

ALISAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Board Study Session  
January 30, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Study Session of the Alisal Union School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Gary Karnes at 5:36 p.m., at the District Board Room, 1205 E. Market Street, Salinas, California.

Members Present: Trustee Gary Karnes, President  
Trustee Juan V. Flores, Vice President/Clerk  
Trustee José Castañeda  
Trustee Jesús R. Velásquez  
Trustee Guadalupe Ruiz Gilpas

Also Present: Esperanza Zendejas, Ed.D.  
Robert Costa  
Rebecca Salinas  
Taffra Purnsley  
Cathy Cranson  
Belia Garcia  
Michael Piercy  
Annabelle Rodriguez  
Candice Gregory  
Petra Martinez  
Dr. Hank Phelps  
Anthony Gomez  
Diane Della Maggiore  
Irene Vargas  
Linda Aceves  
Angelica Carrillo  
Esteban Hernandez  
Sonia Aramburo  
Julio Sierra  
Ricardo Cabrera  
Trine Rodriguez  
Dora Salazar  
Mary Magaña  
Anastacio Cabral  
Roberto Rodriguez  
Marcie Schnegelberger  
Other District staff

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**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

The following people addressed the Board:

- Rita Guillen regarding the superintendent's evaluation
- Silvia Huerta regarding the superintendent's evaluation
- Marina Gomez regarding the superintendent's evaluation
- Amparo Morales regarding budget cuts
- Alma Barron regarding existing grievance
- Salvador Pantoja regarding the need for proper security at the schools

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957):
  - Superintendent

**RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:50 p.m. President Karnes announced that the Board met in Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957):
  - Superintendent

**No action was taken.**

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Anastacio Cabral led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**PERSONS  
WISHING TO  
ADDRESS THE  
BOARD**

The following people addressed the Board:

- Patricia Oreña regarding 403B accounts

**BOARD STUDY  
SESSION**

Trustee Karnes thanked district staff for providing thorough and comprehensive department summaries.

Dr. Zendejas also thanked staff for working collaboratively to move the district forward. Dr. Zendejas reported that the district faces challenges in the areas of facilities, academic performance, and, most recently, the Governor's proposed budget cuts.

David Kindred with KPI Architects gave an overview of stick built buildings as well as modular units. He reported that the main advantage with the modular units are the time frame for construction and cost factor. He stated that the life spans of the two different types of buildings are about the same and added that the modular units are made to blend in with the existing buildings.

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The Board discussed the need to include all stakeholders when deciding the design of the buildings to ensure appropriateness and attention to detail.

The following principals shared strategies to improve student achievement:

- Angelica Carrillo, Alisal Community School
- Esteban Hernandez, Bardin Elementary School
- Sonia Aramburo, Cesar E. Chávez Elementary School
- Julio Sierra, Creekside Elementary School
- Ricardo Cabrera, Frank Paul Elementary School
- Trine Rodriguez, Fremont Elementary School
- Mary Magaña, Dr. Oscar F. Loya Elementary School
- Dora Salazar, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy
- Roberto Rodriguez, Jesse G. Sánchez Elementary School
- Marcie Schnegelberger, John E. Steinbeck Elementary School
- Anastacio Cabral, Virginia Rocca Barton Elementary School

Some of the strategies included data analysis, creating environments conducive to student learning, increasing instructional minutes in English, full implementation of District adopted programs, maintaining high expectations at all levels, providing targeted intervention programs based on students' needs, and providing quality instruction. Also discussed was the need to have Districtwide systems in place that are efficient and effective. The discussion concluded with the understanding that areas of concern would be dealt with in a timely manner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, President Karnes adjourned the Board Study Session at 9:00 p.m.

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Gary Karnes, President

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Juan V. Flores, Vice President/Clerk

Board Adopted: 2/20/08