

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

December 19, 2007
Hall Middle School Library
200 Doherty Drive, Larkspur

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER (Board President)

The regular meeting of the Larkspur School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Michael Futterman at 5:00 p.m.

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

Trustees Absent: None

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

II. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

M/s/c (Mangan-Blatt) to approve the Closed Session Agenda as presented.

AYES: Mangan, Blatt, Bonny, Friedrichs, Futterman

NOES: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None.

IV. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ACTION UPON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S)

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss the following:

- (a) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to GC Section 54957: Approval of Tentative Bargaining Agreements
- (b) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to GC Section 54956.9: Pending Litigation
- (c) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to GC Section 54957: Public Employees--Performance/Goals Evaluation: Superintendent

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Report of Closed Session. The Board reconvened at 6:02 p.m. Board President Michael Futterman reported that the Board had approved the Larkspur Teacher Association's contract for 2007-08.

A. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

1. Swearing-In

Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools, swore in incumbent Trustee Kevin Mangan and new Trustee Sheri Mowbray.

Supt. Pitts announced that the last Board meeting was Michael Futterman's last official meeting as a Trustee, and that Mary Jane Burke, the Marin County Superintendent of Schools, was in attendance to make a presentation.

Supt. Burke presented Trustee Futterman with a certificate of appreciation for his service as a Trustee from 2002 to present, acknowledging the sacrifices of his family in allowing him to dedicate so much time to the District for so many years.

Supt. Pitts presented Trustee Futterman with an engraved gavel, engraved bookends, and a certificate of appreciation for his years of service. She noted that he had attended over 100 Board Meeting during his tenure, and she highlighted major accomplishments and decisions that had taken place during that time, of which there were many. Supt. Pitts thanked Trustee Futterman for his support, leadership and mentoring.

Trustee Mangan, Trustee Blatt, Trustee Friedrichs and Trustee Bonny then each spoke to his many attributes and leadership qualities, and of how they would miss his presence on the Board and the unending wisdom and grace he possesses.

Teacher Elliot Rodgers and Parent Laurie Dubin also shared their appreciation for his excellent work as a Trustee. The meeting was adjourned for a short time for a cake and juice celebration.

2. Election of Officers

M/s/c (Blatt-Friedricks) unanimous to elect Monica Bonny Board President. M/s/c (Bonny-Blatt) unanimous to elect Bruce Friedrichs Board Vice President. M/s/c (Friedricks-Mowbray) unanimous to elect Kevin Mangan Board Clerk.

3. Committee Appointments

Committee appointments were made as follows:

Marin Teaching Network: Bruce Friedrichs, Sheri Mowbray (alternate); Marin County School Boards Association: Kevin Mangan, Monica Bonny (alternate); Corte Madera Larkspur Schools Foundation: Valerie Pitts, Volunteer Alternate (as needed); Golden Bell: Monica Bonny, Volunteer Alternate (as needed); Joint Legislative Advisory Committee: Sheri Mowbray, Monica Bonny (alternate); PTA Liaison: Sheri Mowbray (for Neil Cummins) and Monica Bonny (for Hall Middle School), Volunteer Alternate (as needed); City of Larkspur: Bruce Friedrichs; Town of Corte Madera: Kevin Mangan.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

4. Superintendent's Report and Recognitions

Supt. Pitts reported that she had been to the following meetings: Joint Legislative Advisory Committee, Facilities Master Plan Committee, and Shared Services Committee.

5. Board Member Reports/Correspondence Addressed to the Board

Trustees reported attendance at the following activities (and elaborated on key issues):

- Hall's *High School Musical* production.

- Superintendent's Coffee Chat.
- District Advisory Council meeting.
- Neil Cummins' PTA meeting.
- Hall's Winter Band/Choir Concert.
- Marin Teaching Network Meeting.
- City of Larkspur's Council Meeting.
- Golden Bell meeting.

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

None.

D. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority: Foster high levels of student achievement

6. Physical Fitness Assessment Results

Principal Norbutas presented the Physical Fitness Assessment Results, recently released by the State, as well as described the equipment that had been purchased with the California physical education equipment grant money. He was pleased to report that both the fifth and seventh grade students improved their performance on the assessments in nearly every area. The Trustees thanked Principal Norbutas and the PE teachers for a great program.

Priority: Maintain the fiscal integrity of the district.

7. Annual Accounting of School Facilities Fees (Developer Fees)

Business Manager Becky White presented the Annual Accounting of School Facilities Fees, stating that we received \$116,153 in fees in the 2006/07 school year, with one refund issued after verification that the project was cancelled. Our expenses, she noted, were \$337,271, which resulted in a net reduction in the Capital Facilities Fund ending fund balance of \$221,118. She also stated that none of the ending fund balance has been in the fund longer than five years.

M/s/c (Friedricks-Mangan) to accept the District's Annual Accounting of School Finance Facilities Fees/Developer Fees as presented.

AYES: Friedricks, Mangan, Blatt, Bonny, Mowbray

NOES: None

Priority: Develop a flexible long range plan to manage continued enrollment growth.

8. Facilities Master Plan Committee Report

Supt. Pitts stated that the Committee had met twice since the last Board Meeting. They had focused on the current agreement with Lycee Francais and Marin Primary, which she thanked Bonnie Frank for presenting. She also wanted to thank Trustee Mangan for presenting the Committee with an extensive report on enrollment projections. Other topics discussed were state preschool issues and how they relate to future classroom needs, school site development standards, the 1999 Facilities Master Plan, San Clemente Costs, Bonding Capacity, and a San Clemente Place update. The next Committee meeting will be January 14 at 6:00 in the Hall Middle School Library. All interested parties are invited to attend.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Mangan asked that Agenda Item 12 (Donor Thanks: Kevin Mangan – Books) be removed from the Consent Calendar.

9. Minutes: Regular Meeting of November 28, 2007
10. Personnel Action 2007/08-05
11. Monthly Warrant Reports: 2007/08 – 30-33
13. Authorize Staff to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Audit Services

M/s/c (Friedricks-Blatt) to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

AYES: Friedricks, Blatt, Bonny, Mangan, Mowbray

NOES: None

12. Donor Thanks: Kevin Mangan – Books

M/s/c (Friedricks-Mangan) to approve Agenda Item 12, Donor Thanks letter to Kevin Mangan.

AYES: Friedricks, Mowbray, Blatt, Bonny

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mangan

IV. ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c (Bonny-Friedricks) to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pitts
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mary Anne O'Keeffe
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent