

King City Joint Union HSD Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting
December 15, 2010
Wednesday, 05:30 PM
King City Joint Union High School District Office
800 Broadway
King City, CA 93930**

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1. OPEN SESSION 5:25 PM

Section Minutes:

Members Present: Brent Green, Mike Foster, Debra McAlahney-Dodson, Raul Rodriguez

Excused Absence: Rita Tavernetti

Brent Green called the meeting to order at 5:29 P.M.

There were not any comments from the public. The meeting was recessed to closed session at 5:29 P.M.

2. CLOSED SESSION 5:30 PM

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3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 6:30 PM

4. CALL TO ORDER

Section Minutes:

Brent Green called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

5. FLAG SALUTE

Section Minutes:

Brent Green led in the flag salute.

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Section Minutes:

Brent Green said the only action taken in closed session was to approve the recommendation made by the expulsion panel to suspend the expulsion of Student 18:10/11. The request was also made to correct the student's discipline record.

The expulsion hearing for student #19:10/11 was rescheduled.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Section Minutes:

Brent Green stated, due to the jazz band performance this evening, the student board report

would be moved to follow approval of the agenda.

Dr. Bernard approved the agenda.

8. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Section Minutes:

Zack Robinson said he is filling in for Will Green this evening because of his participation in the Jazz Band concert.

The winter sports have started and the teams are looking good.

Leadership is organizing Friday events. They had a turkey bowling and egg nog drinking contest.

9. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Section Minutes:

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Minutes:

Dr. Bernard stated at this point the board will need to elect a president, clerk, representative to ROP, Board representative to the Monterey County School Board Association, approval of the board meeting dates for 2011 and approval of the board policies which will be presented in 2011.

Brent Green said he would like to nominate Mike Foster as Board President, Debra McAlahney-Dodson seconded the nomination. Mike Foster accepted.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson nominated Brent Green as Clerk of the Board and Mike Foster seconded the nomination. Brent Green accepted.

Mike Foster nominated Debra McAlahney-Dodson as the Board ROP representative, Brent Green seconded the nomination. Debra McAlahney-Dodson accepted.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson nominated Raul Rodriguez as the Board Representative to the Monterey County School Board Association, Mike Foster seconded the motion. Raul Rodriguez accepted.

Dr. Bernard said it is now time to approve the board policies which will be adopted in 2011 and approve the board meeting dates.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson inquired about the adoption of board policies. Dr. Bernard said the board policies are never really done, they continue to be updated. CSBA determines which policies need to be updated. Changes are made and are brought forward as a first and second reading.

Brent Green said he would not be available to attend the April 13 board meeting. Dr. Bernard said the board meeting dates can be adjusted as needed.

Dr. Bernard approved the election of the new officers of the Board, the board meeting dates and adoption of board policies reviewed in 2011.

b. Untitled Item**10. PUBLIC COMMENT****Section Minutes:**

None

a.**Minutes:**

There were not any comments from the public.

11. REPORT FROM STATE ADMINISTRATOR**Section Minutes:**

Dr. Bernard said he was pleased to have been the speaker at Rotary today. His overview covered the district from the point of view as yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The KCJUHSOTA ratified their contract on Wednesday, December 15. There will be a special meeting on Friday, December 17 at noon to ratify. Their request was to have the contract on the website.

Dr. Bernard also met with CSEA to fine tune some of the wording in their contract. Their contract will be printed and available by January 10, 2011.

Dr. Bernard commented he is very pleased both organizations have completed their contract process.

On Tuesday, December 14 there was a lock down at Greenfield High School. He was very pleased with the GHS administration and the communication from the Greenfield Police Department.

During the time the lock down was in force, Preferred Meals was scheduled to meet with the Leadership students to evaluate the food selected for breakfast and lunch for students. Because of the security, they will be returning to the school to meet with the students sometime in January. They will be working with the students to discuss menus and sample breakfast and lunch food items.

This week he met with the KCUSD regarding some issues. They are now placing a value on the items which the elementary food service has, and the sharing of the warehouse and transportation yard. In their preliminary discussion it was felt 60% of the corporate yard was shared by the King City Joint Union High School District and 40% by the King City Union School District. A determination is being made as to how this will be handled.

