

**SEBASTOPOL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 16, 2015**

**Call to Order**

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sebastopol Union School District was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Debra Ramirez.

**Roll Call**

Members of the Board present: Trustees Debra Ramirez, Deborah Drehmel, Mac Thompson, Olivia Leon and Bob Hynes.

**Others Present**

Linda Irving, Sarah Lampenfeld, Debbie Hanks, Robin Hedrick, Heidi Pedrazzetti, Jeff Stucker, Jane Urmini, Carole Simkins and Jenny Sortino.

**Public Hearing**

There were no requests to address the Board on Closed Session agenda items.

**Closed Session**

Trustee Ramirez moved the meeting to Closed Session at 4 p.m. for the purpose of: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Public Employee Employment and Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

Trustee Ramirez moved the meeting to Open Session at 4:50 p.m.

**1.0 Flag Solute**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2.0 Spotlight on Success**

Brook Haven School

**3.0 Agenda Approval**

On a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Hynes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the agenda.

**4.0 Report Out From Closed Session**

Trustee Thompson reported that the Board approved the retirement of Donna Fore, the resignation of Jenny Steis, the 20% leave of Jenny Sortino and the Tentative Agreement of Stipends for SETA. They did not approve the Willie Brown option for the 20% leave for any employees.

**5.0 Public Comments**

There were no Public Comments.

## **6.0 Consent Agenda**

- 6.1 Approval of March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 6.2 Warrants and Expenditures
- 6.3 Williams Quarterly Report 1/1/15-3/31/15
- 6.4 Approval of Brook Haven Field Trip to Ives Pool & Park on 6/1/15
- 6.5 Policies:
  - BP/AR 5144 – Discipline
  - BP/AR 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
  - BP/AR 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment
  - E 5145.6 – Parental Notification

On a motion from Trustee Thompson and seconded by Trustee Drehmel the Board approved the consent agenda.

Ayes: Trustees Ramirez, Drehmel, Thompson, Hynes and Leon

Noes: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

## **7.0 Reports**

- 7.1 SETA – Jeff Stucker reported that he enjoys working for this district and that we have great people working here. The SBAC testing has been quite an experience and takes a lot of patience, at least that's what he is experiencing at Brook Haven. He thanked Debbie Hanks for the hard work she put into organizing the testing and appreciates what it takes to get that done.

He said to the board that he is sure they have heard about the calendar issue. SETA is aware of the differential of retirements and savings to the district. Even after the retirement incentives are paid out there should be enough funds for an off schedule increase in pay and he's hoping to get that approved as an ongoing process. He also thanked the Board for approving the stipend agreement.

- 7.2 Superintendent/Park Side – Trustees reviewed the written report included in the packet by Superintendent Irving. Linda reported that they are still working on finding a Math program and hoping to come to a conclusion soon. For marketing, we are registered to be at Public Schools Week in May at Coddington. Robin and Bob will be helping to set this up. We are working on getting into more publications around the community. Trustee Drehmel said that she noticed that the garden program at Park Side is really taking off and is happy there are funds to have someone heading the program.

- 7.3 Brook Haven – Trustees reviewed the written report included in the packet by Debbie Hanks. Debbie says she appreciates Jeff noticing all of the work that has gone into the SBAC and getting both schools ready for it.

- 7.4 SICS – Trustees reviewed the written report included in the packet by Chris Topham

- 7.5 REACH School – Trustees reviewed the written report included in the packet by REACH School. Heidi reported that REACH will have a float in the Apple Blossom parade on 4/18/15. Their annual auction is starting at the end of this month and there's a lot going on through the end of the school year. Trustee Drehmel asks about the projections for the 2015-16 school year. Heidi says they are looking at having 5 teachers to keep the budget in check. Fund raising and pledges pay for the school's field trips. They have one more year at the Pine Crest location and then SunRidge will be

taking over some of their space. Due to this, REACH is actively looking for new school space for the 2016-17 school year.

- 7.6 Trustees – Trustee Drehmel has an acquaintance that was shopping for kindergartens in Sebastopol and decided to enroll her child at Park Side because the inquiry base program (IB) model.

The SSDA Conference was informative and she encourages other board members to attend next year. It was fascinating to see that the interest of small districts are so different from that of large districts.

It was brought to her attention, again, that our students are not being picked up by parents on time after school or sporting events. It is a concern of the district for the safety of these children waiting by themselves to be picked up, sometimes after dark. She would like to revisit creating a procedure and how to enforce it to have students picked up on time.

SEF update – Ren Faire is moving along and Kristie Cannady is heading this up. There are many meetings with different vendors and people going on to get things together. She is getting a list of people together for set up and tear down. Trustee Drehmel noted that it's good to have a new group of people working on this to bring in fresh ideas.

