

ALISAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
February 6, 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 5:32 p.m., at the District Board Room, 1205 E. Market Street, Salinas, California. President Karnes announced that Trustee Castañeda was en route.

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

Also Present: Dr. Zendejas and other District staff.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

The following people addressed the Board:

- Ray Muñoz regarding pending grievance pertaining to Article 15

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened to Closed Session at 5:37 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: AUSD Negotiator, Esperanza Zendejas, Ed.D. Regarding Negotiations Update pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Employee Organizations:

- Alisal Teachers Association (ATA)
- California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #577

Unrepresented Employees:

- Confidential Employees
- Classified & Certificated Managers

Action may be taken.

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

Action may be taken.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION—  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (c)  
Number of potential cases: 1

Action may be taken.

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)  
Tombleson Inc. v. Alisal Union School District, et al., and related cross-actions;  
Monterey County Superior Court Case No.: M68146.

Action may be taken.

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**RECONVENE OPEN  
SESSION**

5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT [pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)]:

- Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- Coordinator of Reading First

Action may be taken.

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. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: AUSD Negotiator, Esperanza Zendejas, Ed.D. Regarding Negotiations Update pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Employee Organizations:

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Unrepresented Employees:

- Confidential Employees
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No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION—  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (c)

Number of potential cases: 1

No action was taken.

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No action was taken.

5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT [pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)]:

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- Coordinator of Reading First – **No action taken**

No action was taken on the Coordinator of Reading First.

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<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	<u>On a motion by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, seconded by Trustee Velásquez and a 5/0 vote, the Board offer the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to Mr. Jim Koenig.</u>
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<p>Nancy Pfeiffer led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Dr. Zendejas requested the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ IX-E-2 Vavrinek, Trine, Day &amp; Co. LLP dates of service changed to July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008</li><li>➤ IX-E-3 Eagle Star Security funding source changed to Teacher Recruitment and Student Support</li></ul> <p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas to adopt the agenda as amended.</u> 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>➤ Marina Gomez regarding class size reduction at Chavez School</li><li>➤ Angie Gonzalez regarding security guards</li><li>➤ Alberto Parra regarding class size reduction at Chavez School</li><li>➤ Eduardo Heredia Alvarez regarding class size reduction at Chavez School</li><li>➤ Rita Guillen regarding health and welfare benefits for Board members</li><li>➤ Luis Cruz regarding an incident involving his wife</li></ul>
<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>➤ Marcie Schnegelberger</li><li>➤ Alberto Murillo</li><li>➤ Trustee Flores</li><li>➤ Trustee Karnes</li></ul>
Employee Organizations	<p>Alisal Teachers Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ John Aaron</li></ul> <p>Classified School Employees Association, Chapter 577</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Angie Gonzalez</li></ul> <p>United Substitute Teachers Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ No comment</li></ul>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA/ ROUTINE BUSINESS</b>	<p>Trustee Ruiz Gilpas requested that item IX-E-3 Eagle Star Security be pulled for separate vote.</p> <p>Trustee Castañeda requested that the following items be pulled for separate vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ IX-C Interdistricts</li><li>➤ IX-D-1 CABE Conference</li></ul>

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	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda</u>, seconded by Trustee Flores to <u>approve the consent agenda as amended</u>:</p> <p>A. Approve Minutes of the January 16, 2008 Board Meeting. B. Approve/Ratify Personnel Report as presented. C. Approve/Ratify Interdistrict Requests as presented (pulled for separate vote) D. Approve/Ratify Conference Attendance/Field Trip Reports as presented. E. Approve/Ratify Consultants/Contracts/Agreements as presented. F. Approve/Ratify Bill Registers in the amount of \$1,937,556.88.</p> <p>The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.</p>
Item IX-E-3 Eagle Star Security	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda</u>, seconded by Trustee Flores to <u>approve item IX-E-3 Eagle Star Security</u>. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 4/1 vote with Trustee Velásquez opposed.</p>
Item IX-C Interdistrict Requests	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda</u>, seconded by Trustee Flores to <u>approve item IX-C Interdistrict Requests</u>. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.</p>
IX-D-1 CABA Conference	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda</u>, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas to <u>approve item IX-D-1 CABA Conference</u>. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.</p>
<b>BUSINESS SERVICES</b> Change Orders for Bardin & Sanchez – ES Geotechnologies	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda</u>, seconded by Trustee Flores to <u>approve the Change Orders for Bardin Elementary and Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary Schools Modernization Projects with ES Geotechnologies as presented</u>. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee Castañeda rescinded his motion as did Trustee Flores.</p> <p>The item was <b>tabled</b> pending additional information as requested by the Board. No action was taken.</p>
AUSD Educational Technology Plan	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda</u>, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas to <u>approve the District’s Educational Technology Plan</u>. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.</p>
IRS New Mileage Rate	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda</u>, seconded by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas to <u>approve the Internal Revenue Services’ new mileage rate of \$0.505 per mile</u>. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.</p>
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	<p><u>A motion was made by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas</u>, seconded by Trustee Velásquez to <u>approve the Specific Waiver Request for the 2006-07 school year indicating Sufficiency of Instructional Materials</u>. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.</p>

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**HUMAN  
RESOURCES**

First Reading 2008-09  
School Calendar

The Board accepted for first reading the 2008-09 School Calendar.

Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board regarding the 2008-09 School Calendar:

- Angie Gonzalez, CSEA
- John Aaron, ATA

Visiting Teacher  
Program 2008-09  
school year

*A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Velásquez to approve the agreement of Collaboration between the California Department of Education, The Secretary of Public Education of Mexico and the Alisal Union School District, for the California/Mexico Visiting Teachers Program during the 2008-09 school year.*

Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board regarding the Visiting Teacher Program:

- Rita Guillen

Discussion ensued.

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

**MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES**

Citizens Bond  
Oversight Committee

*A motion was made by Trustee Ruiz Gilpas, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve Rigoberto Luna as member of the Alisal Union School District Citizens Bond Oversight Committee.*

Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

Board Self-Evaluation  
per BB9400

*A motion was made by Trustee Castañeda, seconded by Trustee Flores to discuss and take possible action on the Board Self-Evaluation in accordance with BB9400.*

Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board regarding the Board Self-Evaluation:

- Rita Guillen
- Silvia Huerta

Discussion ensued.

The discussion ended with President Karnes and Trustee Flores offering to research the matter further. No action was taken.

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**FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS/REQUEST  
FOR  
INFORMATION**

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

- Compensation for people translating at Board meetings
- Review Policy on Class Size Reduction
- Conduct Board Study Session focused on facilities and funding
- Revisit need for Construction Manager(s) and Program Manager(s)
- Review Policy on Interdistrict Agreements
- Boundaries
- Begin to address budget cuts – review open purchase orders and consultants
- Follow-up with Mr. Cruz and provide Board with details
- Announcement made regarding meeting at Frank Paul School on telecommunications satellite
- Look at obtaining new translation equipment
- Bring closure to BB9250 (b) – Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits for Retired Board Members

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, President Karnes adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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Gary Karnes, President

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Juan V. Flores, Vice President/Clerk

Board Adopted: 2/20/08