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, homemaking, 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:

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

1. Consideration of School Consolidation Plans for 1974-75 and 1975-76

The following are the proposed consolidation plans for 1974 through 1976. It would be advisable for the board to take action on these at this time but not to take any definite action on the succeeding three years from 1976 to 1978 because of the unreliability of projections.

Consolidation plan 1974-75

a) Close Valley Vista for rebuilding and remodeling as a middle school

b) Assign grade six of Valley Vista and North School to Pier Avenue; Assign K-5 of Valley Vista to North; Redistrict to South School all Valley School students living South of Pier Avenue

c) Transfer two E.H. classes from North School to South School

Projected Enrollment 1974-75

Hermosa	North	Prospect	South	Valley	Pier	Totals
150	299	126	178	-0-	366	1,119

Consolidation plan 1975-76

a) Close Pier Avenue and lease to South Bay Adult School, Children's Health Center, and Recreation Department and/or other interested agencies

b) Move district warehouse, maintenance shop, and administrative offices to Pier Avenue

c) Sell or lease district warehouse and maintenance shop

d) Assign all 7th and 8th graders to Valley Vista; Assign 6th graders of North School and Prospect Heights to Valley Vista keeping Hermosa View and South a K-6

e) Close Prospect Heights and assign K-5 pupils to Hermosa View and South Schools according to parent choice; Negotiate with the city for the development of a park on the Prospect Heights site.

Projected Enrollment 1975-76

Hermosa	North	Prospect	South	Valley	Pier	Totals
186	239	-0-	187	350	-0-	962

SCHOOL PLANT FUNCTIONS (Contd)

Consideration of School consolidation plans for 1974-75 and 1975-76 (Contd) 5-154

MOVED BY Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cristin, and unanimously carried, to amend the original motion to state, that the board adopt the long-term guideline plan to be followed only if present projected enrollment trends continue and that the long-range plan include the possibility of closing the following schools in the following order: South, North, and Hermosa View.

Amended motion unanimously carried.

Sale of South School

MOVED BY Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Benoit, that in the event it becomes necessary to close South School that this board is in favor of South School being purchased at fair market value by the Redevelopment Agency provided that the land be used for parks and recreation facilities only.

MOVED BY Dr. Rogers to add to the original motion the following statement; in order that funds be available for building a larger central school at Valley Vista.

After further discussion, Dr. Rogers requested that this item be discussed at the next meeting. There was no vote on the motion.

Employment of Consultant for Consolidation Study 5-155

MOVED BY Dr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Cristin, and unanimously carried, to employ Dr. John Stallings, Dean of the School of Education, U.S.C., as a consultant for not more than ten (10) days at $150 per day for the purpose of studying the possibilities of district consolidation with a neighboring district or districts including an analysis of the pros and cons of each option.

Request for PAC Committee Minutes entered into record

Dr. Rogers requested that the minutes of the January 3, 1974 meeting of the Project Area Committee of the Herondo-Valley Redevelopment Agency be entered into the record as follows:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE OF THE HERONDO-VALLEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HELD IN THE LOBBY OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, HERMOSA BEACH, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1974, at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Chiu.

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Lynne Nicholson, Mr. Jack O'Brien, Mr. Larry Sims, and Chairman Colin Chiu.

Absent: Mr. Richard Donnelly and Mr. Richard Holmgren.