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**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOALS 2007 - 2008**

We are a K-8 community public school dedicated to excellence. Our mission is to build a solid educational foundation for all students while inspiring, guiding and challenging them to learn and reach out to the world with compassion, integrity and courage.

Governance Area: Fiscal Accountability

Board Liaison(s): Ken Fineman, Dan Bernhard and Rob Hobart

Rationale: The school board is responsible for adopting and monitoring a district budget, which focuses on achieving the results described in the district vision for student learning. Taxpayers expect to see public dollars spent effectively. Ensuring this happens and communicating the fact are major aspects of the Board's fiscal accountability role.

Governance Area: Community Leadership

Rationale: As the only locally elected officials chosen solely to represent the interests of children, school boards have a profound responsibility to build and maintain community support for school programs and policies being used to achieve the shared expectations in the district vision and for public education and children. Additionally, board members speak out on behalf of the schools and children in the community to a larger audience.

Board Role: Fiscal Accountability

1. Working with the Financial Advisory Committee, use a budget development process which ensures the budget reflects and reinforces the districts goals
2. Monitor and support implementation of the budget
3. Review and audit the budget, provide feedback and be accountable to the community

Board Role: Community Leadership

1. Build and maintain community awareness and support by working to provide a quality education program, being responsive to the concerns and interests of the community, and encouraging active community involvement in the schools
2. Establish effective community communications systems
3. Establish sound media relations practices
4. Engage in effective governmental relations and advocacy efforts
5. Ensure accountability for community leadership efforts

Goal	Strategies & Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
To develop and implement a citizens' oversight committee to oversee bond expenditures	Quarterly meetings - Brown Act committee	Board Liaison: Elizabeth Robbins Superintendent	2007-2010	Agendas and minutes
To develop a capital campaign committee to raise additional funds for facilities	Development of campaign literature, Selection of campaign co-chairs Development of potential donor list Solicitation efforts	Board Liaison: Ken Fineman with Co-Chair Suzanne Lyons Superintendent	Spring 2007	Fulfillment of gift pyramid
To maintain continued the support from Foundation and PTA	Monthly meetings Ongoing outreach	Board Liaison for Foundation: Scott Chronert Board Liaison for PTA: Elizabeth Robbins Scott Chronert Superintendent	2007-2008	Agendas and minutes Foundation goal and parent participation PTA Goal
To continue the development the Endowment Committee	Development of Endowment prospectus and case statement Development of potential donor list Marts & Lundy training and review	Board Liaison: Dan Bernhard Superintendent	2007-2008	Completion of preparation phase, leadership gift phase, major gift phase, and public phase