

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

**Wednesday, October 14, 2009
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 Leanne Greentree.
3. Reconvene to Open Session at 6:30 PM
4. Report Out: No action taken during Closed Session.
5. Approval and Adoption of Agenda. **M/S/C: Mothersill/Sloane** to approve and adopt agenda. **Vote: 3/0**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
 - b. Ratification of Warrants Paid through October 7, 2009.
 - c. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints.*Action: M/S/C: Mothersill/Sloane* to approve Consent Agenda. **Vote: 3/0**

PUBLIC COMMENT

7. Public Forum (non-confidential matters only). There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Public Hearing on Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Water System Facilities Improvement Project. The public hearing opened at 6:45 PM. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 6:46 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Approval of Resolution 2009-10 #4 Initial Study of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Water System Facilities Improvement Project. *Discussion:* Trustee Mothersill asked whether archeological studies were required for all development in Marin. Trustee Wallach

confirmed that Miwok tribal representatives know the location of sacred burial grounds in the region. Supt Rosenthal expressed appreciation to Trustee Wallach for the considerable time and effort she put into the preparation of the water improvement project.

Action: M: Wallach to approve Resolution 2009-10 #4 Regarding Initial Study of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Water System Facilities Improvement Project. **In favor of motion (roll call vote): Wallach-Aye; Mothersill-Aye; Sloane-Aye. 3-Ayes/0-Nays.**

10. Approval of Budget Revision.

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

11. Second Reading of Homework Policy BP 6154. *Discussion:* A trustee inquired about the consideration of math and language grades in determining grade level advancement. Principal Stocker explained that in subject areas such as math and foreign language, the learning is a cumulative process, and needs to be built up in levels in order to achieve proficiency. She said the proposed policy gives the school the ability to make determinations for promotion and retention on a case-by-case basis. She also confirmed that the policy meets California state standards.

Action: M/S/C: Mothersill/Sloane to approve Homework Policy BP 6154. **Vote: 3/0**

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS / DISCUSSION

12. First Reading of Revised Facilities Use Policy BP1330. *Discussion:* The board reviewed the proposed fee revisions and discussed where various community groups would fall within those categories. They also addressed policy wording for case-by-case restrictions on restroom access and water usage by large groups due to the school's seasonal water shortages. Other areas of discussion included fees for lights, use of the computer lab and adding type of organization to Facility use application form. Trustee Sloane will provide sample wording.

Action: There was no action. The Revised Facilities Use Policy BP1330 will be placed on November agenda for a second reading.

13. Overview of 2009 STAR Test Results. *Report:* Principal Stocker reported that she had intended to provide the Board with an updated multiyear comparison of STAR test results, but she learned recently that the grade level data she uses to prepare the report is no longer available from STAR due to budget cuts. She is investigating alternative ways to generate the data in a different way.

14. Review of Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was not included in the Board Packets for review, and therefore, this item was moved forward to the November board meeting.

15. CFO Report on Special Education for 2009-10: Principal Stocker does not foresee any additional transportation costs for the district's current special education students. Supt. Rosenthal recommended exploring alternatives to the Marin Academic Center.

16. Principal's Report. Please refer to attached report. *Discussion* Trustee Wallach asked what the CELDT test results were used for. Principal Stocker explained that CELDT data is used to help form a larger picture of a child's academic performance, and helps determine whether

a student's academic performance might be related to English language issues. She added that CELDT test data also is also considered in IEP meetings.

17. Superintendent's Report. The Superintendent did not have a report this month.
18. Trustee's Report: All present once again thanked Trustee Wallach for her extensive work on the water project. Trustee Mothersill, who was not yet on the board when the project began, asked why it was necessary in the first place, and why the school couldn't simply "truck in" water to fill the tank. Trustee Wallach explained that there were very strict regulations about water sources that prevented such an option. She said the new water system will eliminate the constant water testing that is currently necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Correspondence is available for review in the District Office.)

17. Letter of Finalized Agreement between County of Marin and Nicasio School District, County of Marin - Office of the Administrator, Sue Mittiga, October 2, 2009.

CONCLUSION

18. Agenda Planning.
- a. Early November, 2009 – Special Meeting
 - Board/Foundation Workshop re Annual Strategic Check-in.
 - b. November 12, 2009 – Regular Meeting
 - Approval of year-end field trip proposals
 - Facilities Use Policy - second reading
 - Strategic Plan discussion
 - Star Test Results report
 - Workshop follow-up: Configurations Report

19. Other Business. There was no other business.

20. Adjournment

Action. **M/S/C: Mothersill/Sloane** to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. **Vote: 3/0**

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Greentree

Unadopted

Adopted

Madeleine Sloane, Clerk