

Paradise Unified School District
Minutes of November 11, 2008

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Paradise Unified School District was called to order by President Tim Titus at 6:00 p.m. at the Paradise Unified School District Office.

ROLL CALL

Four members were present; Tim Titus, Donna Nichols, Bob DiPietro and Mike Greer. Gary Manwill was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Stankis provided a statement to the Board, titled "Agenda Item Request for 11/18/08 – Board Statement to the Voters, Which Either Apologizes or Congratulates Them on the Prop 8 Results", and read it in its entirety.

Mr. Stankis then reported which schools were flying a flag today (Veteran's Day). He stated that two schools were not flying a flag for the holiday.

Donna McDonald, TAP President, expressed concern that the public hearing for a charter school was being held on a holiday.

Donna Nichols asked if the public hearing could be extended to the next board meeting.

Carol Kirk said she was having trouble that there was a board meeting being held on a national holiday. She said it was a slap in the face to veterans. She said the public hearing should be extended so that the public would have the opportunity to participate.

Roger Bylund said that he thought that keeping the board meeting on the regular meeting day (Tuesday) ad time would have been helpful to people.

The Board went into closed session at 6:10 p.m.

- A. Conference with labor negotiator (Government Code §54957.6):
 - 1. Certificated negotiations
 - 2. Classified negotiations
- B. Personnel Issues (Government Code §54957):
 - 1. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (3)
- C. Conference with real property negotiator (Government Code §54956.8) (1)
- D. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing/anticipated litigation (Government Code §54956.9) (2)

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Open session was reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Titus explained that during the closed session a disciplinary issue was discussed but no action was taken.

- A. Public Hearing regarding proposed changes to the Achieve Charter School petition.

Casey Taylor of Achieve Charter School stated that Achieve Charter has submitted it's charter for revision. They are proposing changing from a K-6 school to a K-8 school. They would like to offer 7th grade next year to their current 6th graders and 8th grade the year after next for those same students. With 25 students at each of the additional grade levels (7th and 8th) it will mean a total expansion of 50 students. She stated their desire is to offer those students a small school environment in middle school.

Glenn Stankis asked if the current 6th graders would have first choice for the 7th grade and Casey replied that they would.

Tamara Conry stated that Casey Taylor has stated in the past that Achieve had no desire to expand and no room to expand beyond the elementary school level.

Mr. Greer moved, Mrs. Nichols seconded, to continue the public hearing regarding Achieve Charter at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Tim Titus, President

Mike Greer, Clerk