



KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting
March 10, 2008

OFFICIAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY

Call to Order

The March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kern High School District was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Board President, J. Bryan Batey, in Conference Room 'A' of the Administrative and Support Services Office, Kern High School District, 5801 Sundale Avenue, Bakersfield.

Members Present:

J. Bryan Batey, President
Joel Heinrichs, Vice President
Ken Mettler, Clerk
Bob J. Hampton, Member
Chad Vegas, Member

Member(s) Absent:

None

Administrative Staff Member(s) Present:

Donald E. Carter, Superintendent
Dennis Scott, Associate Superintendent, Business
William R. Jones, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel
Joe Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Rebecca A. Shipley, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent

Administrative Staff Member(s) Absent:

None

Adoption of Agenda For Closed Session

Superintendent Carter announced no changes have been made to the Closed Session agenda. It was moved by Trustee Vegas, seconded by Trustee Hampton and carried that the agenda for Closed Session be approved.

Hearing of Citizens on Closed Session Agenda President Batey asked if any citizen was present who wished to address the Board of Trustees on any item to be considered in Closed Session. Hearing no request to make comments, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:31 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Adjournment to Closed Session The following Closed Session agenda items were considered by the Board of Trustees:

Public Administrative Employee Appointment:
Assistant Director of Budget, Fiscal Services Department

ADJOURNMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Adjournment from Closed Session The Board of Trustees adjourned Closed Session at 8:34 a.m.

RECONVENING IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvening in Open Session The Board of Trustees reconvened in Regular Session at 8:40 a.m. in the Board Room of the Kern High School District Administrative and Support Services Office.

Adoption of Final Agenda It was moved by Trustee Hampton, seconded by Trustee Mettler and carried that the Final Agenda be approved with changes as announced by Superintendent Carter.

Report from Closed Session In Closed Session, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Donald McKenzie to the position of Assistant Director of the Budget in the District's Fiscal Services Department.

No other action was taken by the Board of Trustees in Closed Session.

The next Regular Board of Trustees meeting has been scheduled for April 7, 2008.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Comments on District Activities

Superintendent Carter reported that one activity paramount on our minds over the past several weeks has been implementing the budget reductions after the Governor's Budget Proposal for 2008-2009 were unveiled. He presented information regarding the State's budget over the last ten years, which indicates that the State's revenues have increased by a little over 80%. During that same period, expenditures on K-14 education (Proposition 98) have only risen by 69% (58% with the Governor's Budget). The expenditures out of the general fund for non-public education have

arisen by 111%. “Public education is not the cause of the structural deficit in which the State finds itself. When comparing the K-14 expenditures to the other areas of economy in the State of California, Health & Human Services have increased 109%; Business, Transportation & Housing have increased 257%; Corrections has increased 141%; while K-14 expenditures have only increased by 69%.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications

No communications were shared with Trustees at the Board meeting. Superintendent Carter reported that all communications received for the Board of Trustees have been forwarded to the Trustees under separate cover.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Hearing of Citizens

No requests were submitted to address the Board of Trustees.

SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

No Items

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Approval of Resolution Reducing or Eliminating Certain Certificated Services for 2008- 2009 School Year

First reports about the State of California’s deficit listed the deficit at \$14.5 billion, now indications are that the deficit has grown to \$16.0 billion. Assistant Superintendent Jones reported that legislative bills are still being introduced, the May Revise will come out in mid-May, and the final State budget may not be released until late summer or early fall. “However, the law requires that notifications of reductions or elimination of certificated services have to be made on certificated staff by March 15. The Kern High School District is looking at a \$16.7 million reduction in unrestricted funds, plus additional reductions in categorical programs. The goal has been to reduce in areas that will minimize disruption to the educational process and take into consideration retirements, etc. The 2008-09 school year will open with 180 fewer employees, even though the District is growing by 750 students and will open Independence and Mira Monte high schools.

Assistant Superintendent Jones reported that members of the Superintendent continued to work through this past weekend developing the final Resolution, which was presented for action to approve by the Board of Trustees. A total of 450 periods (90.0 FTE) of reductions is being recommended, including:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>2007-08 FTE*</u>	<u>2008-09 FTE</u>	<u>Notices (FTE)</u>
English	309.6	288.0	0
Math	236.6	220.1	0
Social Studies	157.2	146.2	9
Science	178.0	165.6	4
Fine Arts ****	94.8	88.2	2
CTE **	120.5	112.1	4
Modern Language ***	459.5	427.4	7
PE/Health	101.6	94.5	7

* Full-time Equivalent

** Business, Vocational Arts, Industrial Arts and Agriculture

*** Spanish, French and German

**** Drama, Music and Art

In addition to the above reductions, the proposed Resolution also includes a total of 5.0 FTE reduction in the Lerdo Program (Jail Education) through the Bakersfield Adult School. Assistant Superintendent Jones reported it is the District leadership's hope that some of the layoffs will not be necessary due to attrition, including retirements and resignations.

It was moved by Trustee Vegas, seconded by Trustee Hampton and carried that the Resolution Reducing or Eliminating Certain Certificated Services for 2008-2009 School Year be approved. A copy of the final Resolution with accompanying attachments is on file in the Personnel Division.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approval of 2007-2008 Second Period Interim Financial Report to the Board

AB1266, Chapter 741 (1985) requires school districts to prepare and submit certain interim financial reports to the Board of Trustees and then to the State Controller as official notification of whether or not the district will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. It was moved by Trustee Hampton, seconded by Trustee Vegas and carried with a unanimous vote that the 2007-2008 Second Period Interim Financial Report to the Board be approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Items required by law and/or items in accordance with the District Administrative Code and/or the Education Code

Administrative Report

It was moved by Trustee Hampton, seconded by Trustee Vegas and carried with a unanimous vote to approve the Administrative Report as presented.

Superintendent's Office

No items

Instructional Services

No Items

Personnel Services

No Items

Business Services

1. Approval to waive Board Policy regarding the Non-Use of School Facilities on Sundays to allow the Bakersfield Racquet Club use of the tennis courts at Bakersfield High School on Sunday, March 30, 2008.
2. Authorization to rescind award of Bid No. 2242 – District-wide purchase of Miscellaneous Science Equipment and Supplies from Sargent-Welch.
3. ~~Award of Bid No. 2247 – Arvin High School Agriculture Building Roof Repair.~~ Deleted from Final Agenda. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Batey adjourned the Special Meeting of March 10, 2008 at 8:48 a.m.

J. Bryan Batey, President

Ken Mettler, Clerk

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