

**YOSEMITE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
50200 ROAD 427  
OAKHURST, CA 93644**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2011  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: RIVERGOLD  
ELEMENTARY STAFF  
ROOM**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Tammy Loveland, Board President.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL:** Present: Tammy Loveland, President; Greg Schoonard, Clerk; Monika Moulin, Trustee; John Reynolds, Trustee; Christine Wilder, Trustee; and Amanda Bausch, Student Representative.
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Greg Schoonard moved and John Reynolds seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 4.0 GOVERNANCE NORMS:** Tammy Loveland mentioned the norms.
- 5.0 HEARING OF THE PUBLIC:** No comments.
- 6.0 STUDENT PRESENTATIONS:**  
The Rivergold Preschool and Kindergartens sang "If You're Happy". The students did a wonderful job.
- 7.0 RETIREMENT RECOGNITION** has been rescheduled for the December meeting.
- 8.0 REPORTS:**  
**Students:** Amanda Bausch, Yosemite High School Associated Student Body President and student representative to the Board, reported on YHS activities. Homecoming activities at the end of October went very well. Coronation was Wednesday, October 26th, and there was a rally and football game on Friday. This week, Yosemite High School will play Sierra High School in the Mountain Bowl Game. Senior activity night is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the "Where Are They Now" program will assist students in setting goals for their future.

Rose Curley reported on Rivergold Activities. Rivergold held a school dance on September 9<sup>th</sup> and had a sports tournament at Yosemite High School. They also had a fundraiser for one of their teachers and also held the "Hawk Festival". The "Stand Down Bully" assembly was very good and they acknowledged "Red Ribbon Week" with "Give Drugs the Slip". Leadership put on a Dress Code Fashion Show to let students know they can be within the school dress code and still look "cool". There will be a winter performance on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Certificated/Classified Staff:** No reports

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**Superintendent:** Superintendent Steve Raupp announced the CSBA Delegate Assembly nominations are coming up (for information only). He also had several handouts for the Board to review regarding the energy issues they have been discussing. Steve indicated that the district will continue to look into solar energy as a means of cutting down on PE&E costs. There are State and Federal Bonds available, payable at low interest rates, and there are also government rebates and credits available to offset costs. The district will need to determine the difference between cost involved in setup and operation as opposed to what the savings would be. The district has agreed to allow Terra Verde Renewable Partners to obtain and review the district's energy costs at the present time to determine if it is feasible to consider solar energy. There is no cost for this study and the district can move forward or decide against additional service when the feasibility study is completed.

Steve also reported to the Board that Mr. Lee from China would be visiting our district on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of determining the possibility of sending students to Yosemite High School.

**District Business Office:** Cathy Burns, Assistant Business Manager, was asked to report to the Board regarding the elementary after-school programs. Cathy reported that it looked very good and she felt the schools were doing a very good job. They are diligently collecting fees this year and there are no large outstanding balances. She commended the staff on their work. Between the two elementary schools, we are in the "black". Cathy indicated that overall economics of the times are affecting the programs. Part of the expenses occur with the kindergarten coverage in the afternoon. This cost will be eliminated when the kindergarten classes are extended into the afternoon. The district is doing everything possible to continue the programs. There is a decline in student participation and employee wages/benefits continue to increase. They have implemented the use of credit cards which seems to have helped.

Cathy also reported on "Swim America". Our profit this year has almost doubled from last year. Swimming lessons/aerobics stayed about the same; concessions were up slightly from last year; the recreational swimming proved to be the big increase. Also "Swim America" has lower expenses this year in staffing, etc. With the increase in profit, it appears the community is happy with the operation of the pool and the district should continue to keep it open. When asked, Kevyn Moberly indicated that he is very happy with the "Swim America" organization.

**Managers:** Randy Haggard, Principal of Alternative Education, reported that the Guidance Counseling for the Alternative Education students is going very well. Valinda Clevenger has scheduled "Senior Chats" with the senior students to assist them with future decisions. Benchmarks and Assessments are being worked on and the first round has been completed. Randy thanked Monika Moulin for her recent visitation and extended an invitation to all Board members to stop by the Alternative Education sites.

