

SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA  
[www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us](http://www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us)

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES**

January 17, 2007

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on January 17, 2007, in the San Leandro City Council Chambers, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Rick Richards.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Pauline Cutter  
Mr. Ray Davis  
Mrs. Lisa Hague  
Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe  
Ms. Linda Perry, Clerk  
Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Vice President (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)  
Mr. T.W. "Rick" Richards, President

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT**

Christine Lim, Superintendent  
Leon Glaster, Assistant Superintendent  
Cindy Cathey, Assistant Superintendent  
Linda Pollard, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

There were no public comments concerning items on the closed session agenda.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:04 p.m., the Board went into closed session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – significant exposure to litigation, Public Employee Appointment – Title: Administrative Assistant, Business Services, Business Manager, and Director of Bond and Measure B Projects, Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Property(ies), and Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918(c), Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.8, and 54956.9. It was determined that

there was no need for the closed session for Student Expulsions. The closed session was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Dean Koenig, District Representative to the Recreation and Parks Commission. President Richards said the Board had been in closed session and had taken the following action:

- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board appointed Lisa Busbee-Young as Administrative Assistant, Business Services by a 7-0 vote.
- On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board appointed Michael Murphy as Director of Bond and Measure B Projects by a 7-0 vote.
- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cassidy, the Board appointed Madeline Gabel as Business Manager by a 7-0 vote.
- With respect to Employee #7205, the Board took action to approve the resignation with respect to the employee position – Title: Campus Security Officer by a 7-0 vote.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Perry asked that Information Item 1.2-I, Hayward Area Athletic League (HAAL) Proposed Changes be discussed before 1.1-I, CSBA Conference Update due to the time sensitive matter.

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of January 17, 2007, as amended by a 7-0 vote.

**REPORTS** Dean Koenig, San Leandro Unified School District Representative, updated the Board on the activities of the Recreation and Parks Commission. He reported that the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center at Washington Manor Park was recently dedicated and that Trustees Perry and Davis were in attendance. He offered to take other interested Trustees on a tour of the facility.

In December the Commission met with the Youth Advisory Council and discussed the enjoyment of the City parks, and ideas for facilitating City-sponsored youth events in lieu of a teen center.

In addition to reinstating the Cherry Festival, the Commission is in the process of developing a parks foundation which would provide financing for the Cherry Festival as well as opportunity to carry out any parks needs that are not in the City budget, adding that invitations recruiting steering committee members would be forthcoming.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- \* A Video Presentation: “Honoring the Alameda County Teacher of the Year 2006-2007 Celebration”, highlighting San Leandro Unified’s Teacher of the Year, Jill Synnott, was shared.
- \* A Certificate of Commendation was presented to Barbara Barry for her outstanding efforts in launching the College Bound Program at San Leandro High School.
- \* Deborah Cox accepted, on behalf of the Measure B Steering Committee, a Resolution recognizing and commending the committee for their outstanding efforts to the schools and community of San Leandro in securing passage of Measure B, the \$109 million school facilities bond, with a 68.66% vote in the November 7, 2006, election: to Co-chairs Deborah Cox and Leroy Smith for providing steadfast and passionate leadership; to Mary Beth Barloga and Joyce Starociak for successfully building relationships with the San Leandro senior citizens community; to Dale Gregory and Jeni Engler for providing excellent outreach to school parent groups; and to Morgan Mack-Rose, chairperson, and Eric Reyes for organizing and recruiting Measure B Phone Bank volunteers.
- \* Steve Wescott, from Perry-Smith, LLP, presented the Audit Report for 2005/2006. He briefly reviewed the various matters that must be communicated to Districts’ Board of Education under generally accepted auditing standards along with management’s responsibilities including management judgments and accounting estimates, audit and potential adjustments, and accounting policies and alternative treatments. He reported that the auditors did not encounter any disagreements with management, they were not aware of any consultations with other accountants, there were no major issues discussed with management prior to retention, and they did not encounter any difficulties while performing the audit, adding that District staff provided all the necessary information needed to complete this very successful audit.

