

Cold Spring School District

Board of Trustees

MINUTES - Regular Meeting **Monday, February 13, 2012**

Members Present

Elizabeth Ricard, President
Bryan Goligoski, Vice President
Allison Marcillac, Clerk of the Board
Michael Wasserman, Trustee
Matt Marquis, Trustee

Staff Present

Dr. Tricia T. Price, Superintendent/Principal
Shelly Schultz, Administrative Assistant
Jaci Dow, Business Manager
Jean Grdias
Stephanie Steele/Carey
Christian Garfield

Guests Present

David Strauss

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session scheduled.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. January 9, 2012 Regular Session

President Ricard suggested adding, on page 5.A.4. under 12.D., the following: *even if they moved out of the District*, to the end of the sentence: ...continue to attend in the new district. The sentence would thus read: ...continue to attend in the new district, even if they moved out of the District. She also suggested under 12.D., that as the original reads: ...the replacement provision may not provide... be amended to read: ...the replacement provision *may or may not* provide.... For 12.E. we will add: *as of Fall 2012*, to ...five years old by December 2nd to September 1st. Clerk of the Board Marcillac *Motioned*, Trustee Wasserman seconded, to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2012 as amended. The Motion carried unanimously.

6. RECOGNITIONS, RECEIPT OF GIFTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCES

7. BOARD COMMENTS – COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.A. FINANCE ITEMS

1. Warrants (attachment)
2. Revolving Cash Fund Payments (attachment)
3. Other financial items since preparation of the Agenda (attachment)

9.B. Applications for Use of School Facilities

9.C. Recommended Personnel Items:

1. Resignations: One classified
2. Leave of Absence: One classified
3. Assignments: Three classified; One certificated

Trustee Wasserman requested that the Warrants be broken up into categories, i.e., software, to see more clearly what has been spent in each area from month to month. Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Trustee Wasserman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Motion carried unanimously.

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

10.A. Report back from Superintendent Symposium

Superintendent Price reviewed some points from the Symposium. Governor Brown's budget proposal for 2012-13 was of primary concern. The budget cut for transportation will be taken from every District's budget, even if the district does not receive transportation funding.

10.B. Report back from Governor's Budget Workshop (Jaci Dow)

This is reviewed under 12.A. Superintendent Price will check with the County Education office to see if Cold Spring School will be paying additional funds for the Special Education services we provide.

10.C. Monthly Enrollment Report

This month the enrollment remains the same at 160.

10.D. Transitional Kindergarten Update for 2012-13

Superintendent Price will clarify what 'no funding' means (for the TK program). This will be put on the Agenda for the March meeting.

10.E. Changes to Consolidated Application, Part II

The new online version is not yet fully functioning and the Consolidated Application will most likely come to the Board in April.

11. ACTION AGENDA

11.A. Approval of contract with School Innovations and Advocacy (SIA)

School districts can submit documentation of time spent performing specified activities for mandated cost recovery. School Innovation and Advocacy (SI & A) is an organization that helps districts track and submit reimbursable claims. A conservative estimate of what

the District could be reimbursed is \$15,000.00 and the funds received are unrestricted. The cost for this service for tracking mandated costs for 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 is \$3,000.00. Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Clerk of the Board Marcillac seconded, to approve the SI & A proposal for mandated cost services. The Motion carried unanimously.

11.B. Review and Acceptance of the Proposition 39 Funding Financial and Performance Audit Reports for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2011

Trustee Wasserman *Motioned*, Vice President Goligoski seconded, to accept the Proposition 39 Funding Financial and Performance Audit Reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. The Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONFERENCE AGENDA

12.A. Review and discussion of assumptions to use in the beginning stages of the development of the 2012-13 District Budget

Governor Brown's budget depends on voter approval, in November, of sales tax and income tax increases. If the voters approve the tax initiative, there will be no additional funding for education, but the revenue limits will be maintained at about 2011-12 pre-trigger level. If voters reject the tax measure, education will be cut by 2.4 billion dollars, about \$370 per ADA (or approximately \$58,000 to Cold Spring School District). Our Fair Share cut will jump from 8.92% to 9.57% for the 2012-13 school year. President Ricard asked if student enrollment drops do the specialists remain at the same percentage, and the same question for office staff and classroom aides. A preliminary budget will be presented in March and the Board requested two versions at that time. One stripped of all extra expenses, i.e., 9 teachers instead of 10, and one with complete expenses. Assumptions: a 1% increase in property taxes; State revenues at a somewhat lower level than 2011-12; all other revenues remaining the same as 2011-12. Superintendent Price will ask the Foundation for clarification at the meeting on Wednesday morning as to the amount of the expected grant for 2011-12.

12.B. Staff feedback regarding development of the 2012-13 calendar and review of 2012-13 SBUSD calendar

The Cold Spring Education Association presented Superintendent Price with two versions of the calendar. On one, school would start September 4th, the day after Labor Day, and end June 13, 2013. On the other, school would start August 29th and end June 12, 2013. There was some discussion about Conference week and the day before the Thanksgiving holiday. Changes will be further discussed with the Cold Spring Education Association and brought back to the March Board meeting.

12.C. Review of proposal to install a sink in Room 12

The Board requested that Superintendent Price check with Mrs. Kaganoff, Art Specialist, for a list of anything else she might need in the proposed new Art Room. The cost of the sink will be covered by Measure

C funds. Clerk of the Board Marcillac *Motioned*, Trustee Marquis seconded, to approve the proposal and additional costs, not to exceed \$7,000.00, to install a sink in room 12 during the summer of 2012. The Motion carried unanimously.

12.D. Bond Insurance Carrier Rating Change

The S & P rating of our bond insurance carrier (now AGM) has been lowered from the original 2007 AAA rating to AA-. Our advisors have fulfilled the technical reporting requirement and have assured us this does not in any way affect us.

12.E. Review of options to downsize water meters as a cost savings

If Cold Spring School changes the one and a half inch meter to a one inch size meter, the monthly rate of water usage would be reduced to \$52.00 from \$93.00. There is a one-time \$200.00 hook up fee. Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Trustee Wasserman seconded, to reduce the Cold Spring water meter size from one and a half inches to one inch. The Motion carried unanimously.

12.F. Input from Teaching Staff Regarding Vision Statement

Vice President Goligoski suggested the bullets on the two versions of the Vision statement be matched up and presented at the next Board meeting. In this way, some of the ideas may be consolidated. A Committee will be formed with Vice President Goligoski, Superintendent Price and possibly a teacher, to work on the Vision Statement.

12.G. Technology Plan and Budget

The 2011-12 budget still needs to be updated for equipment expenditures. Hardware and Software needs were discussed as well as a possible pilot program for iPads. The Board requested some information at the next meeting concerning: the cost of an iPad pilot program; the amount of money in reserve; the cost of parents participating in a lease-to-buy program for laptops. President Ricard requested input from the teachers be brought to the next Board meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting of the Cold Spring School District Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Clerk of the Board