Bob Rose, Principal of Coarsegold Elementary School, was unable to attend this evening but gave the Board an information sheet on the activities at his school. He congratulates the Coarsegold girls volleyball team for their win at the Mountain Area Tournament held at

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Yosemite High School and the boys 3<sup>rd</sup> place in football. The County Fair was a huge success and a Canned Food Drive and Toys for Tots is currently going on. On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Coarsegold students will have a "Thank You Performance" for local area veterans.

Ed Van Hoose, Principal of Yosemite High School, reported that they are continuing to work on the Self Study, he has three additional teachers attending the ERIA training, and that the enrollment at Yosemite High School appears to be stable. Ed thanked Randy for all of his work putting the benchmarks together and "Performance Matters". Ed reported that the staff will initiate the STAR Testing Incentive Program next week and the Mountain Bowl Football game vs. Sierra High School is scheduled for Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Yosemite High School Band has been very busy. This is the first year they performed at the Selma Band Review and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and they performed at Fresno State last week and will perform on Veterans Day. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade band joined the YHS band at the football game this past week. The Cadet Corps also performed at the football game. The Yosemite High School Drama Department will present their fall play on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Al Nocciolo, Principal of Rivergold Elementary School, reported that he felt the pre-school and kindergarten performance was great. He indicated that Bob Rose, Principal of Coarsegold Elementary School, is currently traveling to Sacramento to attend a Transitional Kindergarten Conference. Al reported that he is working with a group to develop a template for the Transition Kindergarten Program and they have set January as the date to report their findings to the Board. Al indicated that they feel transitional kindergarten is a "blank slate" to work with and right now they are working on what it would look like, approximate student numbers, staffing, etc.

**Board:** Monika mentioned the West Sierra Charter School. This district will be seeing a renewal of their Charter in the next few months.

**9.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** Christine Wilder moved and Greg Schoonard seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the Addendum 9.12: Disposal of Property (Yosemite High School Science Textbooks). Motion carried.

1. Approval of Warrants
2. Approval of Payroll
3. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2011
4. Accept Donations:
  - a. \$300.00 – Transportation – Golden State Peterbilt
  - b. \$ 50.00 – Cadet Corps. – AnnaDell White
  - c. \$150.00 – Cadet Corps. – Bass Lake Lions Club
  - d. \$520.00 – Jazz Band – Dr. Cecilia Massetti
  - e. \$100.00 – Cadet Corps. – Sierra Lions Club/Little League
  - f. \$250.00 – Key Club – Mountain Area Sports Foundation
  - g. \$200.00 – Boys Basketball – Mountain Area Sports Foundation
  - h. \$250.00 – Cadet Corps. – Sierra Oakhurst Kiwanis
  - i. \$250.00 – Cross Country –Mountain Area Sports Foundation
  - j. \$200.00 – Boys Basketball – Mountain Area Sports Foundation

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5. Ratify Field Trip Request:
  - a. Central Section Golf @ Rio Bravo Country Club in Bakersfield 10/30-10/31/2011
  - b. Girls Southern California Individual Golf Tournament – 11/08-11/10/11
  
6. Ratify Winter Coaches  
Coarsegold
  - a. B Boys and B Girls Basketball  
Tracey Hurd
  
7. Certification of Winter Coaches
  
8. Ratify Release of Classified Probationary Employee
  - a. Ruth Baron (Cafeteria Assistant I)
  
9. Ratify resignation of classified employees:
  - a. Colin Newing (After School Activities Assistant)
  - b. Gillian Newing (Special Education ParaEducator)
  
10. Ratify Hiring Secretary III (Jeanne Ratchford)
  
11. Ratify the Hiring of Classified Positions
  - a. Ratify consideration and action to recruit and hire classified positions:
    1. Registrar (Replacement for Ratchford)
    2. Afterschool Activities Assistant (Replacement for C. Newing)
    3. Special Education ParaEducator (G. Newing)
    4. Temporary Specialized Bilingual (Thai) ParaEducator
  
