

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
5:30 PM in the Ballard School Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Sandy Knight, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

All board members were present. There were no guests.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent/Principal, Allan Pelletier, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, August 9, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, were approved on a motion by Chris Kazali, seconded by Tracey Cassidy, and passed 2 – 0. Sandy Knight abstained because she was unable to attend the August meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2017/2018 - #1: SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Background: As a condition of compliance with the Education Code Section 60119 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 9531 (c), district, charter school, and county office of education local governing boards are required to hold an annual public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether each pupil in the district or charter school has, or will have prior to the end of that year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each subject consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 2017/2018 - #1: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Allan Pelletier reported that school districts in California are required annually to certify the sufficiency of instructional materials for their students. In some school districts the textbooks are old and outdated, and there may not be enough books, resulting in students having to share. At Ballard School we are fortunate to have a 'more than' sufficient amount of instructional materials. Instructional materials address the California Standards, and we make an effort to purchase additional textbooks in some subjects at the older grades so that students may have a home copy and a school copy.

Sandy Knight opened the public hearing at 5:32 PM.

There were no comments.

Sandy Knight closed the public hearing at 5:32 PM.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, Resolution 2017/2018 - #1 was approved on a motion by Sandy Knight, seconded by Chris Kazali, and passed unanimously.

7. INFORMATION SECTION

a. Calendar

(**Indicates off campus events that the Superintendent/Principal is scheduled to attend.)

Allan Pelletier provided information about upcoming events at Ballard School, including meetings that he attends as Ballard's representative.

- Wed, 9/13 School Board Meeting: 5:30 (Ballard School Library)

Tonight's school board meeting was rescheduled from last Wednesday, September 13, 2017, because all of the board members needed to attend Solvang Middle School's Back to School Night.

- Wednesdays 3rd Grade YMCA Learn to Swim Program (through November 8)

The 3rd graders are participating in the YMCA's Learn to Swim program again this year.

- Thurs, 9/14 Picture Day, PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Thurs, 9/28 **SBCEO Business Officials' Meeting: 1:00 (Guadalupe)
- Mon, 10/2 **SBCEO Superintendents' Meeting: 9:00 (Buellton)
- Tues, 10/3 **SYV Consortium Budget Meeting: 9:00 – 12:00 (Buellton)
- Tues, 10/3 **SYV Superintendents' Meeting: 1:00 (SYHS)

Allan Pelletier talked about the meetings he needs to attend in the next two weeks.

- Tues, 10/3 – Fri, 10/6 Parent Teacher Conferences: 12:15 Dismissal (K – 6th)
YMCA 'Camp Ballard'

All students (K – 6th) will be dismissed at 12:15 during Parent Conference week. The YMCA will also be offering Camp Ballard during conference week again this year.

- Wed, 10/4 Fall Ballard School PTA Social Mixer: 6:30 – 8:30
(Ballard Inn & Gathering Table)

The PTA's Fall Social and Mixer will be held on Wednesday, October 4th.

- Mon, 10/9 Staff Development Day: Valley Schools Conference
(No School for Students)

The Valley Schools Conference will take place at the high school again this year. We will be focusing on building student resiliency. This will include viewing the film 'Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope,' followed by a panel discussion with service providers from Santa Barbara County.

- Tues, 10/10 **SYV Consortium Meeting: 12:30 (Buellton)
- Wed, 10/11 School Board Meeting: 5:30 (Library)
- Mon, 10/16 – Tues, 10/17 Annual Audit

The auditors will want to meet with a board member on one of the days.

- Fri, 10/27 Halloween Parade & Carnival

The Halloween Parade and Carnival will take place on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Hoping that it does not rain like last year!

- Fri, 11/17 Thanksgiving Feast

INFORMATION SECTION (continued)

b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence

Allan Pelletier asked the board members to share their thoughts about Solvang Middle School's Back to School Night.

Andy Knight: Solvang's Back to School Night was really good, and the teachers were all enthusiastic. It was pretty well attended.

Tracey Cassidy: All the teachers were great, engaged, and interesting.

Chris Kazali: The Back to School Night felt vibrant. It really reinforced what a good transition this middle school experience will be to high school.