Dr. Bernard said he has met with Kasavan regarding the repairs to the KCHS gym and locker rooms. We have \$5 million to use within 4 years. Originally the architect indicated we had to have a fire alarm as well as a sprinkler system. It has now been determined we do not need to have both. We are looking at the savings and how it can be used. There will be upgrades to the boys locker room, hopefully there will be more information in February.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**Section Minutes:**

Raul Rodriguez said he would like to reference the latest Friday Update sent to the Board members regarding CSU. He was not aware of the information which was presented. He would

like to be guaranteed students are made aware and have access to the information.

He and his son met with the counselor to review his courses and to make sure he is on track.

Mike Foster said he and his daughter did meet with the counseling staff at King City High School.

Mr. Rodriguez felt it was important to have as much data as possible on students who have met the a-g requirements and how many sophomores are on track.

Dr. Bernard said Dr. Moirao is working on this information.

Mr. Rodriguez asked how many of the students who graduated last year are attending a junior college or a 4 year university.

Mr. Rodriguez said he attended the play entitled Out of the Frying Pan at Greenfield High School last weekend and was impressed with the speaking skills and clarity of the students. He encouraged the Board and audience to attend school activities.

Mr. Rodriguez said Juan Morales and Julio Parra were recognized by the All-MTAL for their athletic performance. He commented he would like the school to also recognize the students.

Brent Green said, as a parent, he has 2 students attending King City High School who are doing very well. This is the first year he is struggling with them to go to school. He asked administration to please keep in mind the decisions being made and the welfare of the students. There have been a lot of changes and disappointments this year. Mr. Green felt we can do more for the students to enjoy school and encouraged administration to keep the students in mind when making decisions.

13. EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Section Minutes:

There were not any comments from the employee organizations.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of November 10, 2010 and December 8, 2010 Minutes

b. Approval of Personnel Report Dated December 15, 2010

c. Approval for the KCHS Bon Voyage Club to Travel to China, April 21-29, 2011

d. Approval to Surplus Property (Bus #6)

e. Approval of the Consulting Agreement Between CSBA and the KCJUHS for Board Governance Workshop on January 10 and January 11, 2011

f. Approval of Consulting Agreement Between Dianne Callahan and the King City Joint Union High School District

g. Approval for the KCHS Wrestling Team to Attend Overnight Tournaments

h. Approval of the Williams Quarterly Report

Minutes:

Dr. Bernard approved the consent agenda.

Pending-a. Untitled Item

15. CONSENT ITEMS REMOVED FOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Section Minutes:

There were not any items removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

16. PUBLIC HEARING

a. General Waiver Request for Open Enrollment Under EC 48350 et seq. & CCR Title 5, Section 4701

Minutes:

Brent Green open the public hearing at 6:54 P.M. There were not any comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:54 P.M.

b. Waiver of the February 1, 2011 SARC Posting Timeline

Minutes:

Brent Green opened the public hearing at 6:54 P.M. There were not any comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:54 P.M.

17. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Board Report from July 1 to November 30, 2010

Minutes:

Brent Green said he has met with Linda Grundhoffer and is trying to get a better picture of where the District is headed.

Raul Rodriguez asked how the district was doing. Ms. Grundhoffer said at the moment we will meet the 3% reserve for the year. There have been lots of changes in salaries and caps have been put on the benefits, but we have a long way to go. We are still drawing from the loan. The 3% reserve is from the draw.

We are still working on reductions for next year to remain solvent. With the governor-elect we are currently receiving 82 cents on the dollar, next year it will be in the mid 70 cents. Due to the state economy it is making our situation worse.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson asked if it was in relation to students and class size. Dr. Bernard said we are working on that right now.

A master schedule training was provided last week. As a result, a draft master schedule is being prepared for next year. It is anticipated there will be a reduction of teachers because of the enrollment. We are over-staffed for this year.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson asked if an estimated dollar amount is known. Dr. Bernard said we have to wait until the governor has his budget meeting in January. Dr. Bernard said he will be attending a meeting in Sacramento on January 14 and hopefully will have more information.

Debra McAlaheny-Dodson said it is scary for the kids. We are changing procedures which were

not correct, and as a result, employees will be having to make changes to be compliant with the law.

b. 2009-10 California Healthy Kids Survey

Minutes:

Quentin Panek said this anonymous bi-annual survey is for grades 9 and 11. The results of the survey will be discussed at School Site Council meetings. He added more information is available on our website. He will be covering a few areas of the report.

The CHKS is a comprehensive youth health risk and resilience data collection service sponsored by the California Department of Education.

The report summarizes the results for key indicators of risk and well being and meets the requirements of the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.

