

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
of the  
**BRENTWOOD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Board of Trustees  
March 14, 2012

0. **Closed Session**, 6:00pm, District Service Center, 255 Guthrie Lane, Brentwood, California.
  - 0.1 Expulsion of Student #99692
  - 0.2 Conference with Employee Negotiator
1. The **open session meeting** of the Brentwood Union School District Board of Trustees was called to order by Mrs. Strauss at 7:010pm at the District Service Center, 255 Guthrie Lane, Brentwood, California.
2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mrs. Lori Strauss, President; Mr. Carlos Sanabria, Clerk; Mrs. Tobi Benz, Mr. Emil Geddes; and Mrs. Heather Partida.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kirsten Jobb, principal of Edna Hill Middle School.
3. **AGENDA REVIEW**

Dr. Grant requested that item 8.8 be moved to be considered following item 8.3. All other items remained as presented.
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE//SUPERINTENDENT/STAFF COMMENTS**
  - Merrill M. Grant, Ed.D., Superintendent noted that principals and staff recently attended the CLS conference in Sacramento. Rusty Ehrlich reported that it was a very validating experience and was a powerful conference. Kirsten Jobb noted that they enjoyed the opportunity to share this experience with their elementary colleagues. Russ Cornell and Kirsten Jobb presented the Board and Superintendent with plaques thanking them for their support for this opportunity.
  - Merrill M. Grant, Ed.D., Superintendent noted that recent notices indicate that two of the competing tax initiatives were combined today. More information will undoubtedly be received in the next days and weeks as this information is studied further.
  - Merrill M. Grant, Ed.D., Superintendent reminded everyone that the next BUSD Education Foundation event was scheduled for Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Hannah Nicole.
  - Merrill M. Grant, Ed.D., Superintendent introduced Rusty Ehrlich who was present on behalf of the Brentwood Regional Community Chest regarding a new fund that was created in honor of Phil Ochoa, a district employee, who recently passed away.
5. **Public Comment**
  - 5.0 Rebecca St. Michel, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Brentwood Elementary School and 13 year district employee. Ms. St. Michel presented comments related to the importance of maintaining a lower class size and doing everything possible to eliminate the need for combination classes.

Chris Vanderheid, teacher at Krey Elementary asked the board to rescind the step freeze. She noted that this is the honorable thing to do as the agreement was tied to a taxes fail scenario and because that did not happen, the step freeze should be rescinded.

There were no further comments.
6. **CONSENT ITEMS**
  - 6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the meetings on February 22, 2012
  - 6.1 Approval of Warrants in Batch Numbers 080, 12587, 12587E, 380, 580, 776, and 780.
  - 6.2 Approval of the Comprehensive Safe Schools Plans for all sites
  - 6.3 Approval of 2013-14 student calendar
  - 6.4 Approval of Garin Elementary School Modernization
  - 6.5 Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreement
  - 6.6 Approval of Interdistrict Transfers
  - 6.7 Approval of Board Policy, Board Bylaws, Exhibit & Administrative Regulation:

BP1250	Visitors/Outsiders
AR1250	Visitors/Outsiders
BP5131.62	Tobacco
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BP5131.7	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
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BP5144	Discipline
AR5144	Discipline
AR5144.1	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
AR5144.2	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process Students with Disabilities
BP5145.11	Questioning & Apprehension by Law Enforcement
AR6158	Independent Study
AR6183	Home and Hospital

Mr. Geddes moved, seconded by Mr. Sanabria to approve items 6.0-6.7 as presented. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye; and Strauss, aye.
7. **HEARINGS AND APPEALS**
  - 7.0 None.

**8. PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

- 8.0 Mrs. Strauss announced that there was nothing to report from closed session.
  - 8.1 Mrs. Benz moved, seconded by Mr. Sanabria to approve the stipulated expulsion recommendation with the understanding that staff will provide a report to the Board in May 2012 regarding the student’s progress on the rehabilitation plan. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye; and Strauss, aye.
  - 8.2 Mrs. Benz moved, seconded by Mrs. Partida to approve the personnel report as presented. Certificated New Hires: None. Classified New Hires: None. Resignations/Retirements: Julie Duffy, Resigning; Rebecca Hart, Resigning 60%FTE; Barbara McDonald, Retiring; Cherylynn Moody, Resigning; Eve Saunders, Retiring; Laura Vojvoda, Resigning. Requests for Unpaid Leave of Absence: Katy Barros, TSA 50%; Jenny Diaz, Speech 40%. Requests for Job Share Assignments: None. Other: Approval of new job description: Program Specialist – Special Education.. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye and Strauss, aye.
  - 8.3 Mr. Geddes moved, seconded by Mrs. Partida to approve the Subsequent Clinical Rehabilitation/Speech & Language Waiver renewal for Stephanie Kleiman, K-5 SLP at Garin School effective 2/1/12. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye and Strauss, aye.
- Note: Item 8.8 was moved up on the agenda and heard at this time. Details related to the discussion are listed below keeping the items in numerical order.*
- 8.4 Mrs. Benz moved, seconded by Mr. Sanabria to approve the annual Classified and Certificated staffing for 2012-2013 as presented by Margaret Kruse, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. It was noted that the staffing projections correspond with class sizes of K-3 at 26:1; 4-5 at 33:1; 6-8 at 34:1. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye and Strauss, aye.
  - 8.5 Margaret Kruse, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources noted that there are 31 people on the list being submitted for approval. It was noted that 14 of these employees are in permanent status who had been working on temporary contracts. Mrs. Partida moved, seconded by Mr. Geddes to approve the release of temporary employees in accordance with Ed. Code 44954 for the 2012-13 school year. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye and Strauss, aye.
  - 8.6 Liz Robbins, CBO reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Mrs. Partida moved, seconded by Mrs. Benz to approve the report as submitted. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye and Strauss, aye.
  - 8.7 Mr. Geddes moved, seconded by Mr. Sanabria to award the contract for the Bristow Middle School Re-roofing project to Kings Roofing in the amount of \$308,737. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye and Strauss, aye.
  - 8.8 Lalo Trujillo from Caldwell, Flores, Winters presented information to the Bond Refunding and reviewed documents required for this transaction. Mr. Geddes asked if the board would receive a simplified overview of the costs and savings related to the bond refunding. Mr. Trujillo noted that the cost breakdown would be provided to staff prior to refunding. In addition, no fees would be incurred unless the process is complete, other than the fee paid to the rating agency. The potential tax payer savings is \$1.25 million. Mr. Sanabria moved, seconded by Mr. Geddes to approve Resolution #2012-05, a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$33,550,000 aggregate principal amount of Brentwood Union School District General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2012, authorizing the execution and delivery of a paying agent agreement, one or more escrow agreements, a bond purchase agreement and a continuing disclosure certificate and the preparation of an official statement and other matters related thereto. The roll call vote was: Benz, aye; Geddes, aye; Partida, aye; Sanabria, aye and Strauss, aye.
  - 8.9 Merrill M. Grant, Ed.D., Superintendent reported that there was no new information related to the goal setting process and that this topic will be revisited in the coming months.

**9. Announcement**

Announcement—The next regular Board Meeting – **Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6:00pm**

**10. Adjournment**

Mrs. Strauss adjourned the meeting back to closed session at 8:46pm.

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Secretary

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Clerk