

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

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010
6:15 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** were in attendance. *Also present: Superintendent Stephen Rosenthal, Principal Christy Stocker and Administrative Secretary Mikki McIntyre.*
3. Reconvene to Open Session at 6:55 PM.
4. Report Out: No action taken during Closed Session.
5. Approval and Adoption of Agenda.
Action: M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill to approve and adopt agenda. Vote: 3/0

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
 - b. Ratification of Warrants Paid through February 3, 2010.
 - c. Approval of (4) Interdistrict Transfer renewal requests out of District for 2010-11.
Action: M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill to approve Consent Agenda. Vote: 3/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. Public Forum (non-confidential matters only). There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
 - a. Substitute Music Instructor Ashley Brown ormallly introduced herself to the Board and shared a concept she has for establishing an after school music and movement class based on the Orff program currently being taught at Nicasio School. She said the program would be offered separately to two age groups: 5-11 year-olds and 12-14 year-olds. The classes would be an hour and a half in duration and she would need a minimum enrollment of five students per class. Ashley described

the program as an opportunity for kids who would like to explore music more broadly and deeply. She noted that it is a very elemental and student-centered type of music instruction that uses a lot of hands-on instruments. The cost would be approximately \$18 per 1.5 hr, and each session would last approximately eight or nine weeks. Principal Stocker added that she wanted to raise the Board's attention regarding how after school programs are addressed when offered by individuals who are already on staff at Nicasio School. She inquired whether the District's liability insurance would cover such programs. Supt. Rosenthal recommended checking that issue with Keenan. Trustee Mothersill said he is comfortable with the school covering such programs as long as it doesn't add to the school's insurance costs. He added that he is in support of giving students an opportunity to participate in more activities outside of the school day.

b.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Approval of 2009-10 Budget Revisions.

Action: **M/S/C: Wallach/Mothersill** to approve Budget Revision. **Vote: 3/0**

10. Closure of Underground Storage Tank Site.

Action: **M/S/C: Sloane/Mothersill** to approve Closure of Underground Storage Tank Site. *Discussion:* Trustee Wallach explained that when the school was being expanded, an old underground tank was discovered, which had to be monitored for several years. Recently, it was noted that the District's cleanup fund claim is still open. In the process of doing something at the Corp yard, rep found our case still open, and suggested we try to get our case closed. He said our cleanup fund claim is still open. Prepared a fee estimate to close the site. B/c the schools claim is a priority B, ...He sent me the map, I'm going to go look for it, and he's going to close it up for free. They require **Vote: 3/0**

11. Approval of 2010-11 School Calendar.

Action: **M/S/C: kw/ms** to approve 2010-11 School Calendar. *Discussion:* CS Put our professional staff development day back in January to align w/ area schools. That leaves us w the whole second half of the school year w/o a staff dev. Day, but that s what we're faced with for now. Also bumped open house alittle bit earlier, on April Fools this year. Also moved winter holiday program – we're going to do it a week earlier. Leaving a reserve day in June in case of need for a makeup day. **Vote: 3/0**

12. Revision to Category 4 of Facilities Use Policy BP1330.

Action: **M/S/C: cm/ms** to approve Revision to Category 4 of Facilities Use Policy BP1330. *Discussion:* Board agreed to allow private party use at the discretion of site administrator. SR wouldn't rent it out for private parties. That's not part of public use. MS: It doesn't feel right to open up for private parties. SR: you can try it and see what happens, but watch it very carefully. The general rule is that it woun't be granted , unless an exception made by site administrator. **Vote: 3/0**

13. Approval to Hire Additional Yard Duty Supervision (45 minutes per day, five days per week).

Action: **M/S/C: kw/ms** to approve Approval to Hire Additional Yard Duty Supervision.

Discussion: Even though we're tiny the config of playground makes it very challenges to provide adequate supervision. Looking at for the rest of the year, \$850 total. That's on the assumption CS can fill all those days w existing staff. CM: thinks the eyes on the playground are important, but also, there is a dynamic that needs to change. Let's arm the supervisors with an agenda and a mechanism for feedback to the principal. CS: If we can get another set of eyes and model a better climate in a new direction that would make a big difference. CS: Reevaluate at the end of the year. **PUT ON JUNE AGENDA TO EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS.** **Vote: 3/0**

14. Approval of Changes to 2009-10 Board Meeting Calendar.

Action: **M/S/C: ms/kw** to approve Changes to 2009-10 Board Meeting Calendar.

