

ALISAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
October 15, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular Board meeting of the Alisal Union School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Gary Karnes at 5:36 p.m., at Frank Paul Elementary School, 1300 Rider Ave. Salinas, California.

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

Also Present: Dr. Zendejas and other District staff.

**TOUR OF FRANK PAUL SCHOOL**

Alisal Union School District Trustees, staff and community members toured the Frank Paul School campus. The tour was led by Mr. Cabrera, Principal at Frank Paul School. The group got a first hand look at the condition of the facilities and had an opportunity to ask questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people addressed the Board:

- Rodrigo Gutierrez regarding Measure A funding and Frank Paul School facilities

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened to Closed Session at 6:26 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957).

Action may be taken.

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:12 p.m. President Karnes announced that the Board met in Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957).

No action was taken.

**OPEN SESSION  
PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Ricardo Cabrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

Dr. Zendejas requested that item XII-A, under Business Services (proposal from Piini Realty) be tabled.

Trustee Castañeda requested the Board add Incompatibility of Office to the agenda.

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	<p>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Velásquez, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.</p>
<b>PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD</b>	<p>The following people addressed the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Dora Lopez regarding Principal at Alisal Community School and other issues</li><li>➤ Jeronimo Reyes regarding Frank Paul School facilities</li><li>➤ Federico Espinoza regarding Frank Paul School facilities</li><li>➤ Moises Verar regarding Frank Paul School facilities</li><li>➤ Emily Mercado regarding School Site Council meeting on 10/23/08</li><li>➤ Maria Frias regarding notification of meeting and Measure A</li><li>➤ Rodrigo Gutierrez regarding notification of meetings and compensation for teachers</li><li>➤ Inez Marines regarding NFWSC/Cesar E. Chávez Education Institute</li><li>➤ Francisco Cerritos regarding NFWSC/Cesar E. Chávez Education Institute</li><li>➤ Rita Guillen regarding plan for Alisal Community School facilities and Speech &amp; Language Services</li></ul>
Incompatibility of Office	<p>President Karnes explained the issue of incompatibility of office involving Trustee Castañeda. He shared that the Board met in closed session on October 8, 2008 to discuss the matter, at that time no conclusion was reached. President Karnes requested input from the Board. It was the consensus of the Board that no further action be taken.</p>
<b>PRESENTATIONS/ COMMUNICATIONS</b> What's Right	<p>The following people shared positive comments about the good things that are happening in the Alisal Union School District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Irma Lopez</li><li>➤ Celeste Reynozo</li><li>➤ Dr. Hank Phelps</li><li>➤ Isabel Valtierra</li><li>➤ Jose Juan Urquizo</li><li>➤ Alberto Murillo</li><li>➤ Emily Mercado</li><li>➤ Ricardo Cabrera</li><li>➤ Mary Magaña</li><li>➤ Trustee Flores</li><li>➤ Trustee Castañeda</li></ul>
Alisal Union School District Facility Update	<p>Jim Koenig, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, gave an update on the District's master facilities plan as well as the short-term plan. The presentation included mold remediation projects, Frank Paul School facilities project and timeline, multipurpose room repair--- phase I, and school #13. Mr. Koenig also shared information on project financing, bonding capacity and cash flow. A question and answer session followed, at which time, the proposed developer-built school was brought up.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Mary Ann Worden addressed the Board regarding the proposed developer-built school.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p>