With the passage of the Measure B Bond, he explained that it was customary to include financial documentation when selling bonds with the official statements and suggested that the District management

allow his firm to review those documents before they are sent out to make sure that bond counsel has not included anything in the official document and that the statements are complete.

Referring to the previous audit, Mr. Wescoatt stated that with the exception of Associate Student Body (ASB) accounting, all findings reported in the prior year were corrected in the current year and that the 2005-2006 audit only identified ASB accounting and kindergarten continuation in the Findings and Recommendations (which was a huge improvement over the prior year), attributing this to the integrity and dedication of the District staff to take this seriously and address issues as they arose.

With respect to ASB accounting, he reminded the Board that Perry-Smith had been asked to provide an in-service for site personnel highlighting the importance of internal control with respect to student body accounting. As a result of that training, he was very encouraged by the response of the participants, and hoped that the finding would be resolved in the current year, adding that while their firm had not conducted any follow-up training, Assistant Superintendent Leon Glaster and the business staff were providing some follow-up to reinforce their efforts.

He drew the Board's attention to the state compliance section of the report, highlighting a few procedural changes such as the Morgan Hart Class Size Reduction, and two new procedures for 2006-07 that will address certified employees and grants.

President Richards thanked Mr. Wescoatt for his presentation.

**REPORTS**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**Time**  
**Specific**

Student Representatives' Reports – Rachel Whyte, San Leandro High School student representative, updated the Board on activities at the high school. She thanked the United Parents for funding the first "Breakfast of Champions" which recognized 249 "Pirates" earning a 4.0 or higher GPA. San Leandro High School's "Quiz Bowl" competed for the first time on Channel 4's "Quiz Kids" during the winter break. Although they didn't win, it was a good experience. San Leandro High School women's basketball placed second in the Nike tournament; men's basketball won the Modesto Christian tournament, and women and men's' wrestling are participating in their own respective tournaments. Finals are scheduled for this week, and the Senior Cruz will be Thursday. DECA competed in Norcal, and senior cap and gown orders will take place on January 30 and 31.

As Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission, Rachel also reported on the activities of the commission. This year the commission dispersed \$1800 in mini grants to Bancroft Middle School athletics for girls' basketball uniforms; to a Chinese Christian School club who was sponsoring a child in China; to two winter percussionists and the Culture Club at Arroyo High School, and to the San Leandro High School Women's Empowerment group for their yearly conference.

The annual Youth Summit, which seeks student participants throughout San Leandro to come together and discuss a common issue, will be March 12 and is entitled "World Awareness". The focus will be on issues facing teens today and how it impacts the community and helps inspire their peers.

Mrs. Cutter announced that Rachel won first place, in her weight division at the Roger Briones Women's Wrestling Tournament, noting that the tournament was named after a San Leandro High School parent.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP: The District's Communication Plan**

The Board and community received information by staff and engaged in an interactive process to refine and improve the District's Communication Plan.

Robin Michel, assisted by Danny Hillman, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the new Measure B segment of the plan and conducted a beta testing of the new District website.

Ms. Michel shared a brief overview of the October 2006 Communications presentation, reiterating a key finding from the Fern Tiger Associates 2005 Report, *Engaging the San Leandro Community in its Schools*, "It will be increasingly important to develop a structured, comprehensive and strategic communications plan that enables diverse audiences to understand the struggles of the District in a way that forces education issues to be community issues – not just District issues."

To that end, the District had begun the implementation of the DRAFT Measure B outreach segment of the One Clear Voice Communication Plan which includes strategies, actions plans and procedures established by the Board at their December 14 Board meeting for a Citizens Oversight Committee, noting that the application had been posted on the website, press releases had been sent to the

San Leandro Times and Daily Review, recruitment ads had been placed in the San Leandro Times, and a recruitment poster was displayed at every District school. In addition multiple methods were being developed to keep the stakeholders and public informed such as “Messages from the Superintendent” in school newsletters and annual reports distributed through community organizations (such as the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce), listserv, etc.