Discussion: MS; thanked all for accomodating. SR won't be in town on April 7th – Shoreline spring break, but he can call in on speaker phone. **Vote: 3/0**

15. Request by Mike Davidson, St. Cecilia's CYO Basketball Coach, for Partial Refund of Facility Use Fees.

Action: **M/S/C: kw/csxx/xx** to approve Request by Mike Davidson. *Discussion:* Give back half , based on the expentidute of staff time. This is a one time concession, In the future, we will adhere to policy. We really appreciate what you do for the youth of our town and yet we did expend some resources **Vote: 3/0**

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS / DISCUSSION

16. Notice of 2010 Golden Bell Nominations Deadline .We don not have a group to nominate this year. For teachers, CS will make her recommendation at March 11 meeting. MS suggested nominating CS. KW would like to request that CS find her criteria and email it to the Board members.

17. Foundation Update by Whit Jackson. KW: re the new plan for the Spring Fundraiser is May 8th Derby Day at the Burton ranch. Off-track betting, big screen tv's. Steve Jackson spawned the idea. It's the week before the Kentucky Derby. Hoping to raise appro `13-15K net.

18. Principal's Report. CS Prsented her report:

- a. Attended mandatory sexual harassment workshop
- b. This is the yr of formal teach eval. And those are now underway. Have conducted two so far, one is coming up.
- c. CW & CS attended country wide prof devel day January 25th. It was surprisingly good. What continues to be lacking is a venue that is effective. Novato HS, The acoustics were terrible, but the speaker had some really good information . Surpisred and disappointed that it wasn't offered for everyone, not just middle

school. Colin was excited about what is applicable here. We came back and shared with the rest of the team and it result in a revision of our instructional day schedule and we're going to try it out for the third trimester w/ the primary purpose to max instructional time and enhance time w/ kids who need it so less time is spent at home for those kids who need that extra time. In general there is consensus on giving that a try!

- d. SARC is in progress and will be on the March agenda for approval.
 - e. End of the trimester is around the corner –two weeks after midwinter break.
 - f. Reported progress with the wed assembly suggestion box. Have had some bumps in the road, but we now seem to be working toward solutions. This week we had some very good concerns shared along w some proposed solutions.
 - g. Pumpkin and paella day – great experiences for 345 – harvesting/baking and followed by paella for Spanish class. Tom discussed cultural background behind it.
 - h. Big progress on the MPR curtains. The holes have been successfully drilled. Dave is now in the process of lining up a team to do the stage extension.
19. Superintendent's Report. No report
20. Trustee's Report. KW: had a conversation w/ woman in Sacto re water system and funding. Put resolution on March Agenda CDPH . And it looks like we'll be on track to know about that absolute funding agreement by June. Hopefully we can get started this summer. Some plans are beginning w/ Nolte for the state. Also KW went to Sacto – No good news, and not a lot of change. It is interesting from going for past 5 years – first year she went, asked why is no one talking about Prop 13, - but the discussion is coming up now that that is a big place to look.. Now the state population is twice the size it was in '77.

CORRESPONDENCE

21. Letter Confirming Review of First Interim Report by Karen Maloney, MCOE Assistant Superintendent, January 15, 2010.

CONCLUSION

22. Agenda Planning.
- a. 2008-09 SARC Approval
 - b. Developer Fee Resolution?
 - c. Warrants Paid February 4th -March 3rd.
 - d. Re-visit Extra yard supervisor in JUNE
 - e. Teacher Golden Bell Nomination
 - f. Review school survey results

23. Other Business.

24. Adjournment. Kw/ms 7:53

Action. M/S/C: **xx/xx** to adjourn the meeting at xx PM. **Vote: 3/0**

Respectfully submitted,

Mikki McIntyre
Administrative Secretary

Unadopted

Adopted

Madeleine Sloane, Clerk