The district conducted the survey in order to assess and reduce student violence, substance abuse, and other health-risk behaviors, and to monitor its progress in promoting youth well being and school success. Strict guidelines to preserve student privacy, data confidentiality and all other student and parent rights were taken. There was participation from 410 students in grade 9, and 357 in grade 11.

The common categories were usage of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The survey asked the question as of the last 30 days. The survey covered percentage of students who participated in various levels of tobacco use, participated in high risk behaviors associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The survey also included students who feel that frequent use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs are harmful.

Another portion of the survey covered the percentage of students who feel very safe at school, students who experienced safety-related incidents on school property during the past 12 months, and school environment (caring relationships, high expectations, and meaningful participation).

Raul Rodriguez commented the reference to these items could include school property, which would include football games, or any activities on the campus after the instructional day.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson asked how these statistics compare from the last report. Mr. Panek said the state prepares the information and it is compared to state, county, and local information. He added this information came from the county.

Ms. McAlahey-Dodson asked what are we going to do with the data? Mr. Panek responded it will be discussed at the School Site Council Meetings and the community to come up with plans as to how to address the issues. Ms. McAlahney-Dodson asked, do they know what they have to do. Mr. Panek responded yes. Ms. McAlahey-Dodson said, as a board member, she is not sure what we can do. The comment was made Carla Ackerman is still conducting classes regarding alcohol and drug issues.

Mike Foster asked how the School Site Councils will be using the information and how they will be focusing on it. Mr. Panek responded it will be incorporated in their January meetings and in February there will be a presentation from the sites as to what they have incorporated.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson commented this is an eye opener and it is a road map for us.

Dr. Bernard commented in the caring relations section, it is telling us the 11th graders are not in a caring relationship with an adult. Another area of concern is meaningful participation. These are things that both schools need to look at, improve, and a goal set to get to the high 80% range.

Mike Foster asked how the information was gathered. Mr. Panek said a date was selected and

time set aside for the students to complete the survey. The teachers selected a specific core area to be able to get most of the students at one time to complete the survey. Both teachers and students were aware of the date when the survey was scheduled.

c. Board Policies - First Reading

Minutes:

Dr. Bernard said there are 9 policies which are being presented for a first reading.

18. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of First Interim Report - 2010-11

Minutes:

Linda Grundhoffer said the economies continue to erode in the state and the county. With the new elected governor the financial picture looks bleak. We are working on additional reductions for next year. We will be reviewing the budget line by line to determine if there are other areas to save money. The multi year projection will continue to be updated. We could meet the 3% reserve next year but not the third year. Ms. Grundhoffer said she is requesting approval of the first interim report with a negative status.

Brent Green said he has reviewed the information, we are still drawing down on the money we borrowed, he felt we are delaying the inevitable. He felt we do not have the money and should make the cuts now. We should not be banking on the money.

Linda Grundhoffer said it is bad when a district has to get a loan from the state.

It was felt we are showing a false picture. The question is, would the district be able to sustain without the loan.

Brent Green commented, basically we have to cut \$2.9 million in order not to have to borrow the money in the next several years. If the economy turned around the school district would still have financial issues for several years.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson asked how swiftly can we make cuts if we need to. Dr. Bernard said we are proceeding to look at next year's negotiated contracts. A letter was sent out to all employees recently advising them we were in Phase I and there are several phases coming in the next 4 years. We still need to run the district and provide an educational facility.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson commented, in the FCMAT report, there were things we had to do. What are the ramifications if the district does not follow those recommendations. Dr. Bernard said we have to be responsible of how we can do it. We may not be able to implement a recommendation immediately. Some of the FCMAT recommendations are made in an ideal situation, we are in reality.

Mike Foster asked if there is another school we can use as a model. Dr. Bernard said this has not happened since the depression. Dr. Bernard added, in the next 18 months there will be more districts going into state receivership.

State cuts are immediate to the education system. Some other agencies do not feel the impact as quickly.

Mr. Green said he sees the \$2 million as smoke and mirrors.

Mike Foster asked, as a board, is there something they can do, should we go to Sacramento?

Dr. Bernard suggested Raul Rodriguez, as the Board representative to the Monterey County School Boards Association, bring these issues to MCOE. Mr. Rodriguez said he is not certain what the public might know about the financial crisis and the implications on education.

Dr. Bernard distributed an article from Governor elect Browns' Education Summit. He said he is not clear what may be happening. Basically we will have to wait until January to see what the governor is proposing for education.