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<b>CONSENT AGENDA/ ROUTINE BUSINESS</b> Items Pulled for Separate Vote	<p>The Board requested that District administration look into what became of the proposed developer built school.</p> <p>Trustee Castañeda requested that the following Consent Agenda items be pulled for separate votes: X-C-2, Project IMPACT Meeting X-D-1, Hillary Traynor-Duda Contract X-D-2, Sandra Blevins Contract X-D-4, NFWSC/Cesar Chávez Education Institute</p> <p>A motion was made by Trustee Flores, seconded by Trustee Castañeda, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:</p> <p>A. Approve Minutes of the October 1, 2008 Board Meeting B. Approve/Ratify Personnel Report as presented C. Approve/Ratify Conference Attendance/Field Trip Reports as presented D. Approve/Ratify Consultants/Contracts/Agreements as presented E. Approve/Ratify Bill Registers in the amount of \$1,435,877.28</p> <p>The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.</p>
Consent Item X-C-2, Project IMPACT Meeting	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Velásquez, to approve Consent Agenda item X-C-2, Project IMPACT Meeting. Trustee Castañeda suggested that someone other than the Superintendent attend.</u> Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee Castañeda rescinded his motion.</p> <p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Flores, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to approve Consent Agenda item X-C-2, Project IMPACT Meeting as presented.</u> The motion passed by a 4-1 vote. Trustee Castañeda voted no.</p>
Consent Item X-D-1, Hillary Traynor-Duda Contract	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to approve Consent Agenda item X-D-1, Hillary Traynor-Duda Contract. Trustee Castañeda questioned the cost and inquired whether participants in the MCAP program could provide the services.</u> Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.</p>
Consent Item X-D-2 Sandra Blevins Contract	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to approve Consent Agenda item X-D-2, Sandra Blevins Contract. Trustee Castañeda requested that IEPs be monitored to ensure appropriate services are rendered.</u> Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.</p>
Consent Item X-D-4 NFWSC/Cesar Chávez Education Institute	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to approve Consent Agenda item X-D-4, NFWSC/Cesar Chávez Education Institute. Trustee Castañeda inquired as to any possible obstacles that might prevent the Board from approving the contract. Dr. Zendejas address the matter.</u> Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.</p>

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Motion to Continue Meeting Past 10:00 p.m.	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m.</u> The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	
Program Improvement Local Educational Agency Corrective Action Resources Grant	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Flores, to accept the Program Improvement Local Educational Agency Corrective Action Resources Grant in the amount of \$800,000.00, starting July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.</u> The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
After School Education and Safety Program	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to accept the After School Education and Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$1,370,000.00, starting July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.</u> Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
Monterey County Department of Social and Employment Services	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Velásquez, to approve the subcontract agreement between the Monterey County Department of Social and Employment Services and Alisal Healthy Start in the amount of \$40,000.00 for fiscal year 2008-09.</u> The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
Monterey County Special Education Local Planning Areas	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Velásquez, to approve the Monterey County Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA) Local Plan for Special Education, adopted October 2008.</u> Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
<b>BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	
Piini Realty Proposal	Proposal from Piini Realty for appraisal update of two acres adjacent to Bardin Elementary School describing and analyzing changes to the property and changes to the market condition. The cost is \$5,000.00. <b>Item Tabled</b>
Proposal from California Acoustics	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Velásquez, to approve the proposal from California Acoustics for acoustical treatments of the multi-purpose rooms of Bardin Elementary School and Jesse G. Sánchez Elementary School at a total cost of \$45,950.00.</u> Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
Circle "C" Electric, Inc.	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Velásquez, to approve the lowest bidder, Circle "C" Electric, Inc., to install big screens and rear projectors at Jesse G. Sánchez Elementary and Bardin Elementary Schools.</u> The cost is not to exceed \$41,750.00. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
Proposal from North American Technical Services	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Flores, to approve the proposal from North American Technical Services for on-site Inspector of Record Service for modular building to be installed at Steinbeck Elementary School in conjunction with water intrusion projects.</u> The cost is not to exceed \$1,600.00. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary	The Board reviewed and discussed the Quarterly Uniform Complain Report Summary for July-September 2008. Information Only.

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**HUMAN  
RESOURCES**

There were no items to report.

**MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES**

Job Description for  
Social Worker

A motion was made by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, seconded by Trustee Castañeda, to accept for second reading and adopt the job description for Social Worker for the 2008-2011 school years. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Agreement with  
Robertson &  
Associates, CPA

A motion was made by Trustee Flores, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Robertson & Associates, CPA firm to conduct a department specific audit of the Transportation Department, effective October 18, 2008 through December 30, 2008. The cost is not to exceed \$15,000.00. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 4-1 vote. Trustee Castañeda voted no.

**FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS/REQUEST  
FOR INFORMATION**

The Board requested the following as future agenda items/request for information:

- Presentation by Outreach Consultants regarding services being provided
- Conduct Board meetings at school sites on rotation basis
- Presentation by Ernesto Flores of Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. to present funding options
- Consider budget freeze; reduce overtime
- Use better judgment when having employees perform tasks to reduce Workers' Comp claims
- Conduct public hearing regarding district boundaries

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to address, President Karnes adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:33 p.m.

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Gary Karnes, President

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Juan V. Flores, Vice President/Clerk

Board Approved: 11/5/08