MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative and Education Center

June 30, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by President Bichlmeier at 7:45 p.m.
CLOSED SESSION:	The Board met in Closed Session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. to conference with Superintendent regarding negotiations with the HBEA pursuant to G.C. 54957.6; Anticipated Litigation (G.C. 54956.9(c)); Public employment: Superintendent (G.C. 54958); Conference with Superintendent – existing litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Student v. HBCSD Case No. SNO3-002; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (G.C. 54957); Performance Evaluation: Teacher (G.C. 54957).
BOARD REPORT:	Mr. Bichlmeier reported that Closed Session Item B, Case SNO3 – a settlement has been approved by a 5-0 vote. Mr. Bichlmeier reported that Closed Session Item E, Reference #6676 has been approved by a 5-0 vote.
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:	The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:45 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mrs. Beck, Mr. Bichlmeier, Mr. Breen, Mrs. McCurdy, Mr. Widman.
STAFF PRESENT:	Dr. M. Robert Clark, Superintendent; Dr. Christopher Jones, Hermosa Valley Principal; Mrs. Carol Caballero, Hermosa View Principal; Mrs. Angela Jones, Business Manager; and Ms. Tracy Hattingh, Executive Assistant.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:	Mrs. Sheila Johanknechr, Staff Member
APROVAL OF AGENDA:	It was moved by Mrs McCurdy, seconded by Mrs. Beck that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Audience

Carol Sakanashi – addressed the Board concerning Budget Cuts/Layoffs.

Kim O'Brien – addressed the Board concerning Class Size Reduction, Budget and Layoffs.

Marlene Ramirez – addressed the Board concerning Layoffs of Kindergarten Instructional Aides.

Ann Chavez – addressed the Board with regards to her resignation and read a prepared statement thanking the Board, parents, students, staff and community for their support during her three years as Assistant Principal at Valley School.

Jim Hausle – addressed the Board with regards to Design Option B.

Stacy Moulton – addressed the Board with regards to Measure J.

Doug Robins – addressed the Board with regards to Facilities Design Option A and B.

Gary Osborn – addressed the Board with regards to Facilities Design Option A or B.

Mary Delk – addressed the Board with regards to Facilities Design Option A or B and specific gymnasium issues and concerns.

Barbara Ellman – addressed the Board with regards to Facilities Design Option A or B.

Betty Ryan – addressed the Board with regards to Facilities Design Option A or B.

Jennifer Alvarado – addressed the Board with regards to Measure J improvements and Design Option A or B.

Betty Combs – addressed the Board with regards to Facilities Design Option A or B.

Jackie Tagliaferro – addressed the Board on "How the gym will advance the Academic Education program of the school."

Stephen Cannella – addressed the Board on Facilities Design Option A or B and specific concept process and concerns relative to Measure J.

Jerry Compton – addressed the Board with regards to many concerns surrounding Measure J and Facilities Design Option A or B and the potential sale of Marineland Mobilehome Park. Specific concerns that process is moving along too fast and Board needs to do more research on all possible options. Mr. Compton also addressed issues concerning the Coast Commission and its jurisdiction. Mr. Compton presented the Board with a written memorandum.

Chris Miller – addressed the Board with regards to Measure J, in particular facilities option (old Pier Avenue Middle School). Ms. Miller presented the Board with a six page communicae. Ms. Miller also addressed the Board regarding AB611 retrofit lease requirements.

Jennifer Rosenfeld – addressed the Board with concerns regarding Measure J facilities, ballot language and misconceptions regarding the Bond Measure J election.

Larry Peha – addressed the Board regarding Facilities Design Option A or B and specific issues/concerns regarding the gym.

Dana Cantelmo – addressed the Board regarding Measure J, in particular the process that previously took place (Community Meetings, Design Charettes) with regards to modernization and Facilities Design Option A or B.

Sam Edgerton – addressed the Board regarding Measure J, Facilties Design Option A or B, the Marineland Mobilehome Park and the concern of property acquisition and the potential eviction and displacement of tenants and owners.

Michael Keegan – addressed the board regarding Measure J, Facilities Design Option A or B, community and citizen concerns, exploring other options such as land acquisition before proceeding with either Design Option A or B. Mr. Keegan submitted to the Board a written communication regarding the Marineland Listing Agreement. Mr. Keegan offered the cities assistance with further proceedings. He proposes that the City and the School Board work together to resolve possible land acquisition concerns.

Pat Moore – addressed the Board regarding Facilities Design Option A or B and specifically his concerns about the gym.

Betsy Rubino Holtzinger – addressed the Board regarding Measure J issues and concerns.

Joanne Edgerton – addressed the Board about the positive aspects of Measure J and thanked the Board for doing a great job with this tough decision making process.

Victor Silva – addressed the Board with regards to specific questions regarding building a gymnasium.

Jeanette Thomas – addressed the Board regarding Measure J expansion and to consider a seven-year plan and open another school, that is currently be utilized for other things, to elevate the overcrowding of students.

Cindy Ensworth – addressed the Board regarding Resolution #17:02/03 – Layoff of Classified Personnel.

