

**NICASIO SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

~ Regular Meeting ~

Thursday, November 5, 2015 5:00 PM

Nicasio School Library 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio CA

1. **Call to Order** at 5pm
 - a. **Patriotic Moment** observed in memory of Jeff Pflugrath (former Nicasio School District superintendent/principal/teacher) who passed away Nov. 4th, and in recognition of his service to NSD and beyond.

 - b. **Roll Call** In attendance: **Trustees Holly McArthur, Madeleine Sloane and Jason Snell** (late arrival at 5:15PM); *Also in attendance: Superintendent Tom Lohwasser and Principal Christy Stocker*

2. **Approval and Adoption of Agenda**
Action: M/S: Sloane/McArthur to approve agenda with the modification of moving agenda item #7 forward to follow Public Comment (item #3). **Vote: 2/0** Ayes: McArthur, Sloane; Noes: None

3. **Public Comment** *There was no public comment.*

4. **Administrative/Organizational** *(This item - originally #7a on the agenda - was moved forward to follow Public Comment)*
 - a. **Consider Approval of Resolution 2015-16 #4 Supporting Strong Start for All of Marin's Children** *Discussion:* Paul Cohen spoke on behalf of Marin Strong Start, a coalition formed by parents in 2010 to improve access to childcare and preschool. According to Mr. Cohen, preschools in Marin County currently have a waiting list of 800 students; these are people who qualify for assistance based on income levels, but there is no funding for this assistance. The situation has received both state and federal attention. Marin Strong Start is trying to have Marin County lead the way. There may be a ballot measure in 2016. In the meantime, the organization is trying to do outreach and build support.
Action: M/S: Sloane/McArthur to approve Resolution 2015-16 #4 Supporting Strong Start for All of Marin's Children **Roll call vote:** Ayes: Sloane, McArthur; Noes: None; *Absent:* Snell

5. Reports & Announcements
 - a. **Water System Update**
Trustee McArthur reported that one water system upgrade option would require three modifications to the existing system: new filters, re-piping to chlorinate on demand, and upgraded testing equipment. She said the testing equipment upgrade costs could total approximately \$30,000. Additionally, the new equipment would require significant water, which the district does not have. Another option is to have an outside service continue to monitor the water (with no new equipment installation). That option would

require changing the way the water system runs, and the plant could only be run once per week for water testing. Further research is needed, she said, to confirm whether the smaller water tank could serve the school's needs while the system is turned off weekly for testing. Although the costs for testing services would remain, the system would meet the state requirements. The District can apply for funding to cover such upgrades as filters, re-piping, etc.

b. **Management Bulletin**

Principal Stocker reported on behalf of Cheryl Robbins that Cheryl and Kate Lane have made arrangements to meet once a week, and that Cheryl is preparing the 1st interim budget report for December.

c. **Principal's Report** *Principal Stocker reported the following:*

- i. There are increased expenses in special education that will be reflected in the 1st interim budget report.
- ii. Damena Ware is completing her 12-week teaching internship tomorrow (Nov. 6th). The District wishes her the best as she moves forward in her career.

d. **Superintendent's Report** *Supt. Lohwasser reported the following:*

- i. There is a state new law allowing schools to create an exemption/waiver to serve alcohol on campus and Mary Jane Burke has taken a position opposing that law. Supt. Lohwasser said many districts in Marin have been drafting resolutions to indicate that they do not intend to participate in this exception/waiver. He inquired whether the Board is interested in signing such a resolution.
- ii. There is also a new law taking effect in January regarding school immunizations that does not allow personal belief exemptions. There is an expectation that there will be an increase of requests before the law goes into effect.
- iii. Countywide, there is a shortage of substitutes. Most districts will likely address the rate of pay either mid-year or July. Some districts are talking about \$140/day starting mid year in 2015-16, and \$150/day the following year.
- iv. Additionally, there have been discussions about creating a countywide calendar so that the elementary, middle and high schools are aligned. The Tam District high schools are on semester system, so they are trying to start the year earlier (discussions included possibly starting Aug. 15th). Other districts start two weeks later. This will be an ongoing conversation to identify common breaks, start dates, etc.
- v. Finally, with regard to the November 3rd school board elections, ten districts in the county have new trustees. There will be many opportunities for training.

e. **Trustees' Report** *There was no report.*

6. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of Minutes: Oct. 1, 2015 Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees

b. Ratify Warrants Paid: 9/25-10/28/2015

Action: **M/S: Sloane/Snell** to approve consent agenda. **Vote: 3/0** Ayes: Snell, Sloane, McArthur; Noes: None

7. **Curriculum and Instruction**

- a. **Approve 2015-16 Year-End Overnight Field Trip Proposal for Grades 3/4/5**
Action: M/S: Sloane/Snell to approve 2015-16 Year-End Overnight Field Trip Proposal for Grades 3/4/5 **Vote: 3/0** Ayes: Snell, Sloane, McArthur; Noes: None

- b. **Approve 2015-16 Year-End Overnight Field Trip Proposal for Grades 6/7/8** *Action*
Action: M/S: Sloane/Snell to approve 2015-16 Year-End Overnight Field Trip Proposal for Grades 6/7/8 **Vote: 3/0** Ayes: Snell, Sloane, McArthur; Noes: None

8. **Correspondence**

- a. 2015-16 LCAP Approval, Terena Mares, Deputy Superintendent, MCOE, Sept. 15 2015
- b. Fee Schedule 2015-16 Fiscal Year, School & College Legal Services of CA, Carl Corbin, General Counsel, September 29, 2015
- c. Nicasio School District Website Audit Results, John Mann, Marin County Civil Grand Jury, October 27, 2015

9. **Conclusion**

- a. **Agenda Planning**
 - i. Water system update
 - ii. Interim budget
 - iii. Swearing in/organizational meeting
 - iv. Proposal for new classroom instructional assistant

- b. **Adjournment**
Action: M/S: Sloane/Snell to adjourn meeting at 5:45pm. **Vote: 3/0** Ayes: McArthur, Sloane, Snell; Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Stocker

Unadopted Adopted

Madeleine Sloane, Clerk