attached. Regarding the school's first Spanish-speaking Parent Night, Supt. Rosenthal noted that he visited campus that day, and extended his compliments to the school staff and volunteers for their efforts in creating a warm welcome for the invited guests. Trustee Mothersill said the instructional team's heightened focus on assessments has resulted in what he perceives as a less arbitrary grading system. Trustee Wallach noted that there now seems to be more balance among teachers with regard to the homework practices. Principal Stocker said that when a recent annual maintenance check was performed on the heaters, the technician found a few leaks on roofing seals. That discovery led to a visit by DeMello Roofing on Dec. 9th to re-caulk all of the ceiling vents. She also noted that on Dec. 8th, the coldest day on record, the school had no propane for the early part of the day due to a miscalculation by the propane company. The tank was quickly refilled and the heat was restored to all buildings.
10. Superintendent's Report. There was no report.
11. Trustee's Report. Trustee Wallach reported that with regard to the Water System Upgrade, the District has submitted all necessary reports and documents, and is now awaiting word on funding for the proposed project.

CORRESPONDENCE

21. NTA Sunshine for 2009-10 Negotiations, Elaine Doss, President-Nicasio Teachers Association, December 2, 2009.
22. Parcel Tax Exemption Request, Louis LaGuette, November 14, 2009.
23. Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund – Annual Case Review, Ronald Duff, Fund Manager, State Water Resources Control Board, November 16, 2009.
24. Notification of Increase in Statutory Developer Fee, Jack Shreder & Assoc., November 16, 2009.

CONCLUSION

22. Agenda Planning.
 - a. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints.
 - b. Approval of Consolidate Application Part II 2009-10.
 - c. Board-Foundation Workshop date discussion.
 - d. Closed session for negotiations. Short closed session.
 - e. Developer fee increase – action item.
 - f. Facility Use revision (Category 4)
23. Other Business.
24. Adjournment. 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mikki McIntyre

Unadopted

Adopted

Madeleine Sloane, Clerk