Tracey Cassidy also asked if Ballard would be implementing the 'sugar restrictions' that are being put into place at some of the other local schools.

c. PTA Report

Allan Pelletier shared the PTA's calendar of events and the flyer for the Fall Social Mixer. This year the PTA will be spreading the staff appreciation lunches out over the year (instead of all in February). The first lunch was held last week and it was fantastic! Allan Pelletier expressed appreciation on behalf of the Ballard Staff.

d. Superintendent's Report

- Smarter Balanced Assessment: Spring 2017

Ballard School students continue to do well on the CAASPP assessments.

- Current Enrollment / Transfer Update

We currently have 131 students enrolled at Ballard School. We have had one student leave and two new students enroll.

- Enrichment Program Update

We currently have the following enrichment lineup:

- Monday Let's Code It – Programming (before school)
Homework Club & Valley Glee (after school)
- Tuesday Homework Club & Chess (after school)
- Wednesday Homework Club, Yoga, & Spanish Club (after school)
- Thursday Let's Build It Engineering (before school)
Arts Outreach (after school)

In 2016/2017 Ballard School held 267 enrichment classes on 124 school days, involving 2,241 students. Not too bad for a school our size!

- Solvang Middle School Update

Ballard has reduced contributions for the Middle School MOU by approximately \$150,000 from last year.

- Schools for Sound Finance Reports

May 5: Schools for Sound Finance annual letter

Aug 17: State Legislature to wrap up action on pending bills.

Aug 25: Education Bills: Reserve Cap Reform.

Sept 1: No discussion of actions in Sacramento that impact basic aid.

Sept 8: Reserve Cap Deal Exempts Basic Aid Districts and Small School Districts. The bill is expected to be approved by the legislature and signed by the governor.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The superintendent may share pertinent correspondence at this time.

Allan Pelletier shared that late last week he received correspondence from the SBCOE approving Ballard's LCAP and 2017/18 budget. He will include the final letters on the October agenda.

BUSINESS MATTERS (continued)

- a. Approval of Resolution 2017/2018 - #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2016/2017 and to Establish the Gann Limit for 2017/2018

Background: In November of 1979, the California electorate adopted the Gann Amendment, which established maximum appropriation limitations, commonly called 'Gann Limits,' for public agencies, including school districts. The district must establish a revised Gann Limit for the 2016/2017 fiscal year and a projected Gann Limit for the 2017/2018 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII-B and applicable statutory law.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2017/2018 - #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2016/2017 and to Establish the Gann Limit for 2017/2018

Allan Pelletier reported that the Gann Limit was established in 1979 by an overwhelming 79% of the voters. Prop 13 had just passed, and people were concerned that government agencies would increase taxes elsewhere. The Gann Limit establishes maximum appropriations limits for public agencies including school districts. Our school accounting software calculates the district's Gann Limit each year. There is an adjusted limit for 2016/2017 and a preliminary number for 2017/2018.

Allan Pelletier found it interesting to note that the SSC article states, "It is by virtue of this calculation that nearly every school district is exactly at its Gann Limit. Furthermore, if any school agency should, for any reason, find itself over its Gann Limit, that agency may adopt a resolution increasing its Gann Limit by the amount needed and then inform the Director of the State Department of Finance, who shall then reduce the state's Gann Limit by an equal dollar amount."

Resolution 2017/18 #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2016/17 and to establish the Gann Limit for 2017/18 was approved on a motion by Sandy Knight, seconded by Chris Kazali, and passed unanimously.

- b. Review Current Board Report

Allan Pelletier shared detailed information about the status of the district's four funds. (see board packet)

11. PERSONNEL MATTERS

- a. Approval of Substitute Teachers Pending Pre-Employment Clearance
- Monica Johnson

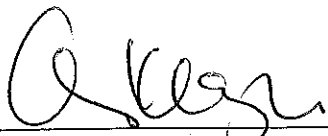
Allan Pelletier asked that the board also approve Nina Stormo as a substitute teacher, and Anna Moyer as a substitute instructional assistant and office clerk. All of these will be pending the necessary pre-employment clearance. Monica Johnson, Nina Stormo, and Anna Moyer were approved as substitutes pending pre-employment clearance on a motion by Sandy Knight, seconded by Chris Kazali, and passed unanimously.

12. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

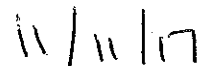
Unless otherwise announced, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Ballard School Library.

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 6:35 PM



Chris Kazali, Clerk of the Board



Date