

The Board of Education of the Chico Unified School District met in a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Chapman Elementary. The following were present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Rick Anderson, President
Rick Rees, Vice President
Scott Huber, Member
Jann Reed, Member

ABSENT:

Anthony Watts, Clerk

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Scott Brown, Superintendent
Bob Feaster, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources
Kelly Staley, Assistant Superintendent - Educational Services
Janet Brinson, Director - Educational Services
Dr. Cynthia Kampf, Director - Educational Services
Dave Scott, Director - Educational Services
Alan Stephenson, Director - Educational Services
Greg Einhorn, Attorney at Law
Kim Hutchison, Executive Secretary

OTHERS:

Association representatives, news media, and visitors.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 At 7:05 p.m., Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors. Mr. Anderson thanked Principal Stuempfig for her service to Chapman Elementary school, the entire staff at Chapman for their tremendous work at this school and thanked the parents and families for their involvement in the school to help make it a great place for children.

Tonight the school board will continue a discussion about a status called program improvement. Chapman will likely continue in its 5th year of program improvement and the District and the Board are faced with serious discussions and decisions to make regarding Chapman. Tonight's discussion is not only about the immersion program but the entire school and, in fact, how we will address program improvement not just in this school, other schools in the future.

2. Ms. Staley stated that like at the last meeting, the purpose tonight is to discuss the academic program and program improvement status at Chapman School. Our goal is to both improve achievement and provide a strong Immersion program. It is the responsibility of the Board in year four to approve a plan of action for program improvement schools in Year 5. Tonight we'd like to discuss a win-win opportunity for a single vision academic program for Chapman and possibly enhance our Two Way Immersion program.

Mr. Sullivan shared with the Board the new vision for Chapman which involves moving to a single focus and focusing on state standards. The single focus will include very high expectations for students, staff and parents and communicating to parents what those expectations are for their students. One of the essential parts of that is to have set on-going assessments to know where students are in moving toward the academic goals. A critical part of that is to put things in place for students who are not meeting the goals and working with staff to put in place assistance in the form of after school programs, tutoring, etc. to help students meet academic goals.

Mr. Stephenson stated that the District has been working for quite a while to look at programs at Rosedale and Chapman and all the schools in our district to make sure they are the best that they can be. We feel that at this point in time, we have the opportunity to improve the programs at both Chapman and Rosedale. The Rosedale program can benefit by an influx of students who have been participating in Immersion, the Chapman program can benefit from a single focus in their program. We see this as a win-win, both programs can be improved. At the same time, we can meet the sanctions by NCLB to meet those requirements. At this time, the recommendation that is coming from staff is the transfer of the Immersion program from Chapman to Rosedale. That recommendation needs to be acted upon by the Board of Education. We are only making a recommendation. Should that recommendation be acted upon, the decisions that come next are the decisions of parents. Parents will need to decide what is best for their children.

At 8:09 p.m., Mr. Anderson opened the meeting to public comment. At 9:09 p.m., Mr. Anderson closed public comment.

The Board will have further discussion regarding this issue at the Regular Meeting on May 4, 2005 and there is action anticipated at that meeting.

3. CLOSED SESSION

At 9:23 p.m., the Board recessed into closed session for the purpose of Conference with Labor Negotiators and Public Employee Release. Mr. Anderson announced those who would be attending closed session included: Bob Feaster, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources; Kelly Staley, Assistant Superintendent - Educational Services and Greg Einhorn, Attorney at Law.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 p.m., the Board reconvened. Mr. Anderson announced that during the Closed Session, the Board took action to accept the retirement of Superintendent Scott Brown. There were no further announcements and the meeting was adjourned.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, May 4, 2005
7:00 p.m., Chico City Council Chambers

APPROVED:

Board of Education

Administration