  - b. Ratify Hiring 9 mo/3.5 hr. Cafeteria Assistant I (Kellie McConnell)
  
  - c. Ratify Hiring 9mo/6hr. Testing Coordinator (Andrea Voltmer)
  
  - d. Ratify Hiring Operational Specialists II:
    1. 12mo/6hr. (Bill Drescher)
    2. 12mo/6hr. YHS/Wawona (Mike Marsh)
    3. 12mo/6hr- 3-9:30pm YHS (Pat Rooney)
    4. 12mo/8hr. - YHS (Mike Schiller)
    5. 12mo/8hr – RG (Gary Nolan)
  
12. Disposal of Property  
The Yosemite High School Science Department has informed the Library that the following textbook can be declared obsolete: Life Science Concepts and Challenges, Pearson Learning Group, 2003 (0130238570). The Science Department will no longer be using this book as a textbook. Follett Educational Services is willing to buy 69 of these books at \$4.25 each, for a total of \$293.25. The rest would be discarded according to Ed.Code.

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**10.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**10.1 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES.**

The motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the adoption of the board policies. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

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| a. | BP/AR 1113 | District and School Websites                           |
| b. | BP 2210    | Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy       |
| c. | BP 3100    | Budget   |
| d. | BP 3280    | Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property          |
| e. | BP 3290    | Gifts, Grants and Bequests                             |
| f. | BP 4033    | Lactation Accommodation                                |
| g. | AR 4112.2  | Certification  |
| h. | AR 4112.22 | Staff Teaching Students of Limited English Proficiency |
| i. | BP 5030    | Student Wellness                                       |
| j. | AR 5142.1  | Identification and Reporting of Missing Children       |
| k. | BP 5145.11 | Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement        |
| l. | BP 6111    | School Calendar  |
| m. | BP 7310    | Naming of Facility                                     |
| n. | BB 9150    | Student Board Members                                  |

**10.2 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF AR 6142.7: PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.**

Steve Raupp indicated he noticed an error in the document. It should read 200 minutes for grades 7-8 and 400 minutes for grades 9-12. With that change, the motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Monika Moulin to approve the first reading of AR 6142.7. Motion carried.

**10.3 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011/12-6: APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A GRANT FROM THE SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION BUS REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.**

The motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the resolution. Voice Vote for approval was unanimous.

**11.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 11.1 UPDATE ON BUDGET:** Srinivasan reported that December will be an important month. The Department of Finance will be looking at revenues from July through November and will come up with their numbers to determine "trigger" cuts. The country of Greece is still very unstable and if that country should default, others will follow which could result in

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immediate monetary cuts. We do not know what the outcome will be until later. All school districts could be hurt.

**11.2 UPDATE ON DEVELOPER FEES:** Information only

**11.3 UPDATE ON ENROLLMENT/DISCIPLINE:** Information only

**11.4 PROPOSED BOARD MEETING CALENDAR 2012:** Information only.

**12.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**  
No Comment

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION:**  
The board adjourned the regular session at 7:25 p.m. and opened closed session at 7:30 p.m.

**13.1 STUDENTS**

13.1.1 A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the suspended expulsion for Student 221941. **Voice Vote for approval was unanimous.**

13.1.2 A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the suspended expulsion for Student 230249. **Voice Vote for approval was unanimous.**

13.1.3 A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve the suspended expulsion for Student 011044. **Voice Vote for approval was unanimous.**

**13.2** A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Greg Schoonard to ratify the Student Consultant Agreement for Student 001345. **Voice Vote for approval was unanimous.**

**13.3 LITIGATION – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (A) TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ON EXISTING LITIGATION.**

**14.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**  
Closed session was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. and open session was reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

**15.0 NEXT MEETING**  
Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for December 12, 2011 at the Yosemite Unified School District Board Room

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**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pattye Chandler  
Acting Secretary

Approved by Christine Wilder Date: 12.12.11  
Clerk of the Board