

JOINT MEETING WITH CORTE MADERA LARKSPUR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
OCTOBER 25, 2006
5:00 PM
HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6:00 PM

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 5:10 p.m.

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

Trustees Absent: None

Management Present: Valerie Pitts, Becky White, Marilyn Clark, Daniel Norbutas

II. **OPEN SESSION**

- A. **MEETING WITH CORTE MADERA LARKSPUR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION.** The Trustees met with members of the Board of the Corte Madera Larkspur Schools Foundation (CMLSF) to discuss our collaborative efforts and common goals.

A. **REPORTS**

1. **Superintendent's Report.**

- Supt. Pitts reported that there were no complaints in the previous quarter regarding textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, or facilities conditions.
- She reported that she, Principal Clark, and Assistant Principal Carvey participated in Walk and Roll to School day, biking or walking with students.
- She attended Masters in Governance training with Trustees Friedrichs, Bonny, and Mangan.
- She attended PTA Executive Board meetings at Neil Cummins and Hall.
- She hosted the first District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting, where 4 focus groups were formed: Foreign Language, GATE/ELL, Health and Safety, and Arts Education.
- She participated in a conference call with Dan Kindlon, author of *Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age*. Mr. Kindlon will be speaking to teachers and parents at Bacich Elementary School on November 13. The Neil Cummins PTA is sponsoring a talk by Madeline Levine, author of *The Price of Privilege*, on November 16 at 7:30 at Neil Cummins.

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

- Trustee Friedrichs attended an Education Task Force (ETF) meeting. He also attended the Masters in Governance training on Policy and Judicial Review and a CMLSF meeting. He asked the Board to recognize Jeff Redman and the Hall Cougar Crew for spearheading the Hall Fall Ball Drive.
- Trustee Bonny attended Masters in Governance, the DAC meeting, and a Neil Cummins PTA general membership meeting, where they voted to approve a \$10,000 gift to the Hall PTA for playground improvements. She also attended the Superintendent's Coffee Chat and a Golden Bell meeting.
- Trustee Futterman attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) meeting, where the January 17 and 18 trip to Sacramento was discussed and Jared Huffman, Democratic candidate for Assembly, spoke.
- President Mangan attended Masters in Governance training.

B. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Librarian Carol Halpern invited everyone to attend the Neil Cummins Book Fair.

C. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority: *Maintain the fiscal integrity of the district.*

3. **Action:** Approve Budget Revisions – First Interim. Business Manager White presented the first round of budget revisions for approval. M/s/c (Bonny-Friedricks) unanimous to approve the proposed budget revisions as submitted.

4. **Discussion:** Transportation Update. The trustees discussed bus service provided by Larkspur and other Marin County school districts. They asked Supt. Pitts to contact Marin County Transit District to determine the ridership necessary to retain the 117 run from East Corte Madera to Neil Cummins and Hall.

5. **Action:** Resolution 2006/07-06: Proposition 88 – Education Funding: Real Property Parcel Tax. M/s/c (Blatt-Futterman) to approve Resolution 2006/07-06 by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Blatt, Bonny, Friedricks, Futterman, Mangan

Absent: None

Noes: None

Priority: *Foster high levels of student achievement through a comprehensive aligned curriculum.*

6. **Discussion:** Technology Update. Information Services Coordinator Kim Murray presented a technology update to the trustees. Supt. Pitts commended Ms. Murray for the job she is doing.

7. **Discussion:** BP and AR 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services. After reviewing the draft policy, the trustees asked that Supt. Pitts make some revisions and bring the policy and administrative regulation back to the November 15 meeting for a second reading.

D. GOVERNANCE TEAM ISSUES/PLANNING

8. **Discussion:** Board Self-Evaluation. The board reviewed their self-evaluation and concluded that they need to explore additional methods of communicating with the community. Trustees Bonny and Futterman will look into ways that the trustees can provide community leadership. They also spoke of the need for orientation for incoming trustees.

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. Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 27, 2006, as submitted
Special Meeting of October 11, 2006, as submitted

10. Donor Thanks, as submitted:

Wendy and David Robinow – iMac DV computer, keyboard and mouse

11. Disposal of Obsolete Computer Equipment, as submitted

12. Personnel Action 2006/07-04, as submitted

13. Monthly Warrant Reports: 2006/07 – 031-038 totaling \$847,145.68, as submitted.

M/s/c (Friedricks-Bonny) unanimous to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

F. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

November 15: API Report
Approve Single Plans for Student Achievement
BP and AR 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services
Governance Goals -- Communications

G. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

November 15
December 13

III. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:05 pm to discuss:

- (a) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to GC Section 54956.8: Lease Negotiations – City of Larkspur and Town of Corte Madera
- (b) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to GC Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluations: Superintendent

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Report of Closed Session. The Board reconvened at 8:30 p.m. Board President Kevin Mangan reported that the Board had met in Closed Session to discuss the items listed on the Closed Session agenda and took no action.

V. ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c (Friedricks-Bonny) unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pitts
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Barbara Barry
Secretary to the Superintendent