

MINUTES OF FORUM MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HERMOSA BEACH SCHOOLS
HELD JANUARY 14, 1974, 7:30 p.m., VALLEY VISTA SCHOOL, 1645 VALLEY DRIVE

The forum meeting of the governing board was called to order by President Dunn at 7:45 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Dr. Benoit, Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. Cristin, Dr. Rogers

Administrators present: Dr. Joyce, Dr. Lokka

Presentation by
Valley Vista
staff

Mrs. Helen Sowell and Mrs. Kiyo Tanaka made a presentation on the Central Auditory Abilities Program which is being carried on in some of the schools. The board thanked Mrs. Sowell and Mrs. Tanaka for their excellent presentation.

Presentation of
Plans

Dr. Joyce presented the proposed district Plans for School Building Utilization for 1974-75 through 1977-78 which included the closing of Valley Vista School for remodeling and rebuilding during the 1974-75 year to be reopened as a middle school in 1975-76 and the closing of Pier Avenue and Prospect Heights Schools in 1975-76.

The audience was given an opportunity to react and ask questions regarding the district's proposed plans. The major concerns were:

1. Safety of children in crossing major highways when schools are closed.
2. Closing of two schools in the south section of town
3. Providing for special programs such as shop, home-making, and physical education when Valley Vista is remodeled
4. Financing the remodeling of Valley Vista
5. The loss of gymnasium and auditorium facilities when Pier is closed.

In discussing the audience's concerns, the board:

- o Agreed that the safety of the children was also a major concern of the board and busing would be considered;
- o Indicated that the closing of South School is not a certainty even though now the enrollment trend is in that direction;