Brent Green commented as far as the district budget is concerned, as a Board member you are looking at making cuts. All we see is more expense costs without the equal reduction. He asked the Board be kept informed regarding personnel. Dr. Bernard added there have been cuts in salaries and benefits.

Dr. Bernard approved the negative first interim report.

b. Resolution #07:10/11 Designating Authorized Agent to Sign School Orders

Minutes:

Linda Grundhoffer said this is an annual event for people who can pick up payroll or AP checks. The county needs an updated list on an annual basis.

Brent Green asked who put the list together, the response was Dr. Bernard and herself.

Dr. Bernard approved Resolution 09:10/11.

c. Approval of Resolution #08:10/11 for Annual Accounting for Developer Fees for the 2009-10 fiscal year

Minutes:

Linda Grundhoffer said this is also an annual resolution on the fees collected. Brent Green commented this appears to be the first time the Board had received this resolution.

Dr. Bernard approved Resolution 08:10/11.

d. Approval of Resolution #09:10/11 Authorizing Resolution to Refinance 1998 Bonds

Minutes:

Linda Grundhoffer said David Casnocha will talk about the refinancing of the 1998 Bonds.

Mr. Casnocha said this resolution would help the taxpayers, not the district. The bonds would be issued in 2011 to pay off the 1998 bonds. The bonds cannot be reissued without a savings to the taxpayers. The current saving is approximately \$500,000. This action can be taken if there is at least a 3% value savings. Approval of this resolution would attempt to re-issuance the bonds in January. The activities need to be completed by the end of January. We are trying to do right by the taxpayers.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson asked if there was any expense to the district. The response was the cost would be imbedded in the re-issuance of the bond, the interest rate would be between 1.5 -2%. There would only be a cost if the bonds go through.

Mike Foster asked if the refundable bonds are not sold, does it revert back. Mr. Casnocha said they would stay in place and would try again at a later date.

The comment was made this is good for the taxpayer. That is why there is a 3% provision.

Dr. Bernard approved Resolution 09:10/11.

e. Approval of Resolution #10:10/11 to Grant the Waiver for Open Enrollment at Greenfield High School

Minutes:

Daniel Moirao said this is good news for Greenfield High School since their scores significantly increased, they are entitled to request a waiver. Greenfield High School has one of the highest increased scores.

Brent Green said since the scores have increase, this resolution would allow the district to deny inter-district requests to another district based on the request of attending another district because of the academic level.

Dr. Bernard approved Resolution 10:10/11.

f. Approval for Waiver of the February 1, 2011 SARC Posting Time line - Extension of School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Parting Timeline from February 1, 2011 to April 1, 2011

Minutes:

Quentin Panek said each year the state sends the information to the school to post the SARC information by February 1.

This year with the budget cuts at the state level, CDE came out with the statement the information will be provided to the districts to post. The district does not have time or personnel to complete the process and have the information in place by February 1. We are requesting an extension from February 1 to April 1 for the sites to meet the requirement required by law.

Dr. Bernard approved waiver of the February 1 to April 1, 2011 SARC Posting Time line.

g. Approval and Presentation of 2010-11 Single Plan for Student Achievement at Greenfield High School.

Minutes:

Daniel Moirao said his presentation will be combining both Greenfield and King City High Schools. Our goal is to have the two comprehensive sites to be twins. In February the ConAp will be presented.

He said there is specific data in the board packet for both sites. The goal is to focus on core content areas. We want to make sure the instruction is driven by the data.

- Align instruction with content standards.
- Improve student performance on CAHSEE.
- Refine and modify benchmark assessments and curriculum maps.
- Focus on research based instructional strategies.
- Articulation and collaborate both inter and intra-district.
- Share performance data with parents.
- Increase student participation in education development.

- Increase parent/guardian involvement.
- Align curriculum expectations and benchmarks for a rigorous, guaranteed viable curriculum for all students.
- Create and modify pacing guides: Structure collaboration time for teachers to talk to teachers about teaching.
- Establish an articulation calendar within departments and feeder school districts, provide staff development opportunities to examine and implement best practices in instructional programs.

Debra McAlaheny-Dodson asked, what the articulation calendar meant. Dr. Moirao said the concern is what the feeder schools are doing. He added this is a process which will take time.

Dr. Bernard said he has had discussions with the KCUSD and the state trustee for the Greenfield Union School District and they support this idea. The idea to work as a K-12 is the only way we will be successful.

Dr. Moriao said we need to start amongst ourselves, internal articulation.

