

Minutes  
**September 14, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**4:00PM Regular Session**  
**Kenwood School Library**

- I. Call to Order – Board President Pat Alexander:** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
- II. Regular Session**
- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Roll Call of Board Members**  
Present: Pat Alexander, Gin Boone, Diane Cupples, Susan Reiter  
Absent: Fran Threewit  
Administrator: Bob Bales
- C. Adjustment of Agenda:** Parcel Tax Report moved to II.E.1 and Rick Phelan, SCOE:  
Assessment Results *Moved to after IV. B.*
- D. Public Comment:** *Revised - Board approved on 12/14/16*  
*Public Hearing on Resolution #937: No public participation*
- E. Announcements and Reports**
- 1. Board Announcements:**
- Parcel Tax Report:** Bob Bales acknowledged Chris Tonelli for all of her hard work on the tremendously successful parcel tax. It was seamlessly handled. The parcel tax passed and is in place through 2022. The tax represents four percent of the school budget. Chris remarked that it was a great learning experience. She thanked the teachers and students for coming out and walking the precincts. Residents were very receptive to the ballot measure. The board thanked Chris for stepping forward and her leadership.
- 2. District Organizations' Reports**
- a. KEF:** Chris Tonelli, KEF President reported the retreat meeting in August went very well. The golf tournament in August raised \$16,000. The goal next year will be to raise \$25,000. The KIDS Campaign has begun and is in full swing. *The Big Heart Event* will take place this year. Sites for LCA 2017 are being reviewed. The next KEF meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016
- b. SSC:** *No Report*
- c. KSA:** Bob Bales reported on KSA events. The first KSA meeting was held on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, with 12 parents attending the KSA meeting. The Walk-a-Thon and Harvest Festival will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cheryl Ghisla is scheduling the KSA assemblies this year. She is looking for curriculum based assemblies.
- 3. Superintendent's Report**
- Back to School Night was a tremendous success. Tricia Cox will be holding her grade 2 classroom information night separately on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- The sixth grade Outdoor Education Pasta Feed made a profit of \$13,500. With the addition of the \$4,000 made from the Walk-a-thon, enough money has been raised for the sixth graders to go to the Marin Headlands.
- On September 6, Student Council speeches were given and elections were held. A pizza party was held for all candidates.

After school classes: Band has been expanded to two days per week. Band is held on Wednesdays with sectionals on Tuesdays. After school homework club is held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parents really appreciate this support. Beginning Mandarin classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Chi Pine, a parent is offering this service to our students.

Bob Bales is the Sonoma County Representative for Schools for Sound Finance.

**4. Gina Cuclis: President Area One Trustee, Sonoma County Board of Education**

Gina is Representative on the Sonoma County Board of Education. She announced the upcoming symposium on October 27<sup>th</sup> which will address the future teacher shortage. She stated there are 4 education propositions and she encouraged everyone to vote yes on the following: Prop 51, Prop 55, Prop 56 and Prop 58.

**5. Rick Phelan, SCOE: Assessment Results *Moved to after IV. B.***

**III. Action Items**

- A. Approval of Unaudited Actuals for 2015-16**, approved on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- B. Approval of Budget Updates**, approved on motion by Susan Reiter, second by Gin Boone, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- C. Approval of Warrants**, approved on motion by Susan Reiter, second by Gin Boones, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2016**, passed on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- E. Approval of Interdistrict Transfer Request for 2016-17**, approved on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- F. Approval of Resolution # 937: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**, passed on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- G. Approval of Resolution #938: Adopting the “GANN” Limit**, approved on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- H. Approval of Change Order: Kenwood School Prop 39 Photovoltaic System Project**, passed on motion by Susan Reiter, second by Gin Boones, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.
- I. Approval of PR1 and PR2 for Solar Project**, approved on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.  
*Diane Cupples arrived at 4:45 p.m.*
- J. Acceptance of Donations to Kenwood School in Memory of Thelma Jorgensen: \$200**, passed on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- K. And L. Approval of New Hire, Stephen Litzenberger Effective August 15, 2016: CCC Aide and Approval of New Hire, Nancy Theis Effective August 15, 2016: Preschool Aide**, passed on motion by Gin Boone, second by Susan Reiter, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

**IV. Discussion/Report Items**

- A. Report on Parcel Tax: *Moved to II. E. 1***
- B. ISTE Conference: John Magnoli, Patricia Ehn, and Bob Bales** attended the ISTE conference in Denver in July. There were 15,000 educators there. This conference gave them the opportunity to meet educators from around the world, to talk about what is working and to glean ideas from each other. We are integrating technology into our curriculum and using it in a thoughtful way to nurture critical thinkers who can think for themselves. This conference was a great networking opportunity.
- C. Rick Phelan, SCOE: Assessment Results *Moved to after IV. B***  
Rick Phelan gave a presentation on Kenwood School’s Smarter Balanced 2016 test scores and test results. He reviewed county wide results as well as subgroup tasks. He explained

the details of the student data reports. Rick remarked, these assessments are just one measure districts, parents and communities can use to understand school achievement.

**D. Agenda Items for Regular October 12, 2016 Board Meetings**

Board Policy

- V. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Bob Bales