

PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2009 – High School Library

**I. OPENED BUSINESS**

- A. Called to Order 6:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call
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| President:                   | Beth Shammas                                   |
| Clerk:                       | Mike Niccum                                    |
| Members Present:             | Jessie Bray<br>Bill Phillips<br>Tony Sollecito |
| Administration Present:      | Ralph Porras<br>Robin Blakley                  |
| Board Recorder:              | Laura Emerson                                  |
| Student Board Member Absent: | Julia Sweigert                                 |
- C. Adopted Agenda  
Item was added to agenda as Consent Agenda Item L.  
**MOTION Sollecito/Phillips to adopt agenda as revised.**  
**Public comment: none**  
**Motion CARRIED 5 – 0**
- D. Identified Closed Session Topics
1. PGTA negotiations
  2. CSEA negotiations
  3. Superintendent's Evaluation
- E. Public comment on Closed Session items none
- F. Adjourned to Closed Session 6:03 p.m.

**II. CLOSED SESSION**

**III. RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION 7:05 p.m.**

- A. Reported action taken in Closed Session
1. PGTA negotiations  
The Board discussed this matter.
  2. CSEA negotiations  
The Board discussed this matter.
  3. Superintendent's Evaluation  
The Board gave Superintendent Porras a positive evaluation for the 2008/09 school year.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance pledge recited

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Written Communication  
Porras received several letters regarding the desire to retain the apple trees at Robert Down. Bray read

a letter she received expressing concern with the potential problems associated with planting the apple trees at Robert Down.

B. Board Member Comments

none

C. Superintendent Report

Porras acknowledged the District's Business Office for a positive fiscal report. He was contacted by Representative Bill Monning's office to attend a Board meeting to discuss certain issues.

V. INDIVIDUALS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Linda Jones said PG PRIDE has received 578 volunteer applications and need only 22 more volunteers to reach the goal. Mary Riedel said 60% of Middle School students qualified to attend the Honors Breakfast. She described the numerous activities planned around Veterans Day. The California League of Middle School Educators has nominated Dessy Murphy as Educator of the Year. Mahnoush Harirsaz gave Trustees copies of the Adult School WASC report and schedule for the upcoming WASC accreditation review. She wanted to publicly thank her entire staff for all their hard work. John Paff commended Blakley and the District for maintaining solvency at a time when so many other school districts are experiencing hard times. Matt Nelson commented on the outdoor projects recently completed at Robert Down.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of October 22, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Classified Assignment Order #7
- C. Acceptance of Donations
- D. Warrant Schedules No. 493
- E. Revolving Cash Report No. 3
- F. Cash Receipts Report No. 3
- G. Approval of Board Bylaws, 9124, 9200, 9220, 9221, 9222, 9223, 9224, 9230, 9240, 9260, 9270, 9271
- H. Revision of Revision of AR 3541 and BP/AR 3541.2 - Student Transportation
- I. Appointment of John Thibeau to PGUSD Board of Education
- J. Reappointment of Bill Phillips to PGUSD Board of Education
- K. Reappointment of Jessie Bray to PGUSD Board of Education
- L. Robert Down Tree Planting Plan Approval

Matt Bell thanked the Board and Shammas in particular, for their hard work and dedication to the school district. Porras commended Shammas for the time she has spent in public service on behalf of the students in PGUSD.

**MOTION Niccum/Phillips to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**

**Public comment: none**

**Motion PASSED 5 - 0**

VII. ACTION/DISCUSSION

A. Approval of Architectural Service Agreement to Provide Landscape Master Plans

Larry Foster, landscape architect, answered the Board's questions regarding the proposal his company submitted [included in Board packet]. He indicated that the submitted cost would be reduced significantly if fewer meetings were included in the process.

Public comment:

John Paff said that as the largest landowner in Pacific Grove, PGUSD should create a bold landscape plan that identifies a specific landscape schedule for each site. Bell asked for flexibility in the High

School plan. Irrigation is a big issue. (parent) said the community can be counted on to assist but they need a guidance plan.

**Motion Shammas/Bray to approve the execution of an agreement with Bellinger Foster Steinmetz for the development of a landscape master plan for school sites, working primarily with district level staff, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, and with the following prioritization of sites – High School, Adult School, Middle School, Forest Grove, Robert Down, and David Avenue.**

**Public comment: none**

**Motion PASSED 4 – 1 (Sollecito dissenting)**

B. Approval of Installation of ASB Funded Digital Marquee and Breaker Sign

**MOTION Bray/Sollecito to approve the request to install a digital marquee and accompanying breaker sign on the north-east end of the E-wing building.**

**Public comment:**

**Motion PASSED 5 – 0**

**VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

A. Subcommittee Reports

City/District

Sollecito said the recent meeting was a good opportunity to get to know the new city manager and mayor, and to discuss common interests. Phillips said the City is interested in partnering with the school district in a couple areas. Porras will contact PG Public Works for a copy of the final Traffic Report.

Community Human Services

*nothing to report*

MCSBEC

*nothing to report*

ROP

*nothing to report*

**MOTION Bray/Niccum extend meeting to 10:30 p.m., motion PASSED 5 – 0**

B. Review of Board Bylaws, 9300, 9310, 9311, 9314, 9320, 9321, 9321.1, 9322, 9323, 9323.1, 9323.2, 9323.2E, 9324, 9400

This item was discussed.

C. Monterey County Schools Insurance Group (MCSIG) Insurance Program

This item was moved to the November 12 agenda.

**IX. ACTION/DISCUSSION – BOARD CALENDAR/FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Calendar/Future Meetings

No changes

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

No changes

B. Future Agenda Items

November

Class Size Guidelines  
Curriculum update  
Instructional Minutes - BP/AR

January

Special meeting with Staff and Students

(unassigned)

Declining Enrollment Committee  
Healthy Kids Survey Results  
Traffic Safety

XI. ADJOURNED

10:40 p.m.

Approved and submitted:



Dr. Ralph Gómez Porrás  
Secretary to the Board

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Board Bylaws, 9124, 9200, 9220, 9221, 9222, 9223, 9224, 9230, 9240, 9260, 9270, 9271

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:** Ralph Gómez Porras, Superintendent

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approve the reviewed and revised Bylaws as presented.

**BACKGROUND:**

Board members discussed these bylaws at their October 22 meeting, which included updates from the California School Board Association.

**INFORMATION:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