Sharon Paul – addressed the Board regarding Resolution #17:02/03 – Layoff of Classified Personnel – Kindergarten Instructional Aides.

Terry Tao – an attorney representing the school district provided the Board with an overview of legal issues with regards to the Coastal Committee and its jurisdiction over the school property.

Board

Mr. Widman expressed concern about the CEQA process. Dr. Clark and Mr. Tao discussed this process with Mr. Widman to his satisfaction.

Mr. Breen inquired about Pier Avenue School. Dr. Clark told him that the facility is pre 1994 and doesn't comply with the Field Act AB611 – retrofit lease requirements and that retrofitting would be a considerable cost to the school district.

Mrs. Beck stated that the opening of a new school would be a considerable expenditure and given the current state of the budget at this time, investigating re-opening a new school (Pier Avenue) is not a viable option to consider.

After reviewing the flag mock up showing the dimensions of the proposed gym, Mrs. McCurdy expressed concern about the height and depth of the building and if a structure that large should be placed on anywhere on campus. Mrs. McCurdy would like to have the School Board and the City meet jointly to see if a mutual agreement can be worked out the acquire possible land (Mobile home park).

Mr. Widman informed the citizens that the Board takes these facilities decisions very seriously and that there is a governing, legal entity called the HBCSD Bond Oversight Committee that has been and will continue to monitor the progress of all monies spent regarding Measure J.

All the Board members thanked the members of the audience for attending tonight's Board Meeting and sharing their concerns and suggestions with the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bichlmeier, on behalf of the Board, thanked those members of the community for their continued emails and written correspondence with regards to Measure J and the facilities design process.

It was moved by Mr. Bichlmeier, seconded by Mrs. McCurdy that the Board members take a short 10 minute recess and return to address the rest of the agenda items. Motion carried. (10:05 p.m.)

CONSENT:

It was moved by Mrs. Beck, seconded by Mrs. McCurdy, that the Board of Trustees of the Hermosa Beach City School District approve the consent items as presented:

Business Services

Contract – MCS Education Services, Inc.

Mrs. Jones provided background information.
Approve the recommended contract with MCS Education Services.

Consultant Agreement with Lawndale Elementary School "Crazy Kemp"

Mrs. Jones provided background information.
Approve the recommended contract with Lawndale Elementary School District for "Crazy Kemp."

Contract with RBUSD Child Nutrition Food Services Department

Mrs. Jones provided background information.
Approve the recommended contract with RBUSD Child Nutrition-Food Services Department.

Personnel Services
Employment Transactions
Certificated Personnel:

Approve the recommended certificated personnel items:
Resignation: M. Robert Clark, Superintendent
Effective: July 31, 2003

Resignation: Dr. Christopher Jones, Principal Valley School
Effective: June 30, 2003

Motion carried.

ACTION

Superintendent

Facilities Design Option A or B Measure J Projects at Hermosa Valley School.	Dr. Clark gave extensive background information regarding this agenda item. It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mr. Breen that the Board approve with an amendment to the agenda item, that the school district move forward with Design Option B and proceed with the design development and environmental impact evaluation as well as reconvene with the City of Hermosa Beach and the School Board regarding potential land acquisition of the Marineland Mobile home Park. Motion carried.
Math Algebra Instructional Materials Second Reading	Dr. Clark gave an overview of the Algebra instructional materials. It was moved by Mrs. McCurdy, seconded by Mrs. Beck that the board approve and adopt the following mathemeatics core instructional materials for Algebra students: McDougal Littell/Houghton Mifflin. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Adopt 2003/2004 Budget Nomination of CSBA Officers	Mrs. Jones gave an in-depth overview and detailed explanation regarding all facets of the 2003/2004 Budget. Each Board member had asked specific questions regarding the budget: local revenue, budget reserves, salary increases, fundraising contributions, financial stability of the state and district, as well as state budget adoption concerns. In particular, Mr. Widman felt that there was a need for more budget cuts. Mrs. Jones addressed each concern and answered the questions to their satisfaction. It was moved by Mrs. McCurdy, seconded by Mr. Breen that the Board adopt the 2003/2004 budget. The motion carried 4-1.

PERSONNEL SERVICES:

Resolution #17:02:03	Dr. Clark addressed the issue of the layoff of Classified Personnel. Dr. Clark explained at length the positions being impacted by the resolution. Dr. Clark made mention that while these cuts are difficult to make, they are necessary. It was moved by Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Beck that the Board approve Resolution #17:02/03 Layoff of Classified Personnel. Motion carried.
Certificated Personnel – Superintendent Discussion and Determination of Superintendent Search	Dr. Clark suggested that the Board move quickly with regards to contacting potential superintendent candidates. Dr. Clark recommended that the Board of Trustees develop a process for hiring a new Superintendent. It was moved by Mr. Widman, seconded by Mr. Breen. Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT	It was moved by Mr. Bichlmeier, seconded by Mrs. McCurdy that the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 p.m. Motion carried.

President ____________________ Clerk ____________________