Mike Foster commented, what stood out to him were the math scores. There seems to be a wide range between King City and Greenfield High Schools. He asked specifically what can we do about the difference. Dr. Moirao said first we need to have the information shared between the teachers. The GEAR UP program is working with Monterey Peninsula College and CSUMB as a funding source. We want to bring King City High School into this process as well.

Dr. Moirao said last week the English Department from both schools met to share information.

Dr. Bernard approved the 2010-2011 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Greenfield High School.

h. Approval and Presentation of 2010-11 Single Plan for Student Achievement at King City High School.

Minutes:

Dr. Bernard approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement for King City High School.

i. Approval of Board Policies - Second Reading -John Bernard, Ed.D., State Administrator

Minutes:

Dr. Bernard said these policies are presented as second readings.

Dr. Bernard approved the BP/AR second readings.

19. SCHOOL REPORTS/UPDATES

a. Greenfield and King City Board Statistics

Minutes:

King City High School

Bruce Corbett said progress is being made during their collaboration days. The WASC rough draft has been completed, they are a little ahead of schedule. A lot of the new teachers help accelerate the process.

The master schedule for next year has been discussed with the counseling staff. There are 130 students who are just below the proficiency level. There will be a focus on these students and their parents will be contacted as well.

Students are asking about the off campus privileges and requirements. They are looking at data with students having a 2.0 GPA. Administration is increasing interaction with students such as talking to them during the lunch time.

Brent Green said he noted, the statistics are showing and increase in suspensions. Mr. Corbett responded they have implemented the administration tardy contracts and Saturday school.

The question was asked as to how the plans for remodeling the KCHS administration area are coming along during the winter break. The response was the remodeling will begin on December 20, there will be 2 reception areas, the counters will be in the center of the office. It will be a more friendly inviting area for students and the public.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson suggested having a Chamber mixer event at the high school once the remodeling has been completed.

Portola/Candy Butler

Dr. Moirao announced Carolyn McCombs will be the administrator for the remainder of the school year. There will be a new application process with the student, parent, and teacher. Seniors are being identified as who is eligible to return to their home site.

WASC is coming along.

Greenfield High School

Jim Goddard said he was pleased with staff, administration, and the police department during the lock down at the high school on Tuesday. The students complied with instructions.

The lunch program has come to a resolution. Information will be distributed to students and parents on Thursday. Lunches are being accepted from parents up to 11:30 A.M. at the office.

The staff is now getting student information on one sheet from Aries.

Greenfield High School is working with both police departments and CHP and moving forward with the 15 Minute Program. This program talks about alcohol and driving.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson asked when the athletic schedule will be available for Greenfield High School. Mr. Goddard said it will be on the website soon. The question was asked about King City High School. Mr. Corbett responded there is no longer a class to maintain the information.

Raul Rodriguez complimented Greenfield High School administration and Dr. Bernard for addressing the lunch issue with parents after the November board meeting. Parents as well as students felt they could share their thoughts and compromises were made on both sides.

Mr. Rodriguez said he has heard comments parent are not always welcomed at the high school. He commented the times he has been at the high school, staff were courteous.

Brent Green thanked the district office for the prompt notification to the Board when the lock down occurred.

He has observed students at the high school and said they are great kids.

South Monterey County Charter Independent Program

Janet Sanchez-Matos said they are working on the WASC report, which is due December 30. She had an opportunity to attend training in San Francisco regarding charter schools. She is hoping the secretary and a teacher will be able to attend a training before the next audit.

Students are starting to ask about returning to their own school site.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson commented, at a previous board meeting there was mention of the school getting more computers.

Janet Sanchez-Matos said they have met with several companies. After some investigation the prices, Ozone offered were higher than other providers.

Dr. Bernard said the district just recently was informed they had purchased a license from another company sometime ago, and it was discovered the district did not utilize their service.

Janet Sanchez-Matos said they have offered students a tutor program (maximum of 40 hours) during the last week of winter break. They need to have a minimum of 50 students (maximum 200), only 3 have signed up. If they do not have their quota the tutoring will be postpone.

Pending-a. Untitled Item

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETING DATES

Section Minutes:

Dr. Bernard said there would be a special board meeting at noon on December 17 to approve the KCJUHSOTA ratified contract.

Debra McAlahney-Dodson asked when the communication plan would be available. Dr. Bernard responded Diana Callahan will be here in January and meetings will be taking place.

21. SIGNING OF PAPERS

Section Minutes:

Dr. Bernard signed appropriate papers.

22. ADJOURNMENT (TO CLOSED SESSION, if required)

Section Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M..