

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 28, 2006

Albany High School

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Edward Brown, President
Teneka Frost, Vice President
Barbara Gaffuri, Secretary
William Barnette
Judy Doesschate
Susan Kushner
Jackie Jenkins-Cox

Dr. Eva Joseph
Terrance White
Linda Jackson-Chalmers
Joseph Dragone
Kathleen Wetmore

ABSENT: None

Call to Order:

Mr. Brown the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Vincent Reguso addressed the Board relative to the budget.
2. Annamarie Lippitt addressed the Board relative to the Dual Language Program.
3. Gulcan Yalniz addressed the Board relative to the Dual Language Program.
4. Robert Fullem addressed the Board relative to the budget.
5. Brad Hanscom addressed the Board relative to the budget.
6. John Amidon addressed the Board relative to military recruitment and the budget
7. Jerry Spicer addressed the Board relative to support of the membership of APSTAA for public education and the Albany City School District.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution for Library Propositions

Mr. Brown presented a resolution to place Albany Public Library propositions on the ballot for the School District Vote on May 16, 2006. Upon motion by Mrs. Gaffuri and seconded by Ms. Frost, with no further discussion, Mr. Brown called the vote.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Legal Notice

Mr. Brown presented the Legal Notice to be published for the School District Vote on May 16, 2006. Upon motion by Ms. Jenkins-Cox and seconded by Mrs. Gaffuri, with no further discussion, Mr. Brown called the vote.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Dr. Joseph noted this is a special budget session this evening. Dr. Joseph advised there are significant pieces of information that the district would like to have, particularly as they pertain to state figures, etc. before the district finalizes a budget. Dr. Joseph noted given the progression of the state budget at this point in time, the district's additional budget planning session planned for April 10, 2006 may prove to be more productive. Dr. Joseph advised the information to be provided this evening is based on questions brought forward by board members at the last meeting.

Dr. Joseph reviewed an agenda for the presentation, which included a recap of the first draft budget presented on March 16, 2006, along with contingent budget information. The presentation continued with programs adjustments, an overview of the alternative education program, the Data/Student Management System, the Dual Language Program, the middle school summer program and changes to the district wide literacy program from the first draft budget. The presentation continued with a summary of budget adjustments, including unknown variables, the possibility school closings, and a revised budget summary.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Brown advised budget discussions would continue at the next board meeting scheduled for April 4, 2006.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Frost made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Catherine L. Cutting
Clerk of the Board