

NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 3, 2003

OPEN SESSION:

President Newman called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board recessed to closed session after the roll call.

RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION:

President Newman called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Cindi Clinton, Roger Collins, Bill King, Jeff McAlpin, Ross Millerick, Perry Newman, Leslie Schwarze
Student Board Members: Steve Choi, Romina Loose, Cristina Restivo

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

None

STAFF /VISITORS PRESENT:

Superintendent John Bernard, Assistant Superintendents Jan La Torre-Derby and Michael Watenpaugh,
Chief Financial Officer Chris Thomas and approximately 150 other staff, parent and community
members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Trustee Collins reported that the Board meet in closed session to discuss:

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| a. Negotiations (CSEA/NFT) | direction given to staff |
| b. Consideration of Advice from Counsel
with Respect - Anticipated Litigation (1) | direction given to staff |

NON AGENDA NEW BUSINESS:

Questions, Comments and Announcements:

Board members:

- reported on Board candidates workshop on June 18 at MCOE
- attended Awards Nights at several schools
- announced a reception for Dr. Bernard, Michael Watenpaugh and Dianne Pavia at Chevy's on Wednesday, June 4 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Student Board Members
 - Steven Choi, Novato High, reported on ASB Installation of Officers for next year; senior awards night and graduation this Saturday
 - Cristina Restivo, San Marin, reported on Senior Ball and Senior Awards Night, Senior Breakfast and graduation.

President Newman acknowledged the student members for their interest in and participation on the Board, and asked them to share their plans for next year.

Staff:

Dr. Bernard:

- reported that the Agenda has been reordered and the Consent Agenda will be moved forward for action;
- a date for an expulsion hearing needs to be set – June 30 was selected;
- on the Consent Agenda there are corrected Personnel Agendas and staff is pulling “d.”

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA:

1. EEF provided their new total of \$356,700;
2. NFT President asked for reinstatement of the retirement incentive for those teachers retiring and an accounting of the costs of the layoff process;
3. Community member stated her concerns about the health curriculum;
4. NFT member expressed concern about the English Language Arts adoption;
5. Community member stated concerns about summer school letter he received and registration deadline that had already passed;
6. Individuals spoke in support of the Marin School of Arts and Technology.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

- a. **Adoption of 2003-2004 Budget on June 24, 2003**
- b. **Novato Unified School District “Sunshined” Proposal – Intent to Negotiate with California School Employees Association**
- c. **Novato Unified School District “Sunshined” Proposal – Intent to Negotiate with Novato Federation of Teachers**

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Local Education Agency Plan**
President Newman opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment.
President Newman closed the Public Hearing.
- b. **Waiver Request to State Board of Education for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma**
President Newman opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment.
President Newman closed the Public Hearing.

PRESENTATION:

Assistant Superintendent Michael Watenpaugh, who is taking a Superintendency in Cotati-Rohnert Park next year, was acknowledged by Trustees and presented with a plaque for his service to the Novato Unified School District.

STAFF REPORT:

- a. **Hamilton Elementary School Plan Update**
Dr. Bernard gave an update on the Hamilton School plans for the new design. Phase one has changed significantly, as a result of public comment. A California Environmental Quality Act Report process must be done for this property, to allow for public comments on the plans. This process will take 12 to 18 months.

Cam Lee, the district architect for this project, provided an overview of the changes that were made.

Moved by Trustee Millerick, seconded by Trustee Clinton, and on a vote of 7-0, approved the Hamilton Elementary School Plan Update report. The Student Board member cast an advisory vote.

b. Marin School of the Arts and Technology Charter High School Update

Dr. Bernard reported that the Marin School of the Arts and Technology Charter High School had met the enrollment criteria, and by June 1 had presented a comprehensive budget to the District. He also stated that the lease agreement that MSAT entered into with College of Marin did not meet the requirements set forth in the MSAT/NUSD agreement and NUSD will not have any financial responsibility for the lease for the 2003-2004 school year. Dr. Bernard also reported that NUSD retains the right to appoint a member to the MSAT Board and he suggested that the Board consider making that appointment.

Moved by Trustee Millerick, seconded by Trustee McAlpin, and on a vote of 7-0, approved the Marin School of the Arts and Technology Charter High School Update report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee King, and on a vote of 7-0 approved the Consent Agenda and the Personnel Action Addendum with the exception of "d" and "p."

- a. Personnel Actions of June 3, 2003**
- b. Local Education Agency Plan**
- c. Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2003-2004 School Year**
- e. Gifted and Talented Education Plan for 2003-2004**
- f. Contract Agreement for Maximus Inc. for Services for the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year**
- g. Countywide Plan for Expelled Youth**
- h. Disposal of Obsolete and Unusable Textbooks and Instructional Materials**
- i. Waiver of Golden State Seal Merit Diploma Requirements**
- j. School Site Capacities for Inter/Intra District Transfers**
- k. Third Grade Pilot Olive School**
- l. Award of Contract to Ghilotti Construction for the Sinaloa Middle School Paving and Fire Hydrants Project #650-323-6207-03**
- m. Award of Contract to Hanford Applied Restoration & Conservation for the San Marin High School Design and Construction of Irrigation, Drainage, and Turf Renovation Project #655-403-6100-03**
- n. Award of Contract to Hanford Applied Restoration & Conservation for the San Jose Middle School Athletic Field Renovation Project #646-322-6100-03**
- o. Award of Contract to Gobel Paving and Grading for the Rancho Elementary School Paving and Fire Hydrants Project #677-062-6207-03**
- q. Policy 6154: Homework**
Approval is recommended of Policy 6154: Homework as a second reading and placement on the June 17 action agenda as a third and final reading.
- r. Approval of Funding for Approved Proposition 39 Facilities Offer to Novato Charter School**
- s. Gifts**
- t. Warrants**

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA:

- d. Positive Parent Permission for Family Life**
This item was pulled from the agenda and will be placed on a future agenda.
- p. Policy 5113: Absence and Excuse Policy**
Trustee Collins requested additional language be included to clarify what is and is not an unexcused absence. It was also requested that this policy and Policy 6154: Homework be brought back under Action.

Moved by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Clinton, on a vote of 7-0, approved as a second reading with the requested language changes and to bring it back under Action.

ACTION:

Dr. Derby thanked the Marin Community Foundation for their support in the diversity project. She gave an overview of the process and announced the pilots that will be presented for approval by the Board. Dr. Derby presented the pilot teachers, who gave their recommendations to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments both for and against piloted materials were presented to the Board by students, parents and community members.

The Board asked for clarifying information on policy and process for approval and discussed their issues.

Moved by Trustee Millerick to approve *Bullyproofing, Different and the Same, Get Real About Violence, Giraffes and Heroes, and World of Difference*, with participation as indicated by the California Education Code, seconded by Trustee King, and by a 6-1 vote (Trustee McAlpin voted against the motion) approved the motion.

Trustees then expressed their opinions about the "That's A Family" video.

Moved by Trustee Collins to approve *That's a Family* including the opt-in form, seconded by Trustee King, approved by a 4 -3 vote (Trustees Collins, King, Millerick, Newman voted for the motion) - (Trustees Clinton, McAlpin, Schwarze voted against the motion).

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

June 24, 2003	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	District Education Center
July 15, 2003	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	District Education Center

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

WITNESSED:  _____, Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Attested to on this fifteenth day of July 2003.

All district meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to attend.
The Board of Trustees meets regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.