

NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

May 2, 2012

Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Newcastle Elementary School

Staff Room

8951 Valley View Dr.

Newcastle, CA

UPDATED:

5/10/2012

12:01 PM

Call to Order:

- Chairman Lewis called the NFPD Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Chairman Lewis present, Vice- Chairman Stearns present, Secretary Calkins present, Director Orsolini present, and Director Poore present.

Due to space issues the meeting moved in the gymnasium.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Chairman Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

- Joni Elder – I am totally confused.
At your last (April 19) Board meeting, no mention was made of interviewing outside attorneys.
Did you all have a special meeting to make this decision?
What happened to Dave Mackenroth?
Can we have a copy of the letter you sent on the 24th requesting that these attorneys interview with us?
Where is the money coming from to hire these attorneys?
We need money to fight our fires this season. One hour of these folks time will pay for 25 hours of firefighter's time at the current rate. And what about tires? You said we needed some 10 hours should buy us a set.
- Wayne Hickok – Came to the meeting to see who is against the fire department. Captain Hickok stated that he was disappointed to see the faces of several residents whose homes he has visited during emergency situations.
- Dave Ward – Mr. Ward stated that no one is against the fire department. The residents are not interested in paying a tax that they can't afford. Mr. Ward also has some questions about Measure F.
- Bill Peters – Has the board checked to see if they can use County Counsel to advise them?
- Susie Brown – Has the board ever had an attorney on retainer before?
- Bill Fawx – County counsel is not available for fire district's to utilize.

Old Business:

- Review and develop an action plan for measure B and new fire station
 - No further discussion or action was taken

New Business:

- Presentations by the following law firms:
 - Lozano Smith
 - Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Director's Reports

- Lewis
 - The next board meeting will include a Brown Act refresher on Public Comment, A decision on the hiring of legal counsel and a decision on property. Further, the Clerk is directed to contact the Auburn Journal about listing the NFPD Board meetings on their community calendar.
- Stearns
 - None
- Calkins
 - None
- Orsolini
 - None
- Poore
 - None

Additional Comments:

- Kathleen Daugherty – Reminded the audience that the Board may not engage in any discussion on items which have not been properly agendized. This includes answering questions.
- George Shields – Would like agendized items to be more clear.
- Glenda Freeman – Has Board collectively compared the prices of law firms?
 - VC Lewis responded that the board has not.
- Glenda Freeman – Requested that the board agendize the pay raise plan.

Announcements:

May 10, 2012 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting, Castle City MHP, 6:00p

May 12, 2012 – Firefighter’s Association Annual Pancake Breakfast, 7:00a – 11:00a
Newcastle Elementary School Gymnasium

May 20, 2012 – Newcastle Celebration Day, Marshall Square, 12:00p

June 14, 2012 - Board of Directors Regular Meeting, Location TBA, 6:00p

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Minutes Approved By:

Patrice Metz, Clerk

Yvonne Lewis, Chairman of the Board