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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MINUTES

March 21, 2005

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on March 21, 2005, in the San Leandro Unified School District Office Conference Room 1, 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:05 p.m. by President Pauline Cutter.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Stephen Cassidy
Mrs. Lisa Hague
Mr. Louis Heystek
Ms. Linda Perry
Mr. Ray Davis, Clerk
Mr. T.W. “Rick” Richards, Vice President
Mrs. Pauline Cutter, President

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Leon Glaster, Assistant Superintendent
Bruce Colby, Business Manager

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Facilities Workshop

Mr. Glaster presented an overview of completed and in-progress Measure A projects from 1997 to 2004 highlighting the

- Facilities Master Plan Update
 - * A review of unfunded modernization projects including classroom renovations
 - * Infrastructure & building shell integrity
 - * Growth & Joint-Use
 - * Review of school sites’ special projects
 - * Enrollment & capacity
 - * District site maps

In March 2004, the Board of Education recommended to approve a facility bond election in an even numbered year to take advantage of the 55% majority passage rate (Proposition 39). Mr. Glaster recapped the results of the school district bond survey which was conducted on June 2004 to determine the level of bond election support and the strongest areas of support for facility needs and programs.

- Legal Requirements for a General Obligation Bond (GOB)

Bill Madison from Jones & Hall, Bond Counsel, provided information on the legal requirements for a General Obligation Bond (GOB) including election requirements, bond measure requirements, and the recently added oversight requirements including the creation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee whose role is to oversee the bond program, and review the financial and performance audit.

- ✓ Board restrictions included:

The District CANNOT advocate a "Yes" vote on the bonds by:

- Spending District resources to help the campaign
- Allowing District staff to help with the campaign during working hours
- Advocating during Board meetings

District's CAN:

- Provide information on the needs of the District
- Allow staff and Board members to work on the campaign on their own time

- General Obligation Bond Parameters

Ruth Alahydoian from Kelling, Northcross, and Nobriga, Financial Advisor, focused on "the numbers" including the current tax situation; new bond authorization calculations and amounts; accountability measures; housing and assessed value data; estimated number of senior citizens in San Leandro, based on the 2000 census data; and the number of SF residential parcels within A.V. ranges.

Ms. Alahydoian also reviewed the schedule for a June 2006 election.

- Parcel Tax Parameters

Mr. Madison and Ms. Alahydoian identified the differences and pros and cons between a parcel tax and General Obligation Bonds and reviewed what a parcel tax is; flexible uses and structure; community appeal; parcel taxes in other districts; how much the District could generate; ballot

language considerations; precautions; accountability measures; next steps; and a schedule for a June 2006 election.

Following the presentation Mr. Glaster said that this was a just an overview and if the Board had further questions, staff would do the research and respond as soon as possible.

Board members suggested identifying needs/project lists and would like to get community input before the end of the school year with the Board working on this during the summer.

It was decided to continue the discussion at the next Board meeting, focusing on the next steps needed to move forward.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Robert Roark, District maintenance employee, addressed the Board on the importance of the District being on the same page when looking toward a parcel tax or General Obligation Bond.
- Billy Campbell, Teamsters Local 856 representative, said that he also was in favor of a bond. He also suggested that the Board review the community service agreements and consider requiring a significant deposit to cover any charges that may be incurred if the facility is not left in proper condition.

Mrs. Cutter asked Mr. Campbell to follow-up and see if the group that left glass on the grounds of Madison had a facility use permit.

- Don Biladeau, District maintenance employee, addressed the Board on the leadership role of the Superintendent.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mr. Cassidy suggested that information be provided to the Board, i.e. PowerPoint regarding these issues discussed tonight for their own use. He stressed that there needs to be an organized process regarding moving forward with a parcel tax or bond, the sequence, and the need to reach out to all the stakeholders. Mr. Cassidy added that there needed to be a District employee with the expertise to oversee the construction management firms. He thanked the Board for tonight's facilities workshop and looked forward to the community workshops.
- Ms. Perry agreed with Mr. Cassidy emphasizing the need for community outreach.
- Mrs. Hague said that as we move forward with this process keep in mind how we could minimize the impact on students. Mrs. Hague reiterated to the

Board her concerns regarding meeting schedules, indicating that tonight there was literally a “three ring circus” with a very publicized GATE Parent meeting; simultaneous with the incoming 9th grade parent meeting for all middle school students, that she was missing tonight, at the high school; and the facilities meeting. She suggested scheduling these larger issue meetings on a master calendar so scheduling multiple meetings/events on the same day could be avoided.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Mr. Heystek, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Davis III, Clerk