

ALISAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board meeting of the Alisal Union School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Velásquez at 5:35 p.m., at Bardin Elementary School, 425 Bardin Road, Salinas, California. President Velásquez announced that Trustees Ruiz Gilpas and Castañeda were en route.

Members Present: Trustee Jesús R. Velásquez President
Trustee Guadalupe Ruiz Gilpas, Vice President/Clerk (arrived during Open Session)
Trustee José Castañeda (arrived during Closed Session)
Trustee Gary Karnes
Trustee Juan V. Flores

Also Present: Dr. Zendejas and other District staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session at 5:36 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 6:37 p.m. President Velásquez announced the following Board action taken in Closed Session:

On a motion by Trustee Karnes, seconded by Trustee Flores, the Board voted to non-reelect six probationary teachers. The motion passed by 3-0. Trustees Ruiz Gilpas and Castañeda were not present at the time of the vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Zendejas requested that Claudia Bravo be pulled from the Personnel Report on Consent Agenda, item IX-B (b) Employments-Classified

Trustee Castañeda requested that the word “inadvertently” be added to paragraph 1 on page 5 of the minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Karnes, seconded by Trustee Flores, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed by a 4-0. Trustee Ruiz Gilpas was not present at the time of the vote.

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PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following people addressed the Board:

- Kathryn Ramirez regarding CSBA Region 9B Delegate Assembly
- Dora López regarding District expenditures

What's Right

The following people shared positive comments about the good things that are happening in the Alisal Union School District:

- Abraham Ancheta
- Rita Guillen

Budget Update

Dr. Zendejas gave a brief budget update. She shared that the Stimulus Plan approved at the Federal level will bring in one million dollars for Title I and one million dollars for Special Education. At this point, the District has not yet received information regarding construction funds. To date, the State had not yet adopted its budget. Trustee Velásquez commented that budget cuts are inevitable given the budget deficit. Trustee Castañeda requested that Dr. Zendejas prepare different budget scenarios including timelines for the upcoming year.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Flores, seconded by Trustee Karnes, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- A. Approve Minutes of the February 4, 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 \$860,192.05

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote. Trustee Ruiz Gilpas was not present at the time of the vote.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Trustee Ruiz Gilpas arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Public Hearing for CA Dept. of Ed. General Waiver Request

A Public Hearing was conducted for the California Department of Education, General Waiver Request. President Velásquez opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m. There was no public comment. President Velásquez closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

General Waiver Request for CELDT Testing

A motion was made by Trustee Karnes, seconded by Trustee Flores, to adopt the California Department of Education, General Waiver Request for \$28,515.00 for CELDT Testing. Discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.

Hartnell Community College Facilities Use Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Karnes, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to approve the Hartnell Community College District and Alisal Union School District Facilities Use Agreement for initiation of non-credit ESL classes.

Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board regarding the Hartnell Community College District Facilities Use Agreement for initiation of non-credit ESL classes:

- Rita Guillen
- Abraham Ancheta

Hartnell Community

Discussion ensued. Esteban Hernández, Principal at Bardin Elementary School and Liz

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College Facilities Use Agreement (continued)	Estrella with Hartnell College, explained the program and answered questions. Trustee Castañeda requested a list of duties that custodians will be required to perform. The motion passed unanimously.										
Bracero Program Mural Project	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Flores</u> , seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, to <u>approve the Bracero Program mural to be painted on the southeast side of the district office. The mural will be painted by Mexican artist, Rafael Ramírez, with the help of Fremont Elementary School students. The cost of the project is \$7,000.00.</u>										
Public Comment	<p>The following people addressed the Board regarding the Bracero Program mural project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aaron Salsberg ➤ Rita Guillen ➤ Laura Caballero ➤ Bricia Collins ➤ José María Rubio Núñez ➤ Rafael Ramírez <p>Discussion ensued. The Board expressed its support of the project and asked that all District students be invited to participate. The motion passed unanimously.</p>										
BUSINESS SERVICES Contract with Total School Solutions	<u>A motion was made by Trustee Karnes</u> , seconded by Trustee Flores, to <u>authorize the Superintendent to develop contract details with Total School Solutions to provide services associated with the Director of Technology position. The job requires specific expertise not available in the district for E-Rate and district wide technology services in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from February 23, 2009 through April 30, 2009.</u>										
Public Comment	<p>Rita Guillen addressed the Board regarding the contract with Total School Solutions.</p> <p>Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 4-1 vote, with Trustee Castañeda voting no.</p> <p>Trustee Castañeda requested that additional information pertaining to Total School Solutions be provided to the Board.</p>										
HUMAN RESOURCES	There no were no items to report.										
MANAGEMENT SERVICES	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Flores</u>, seconded by Trustee Castañeda, to <u>nominate Kathryn Ramirez to the CSBA 2009 Delegate Assembly</u>. Discussion ensued. The motion failed by the following vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Trustee Castañeda</td> <td>Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trustee Flores</td> <td>Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trustee Karnes</td> <td>Nay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trustee Velásquez</td> <td>Abstention</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trustee Ruiz Gilpas</td> <td>Recusal</td> </tr> </table> <p>Trustee Castañeda attempted to make a new motion which was not recognized by President</p>	Trustee Castañeda	Aye	Trustee Flores	Aye	Trustee Karnes	Nay	Trustee Velásquez	Abstention	Trustee Ruiz Gilpas	Recusal
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Velásquez as the item had already been acted on.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS/REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION**

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

- Cost of Class Size Reduction and number of teachers involved
- Provide references for all consultants before placing on agenda and adhere Board Policy
- Budget freeze (place on agenda for discussion)
- Summer school presentation
- Transportation department presentation
- Status on outreach schools regarding attendance boundaries
- Define what constitutes a quorum
- Provide Budget Committee recommendations

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Velásquez adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Jesús R. Velásquez, President

Guadalupe Ruiz Gilpas, Vice President/Clerk

Board adopted: 3/4/09