

## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Reed called the April 9, 2008, Special Session Meeting to order at Chico High School, Williams Theatre, at 901 Esplanade at 5:20 p.m. She informed the audience that the Meeting was scheduled for a presentation on the Superintendent's Budget Reduction Recommendation and there would be no action. The meeting was scheduled to hear public input on the recommendation. The process for submitting comments was explained for both written comments and those wishing to speak. In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, comments would be limited to three (3) minutes each and each category would be limited to 30 minutes.

Present: Jann Reed, Rick Anderson, Rick Rees and Andrea Lerner Thompson.

Absent: Dr. Kathleen Kaiser

2. **INFORMATION**2.1 **Superintendent's Budget Reduction Recommendation**

At 5:24 p.m. Superintendent Staley told the audience that the list of 33 reductions released to the public on Friday only represents the beginning of the process of bringing the district's budget into balance. The district still faces a \$7 million shortfall in the 2008-09 budget, even after reducing about 30 teaching positions and implementing a spending freeze. The proposed list would save approximately \$2.8 million. She stated that while there is something for everyone to dislike on the list, all must continue to work together. Superintendent Staley explained that a few sports were accidentally left off the list. The recommendations include all golf, wrestling, tennis, cross country, field hockey, JV baseball and softball, JV track and all freshman sports. Since the public was not notified of the affected sports, the board will allow thirty minutes of comment time at its meeting next Wednesday, when a decision on the recommendation is scheduled. At 5:41 Public Comment began. Seventy-two people filled out cards to speak:

**Elementary**

- Forest Ranch School: Kiersten Morgan, Regina Mattes, Jim Crane, Maureen Kirk, Pete Rodstrom, Bruce Hall, Chris Howell, Marlene Fune, Julie Jessen, and Troy Jessen.
- Cohasset School: Maureen Kirk, Sharon Hastings, Lara Conkey Wiebelhaus, Theresa Markwood, and Christine Greer.
- 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade band program: Dylan Anderson and Kim Gimbal.

**Jr. High**

- The rotating schedule: April Carmo Hislop

**High School**

- HS Athletics: Lori Twisselman, Jordan Mathews, Valerie Mez, Darcy Pollak, David Pollak, Meghan Kelly, Lance Brogden, Jane Dolan, Kelsey Allen, Will Wilson, Justin Vaught, Nick Andrew, Miles Willis, Jackie Santos, Kirk and Kody Atkins, Joshua Byrd, Irma Arroyo-Long, Anthony Thomas, Lauren Siebal, Coach Rios, Scott Upton, Dustin Murgia, Bill Haley, Kelley Urionaguena, Nahshon Garrett, Anna and Carolyn Kurnizhi and friends, Leann Powell, Tanner Wakefield, Martin Bergstedt, Joseph Goodwin, Nolan Atkins, Nick Riley, Rich Kemp, Jim Goodwin, Jeff Fleming, Kirk Freitas, and Fran Skillicom
- High School Music: Carol Crane
- SAGA Newspaper: Richard Deniz, Stormi Turner
- Electives/Clubs: Cassidy O'Brien and Jacob Montava

**Special Ed.**

Teacher:student Ratio: Amber Lewis and Maria Sayre.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:05 p.m. President Reed thanked everyone for coming and asked for questions from the Board Members. Jim Hanlon reviewed criteria used for subcommittee recommendations. He will review if both high schools have to offer the same sports. The Board will be making a decision on whether to approve the recommendation at the meeting next Wednesday. President Reed presented ideas other districts are considering and asked the community to please think creatively of ways to help. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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APPROVED:



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