

LARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 28, 2006
Library – Hall Middle School
200 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, California

I. CALL TO ORDER (Board President)

The regular meeting of the Larkspur School District Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Kevin Mangan at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Sally Blatt, Monica Bonny, Michael Futterman, Bruce Friedrichs, Kevin Mangan

Trustees Absent: None

Management Present: Valerie Pitts, Becky White, Daniel Norbutas

II. CLOSED SESSION

(a) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to GC Section 54957: Public Employment – Superintendent's Contract

(b) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to GC Section 54956.9 – Pending Litigation

A. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened at 7:03 p.m. Board President Kevin Mangan reported that the Board had met in Closed Session to discuss the items listed on the Closed Session and approved a \$30,000 settlement for L. Robinson.

B. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST

The Board considered the Interdistrict Transfer Request for B. Blaney, 6th grade, San Rafael School District. M/s/c unanimous to deny the request based on the impact on enrollment at Hall Middle School.

III. OPEN SESSION

1. Superintendent's Report.

- Supt. Pitts congratulated Principal Norbutas on the Hall graduation ceremony and said that the students were well organized and well behaved. She also congratulated Principal Clark on the 4th and 5th grade completion ceremony and said the children did a wonderful job.

2. Board Members Reports/Correspondence Addressed to the Board.

- President Mangan attended the completion and graduation ceremonies and said they were terrific. He also attended the retiree dinner at Giorgio's.
- Trustee Futterman attended the Hall graduation and said that everyone did a great job.
- Trustee Bonny attended the 4th and 5th grade completion ceremonies and enjoyed it, as well as the retiree dinner.
- Trustee Friedrichs attended the graduation and completion ceremonies as well as the Neil Cummins teacher appreciation breakfast.
- Trustee Blatt attended the retiree dinner and chaperoned the Hall Middle School dance, where she was impressed by the behavior of the students.

B. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. None.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. School Site Survey Reports. Principal Norbutas reported on the Hall site survey. He said that an effort was made to improve the format of this year's survey, although it made comparison with previous years' survey results more difficult. Response choices were changed into "agree/disagree" format rather than the "excellent/poor" range of answers. He said that both parent and student responses were more insightful, and that there were no real surprises coming out of the survey. There was some discussion of the problem of communication between parents and teachers regarding student progress and homework assignments. Supt. Pitts reported that both schools have high satisfaction rates despite some minor concerns that parents have with some programs, and office administration morale has greatly improved since Principal Clark came on board. She explained that specific goals will be implemented, such as peer relationships/respect. The trustees discussed the results and made suggestions for next year's survey.

4. 2004-06 Goals Review. Supt. Pitts reported that we will have a categorical self-monitoring review next year, mandated by the state, to see if we are in compliance with state and local programs. She said that the district did an admirable job in meeting the 2004-06 goals, and thanked Ad Council for their hard work.

5. 2006-08 District Strategic Priorities and Goals. Supt. Pitts reported that the district has developed strategic priorities for 2006-08. Specific measurable goals have been developed by the Ad Council. Action plans will be formulated once the goals have been finalized. The goals were discussed and suggestions made for changes and additions. They will be brought back to the July 26 meeting for further discussion.

D. ACTION ITEMS

6. 2005/06 Budget Final Hearing and Adoption.

a. Public Hearing. Business Manager White presented the budget for adoption. She said that the budget is based on 1% enrollment growth, but Larkspur's growth is currently over 3%, which improves the budget year bottom line. The most significant revisions in the budget are due to carry-overs after the books are closed. There was a discussion of reserves; the impact of the parcel tax was also discussed. There being no further comment by the public, the hearing was closed.

b. Action to Adopt. M/s/c (Blatt-Futterman) unanimous to adopt the 2006/07 Budget, as submitted.

7. Grand Jury Report: Home Schooling Neglected in Marin County. M/s/c (Futterman-Blatt) unanimous to approve the responses to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report – *Caught in the Middle: Home Schooling Neglected in Marin County.*

8. Grand Jury Report: Agendizing Responses to Grand Jury Reports. M/s/c (Futterman-Blatt) to approve the responses to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: *Agendizing Responses to Grand Jury Reports.*

E. CONSENT CALENDAR. (The purpose of the Consent Calendar is to group items which may be approved routinely. A Board Member or member of the audience may request removal of an item for discussion.) A Roll Call Vote should be taken to include all Resolutions.

9. Local Education Area Plan (LEAP) Review, as submitted
10. Consolidated Application, Part I, as submitted
11. Bylaws of the Board 9320: Meetings and Notices, as submitted
12. Authorizations to Sign on Behalf of Board, as submitted
Resolution 2005/06-19 – Valerie Pitts
Resolution 2005/06-20 – Becky White
Resolution 2005/06-21 – Marilyn Clark
Resolution 2005/06-22 – Daniel Norbutas
13. Resolution 2005/06-23: Change OPSC Authorized District Representatives, as submitted
14. Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 14, 2006, as amended
15. Personnel Action 2005/06-15, as submitted
16. Monthly Warrant Reports: 2005/06 – 109-113, as submitted

The minutes were removed from the Consent Calendar for the following corrections:

Change "...the contribution to the district will be approximately \$630,000."
To: "...the contribution to the district will be approximately \$660,000."

Add Jeff Luchetti Construction as the contractor awarded the bid for the Henry C. Hall addition.

M/s/c (Friedricks-Blatt) unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

M/s/c (Futterman-Bonny) to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Blatt, Bonny, Friedricks, Futterman, Mangan
Noes: None
Absent: None

F. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

July 26: Healthy Kids Survey
Construction Update
2006-08 District Strategic Priorities and Goals

G. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

July 26
August 30

IV. ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c (Futterman-Mangan) unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pitts
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Barbara Barry
Secretary to the Superintendent