There is discussion on how to keep SEF going with the new configuration taking place. They want to build a new parent group and incorporate it with what we have now. The thoughts are that it could help with getting more parent involvement with having grade level parents working together.

K-2 – Elders day, different events involving seniors in the community.

3-4 – Students will work together planning ideas for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade promotion

5-6 – Students invite a local group to talk about astronomy for an evening of stargazing.

7-8 – Students will work together planning the events of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation

- 7.7 Site Council – Trustees reviewed the written report included in the packet by the school principals. Linda reported that for the Park Side Site Council they are moving from the Single Plan to the LCAP due to timing. She will be discussing the same movement with Debbie Hanks for the Brook Haven Site Council.

Trustee Drehmel asked Debbie Hanks if there were plans to replace the members of the council for the parents that are leaving. Debbie said they had some new people on now and she has others in mind for next year.

- 7.8 IB Report – Trustees reviewed the written report included in the packet by Jude Kreissman. Jude reported that IB is directly involved with Open House and they will have exhibitions and international entertainment. She said that Linda had the idea of having the 5<sup>th</sup> graders march in to the amphitheater dressed in their costumes and then back to the MPR for the exhibitions.

In May there is an IB evaluation and this happens every 4-5 years. They want to talk to everyone including the board members. The first year they are approved as an IB school is a year of self study and there are numerous standards and practices that need to be in place. Jude will be meeting with all the teachers.

Linda wants to thank Jude for preparing Park Side for the upcoming evaluation. There's a lot of work that goes into this to get the teachers and administration ready for the visit.

For the exhibition, the students do a Wax Museum of historical heroes. This year they are also exhibiting personal heroism.

Trustee Thompson asked about the family questionnaire that went home. Jude says that she did receive some back and most were positive about on the program.

The IB program won an award from CAWS of \$2500 for IB training. A photo was taken with the Board and Superintendent receiving the check.

### **8.0 Action Items**

8.1 The approval of the 2015-16 calendar was tabled until the May 13, 2015 Board Meeting. Trustee Leon suggested having a Spanish version of the calendar as well.

8.2 In a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Hynes, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approval of Resolution 14/15-10 to eliminate certain Classified Positions for 2015/16.

Ayes: Trustees Ramirez, Drehmel, Thompson, Hynes and Leon

Noes: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

8.3 In a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Hynes, the Board voted 5-0-0 approval of Surplus Property Recommendation

8.4 In a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Thompson, the Board voted 5-0-0 approval of Park Side & Brook Haven Field Trip to SF Maritime on 5/18/15

8.5 In a motion from Trustee Hynes and seconded by Trustee Leon, the Board voted 5-0-0 approval of a Board Retreat on April 30 4pm-7pm, rescheduling the Board meeting from May 7 to May 13, closed session to begin at 4:30pm and open session at 5pm, and an additional meeting on June 23 at 4:30pm for public hearings on 15/16 Budget & LCAP.

Ayes: Trustees Ramirez, Drehmel, Thompson, Hynes and Leon

Noes: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

8.6 In a motion from Trustee Drehmel and seconded by Trustee Hynes, the Board voted 5-0-0 approval of 5 Year Agreement Regarding Interdistrict Attendance Agreements.

### **9.0 Discussion Policies**

9.1 A First Reading of the following policies took place:

AR 4112.4/41212.4/4312.4 – Health Examinations

BP 4121 – Temporary/Substitute Personnel

BP/AR 6112 – School Day

BP 6142.6 – Visual and Performing Arts Education

BP 6142.91 – Reading/Language Arts Instruction (AR deleted)

BP 6144 – Controversial Issues (AR deleted)

AR 6145.2 – Athletic Competition

BP/AR/E 6161.1 – Selection & Evaluation of Instructional Materials

BP 6161.11 – Supplementary Instructional Materials

BP 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests

Discussion ensued. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting in the Consent Agenda.

- 9.2 The Board reviewed the information packets that were given the Oversight Committee members at their meeting on 3/9/15. They were given the final report from the Committee for review.
- 9.3 The LCAP information will be discussed in further detail at the Board Retreat on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**10.0 Next Meeting**


- 10.1 Identification of items for future agenda: May 13 – Spotlight for Success – Sebastopol Independent Charter
- 10.2 The next meeting of the Board will be at a Board Retreat on April 30, 2015 at the French Garden restaurant at 5pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015, 4:00 p.m. Closed Session, 4:30 p.m. open session.


**11.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Linda Irving, Superintendent

  
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Debra Ramirez, President

  
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Mac Thompson, Clerk