Ms. Michel took the Board on a “test drive” demonstration of the new District website and navigation which would now ease the ability to access forms and information, provide an enhanced internet presence, better reflect our student focus, and provide better customer service. Highlights included a pull down menu bar on the homepage allowing users to access information in multiple ways, as well as spotlighting up-to-date information regarding Measure B for example, upcoming events, news, and an interactive map of the District’s school facilities for easy reference. The website will also be filled with numerous rotating photos showcasing students, staff, teachers, and the community.

Ms. Michel explained that there would be ongoing brainstorming with parents about the kinds of questions and information they would like to see on the website, adding that some of the feedback received from members of the Superintendent’s Parent Leaders’ Council had already been incorporated into the site. She said that the new website was available internally for those wishing to take their own “test drive”, and that any additional feedback should be sent to her, adding that the “launch” was scheduled for February 15.

Following the public demonstration, which was well received by the Board, trustees offered some suggestions and comments.

Mrs. Hague asked about emergency notices being added to the site should the need arise. Ms. Michel noted that in addition to having the ability to immediately add emergency alerts, parents would have the opportunity to sign-up for E-News where they would receive email bulletins.

Mr. Katz wondered how extensive the website links would be to Spanish and Cantonese translations. Ms. Michel said that the site would initially provide a Spanish and Cantonese page that would carry basic information and provide links to all PDF communications that that been distributed in those two languages, with the hopes of increasing it to a more full-fledged type of website in the future.

Mrs. Cutter reminded staff about the importance of receiving waivers from the parents for the pictures that are posted on the website, suggesting that waivers also be included in the sports’ packages.

With regard to Food Services and in light of all the increased information around the Wellness policies and nutrition etc, trustees thought it would be helpful to

have links to the menus, as well as applications and contact information regarding free and reduced lunches.

Mr. Richards was concerned about the maintenance of the site once it was launched. Ms. Michel said that there have been discussions around cross training so that each department will be able to maintain their own section.

Ms. Perry shared that she had attended a workshop at the CSBA conference focusing on communication to the non-parent population, which brought to mind that most of the voters and population were non-school participants, adding that she would pass on the PowerPoint presentation.

Mrs. Cutter noted an additional thought that the Communication Plan might be part of a school site media package housed in one binder for easier accessibility.

Board members offered their thanks to the staff, and Yvonne Day of Y Day Designs for all of their work, and looked forward to further outreach and engagement with the community.

The Superintendent noted that she would incorporate all the concerns and suggestions shared, reminding the Board that the Communication Plan was an on-going plan and that they could expect a possible update next quarter.

## **REPORTS**

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Perry reported receipt of the following emails from Brian Bean regarding Gentleness Human; from Academic Software News regarding Academic Software News – December 2006; from Alex Harp regarding Career Week at Bancroft; from Tony Breslin regarding Construction Bond Manager Position request for info; from Keith Caraballo regarding New Haven Conley-Caraballo High School naming for father; from Andy Fernandez regarding electronic school board demonstration; from Stephen Cassidy regarding Michael Gregory speech and rally at Root Park, January 15; from Sabrina Ramirez regarding CS Monitor article, “*English Language Learners Succeed in St. Paul, Minn.*”; from Wafaa Aborashod regarding Ed. Week article, “*New CA Law Addresses Facilities Repairs for Low Performing Schools*”; from Christine Gibney regarding parent robbed at gun point at Davis Street Center-Roosevelt last week and a meeting Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. regarding the Roosevelt January 4 incident; from Dan Martin regarding robbery at Roosevelt Davis Street; from Ed. Software Newsletter regarding Ed. Software Sale – January 2007; from Linda Perry regarding ACSBA meeting January 18, additional speaker for ACSBA meeting on civic education, and forwarded message from Jerome Wiggins on NCS realignment; and from Dora Blanchard regarding SAG.
- 2) Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Lim reported that the

Superintendent's Parent Leaders' Council had their second meeting and, all but two schools (Garfield & McKinley) were represented, adding that the very excited and enthused group provided very good feedback regarding the new website. In addition to enjoying the review of the website, they were interested in learning more about resources such as Girls' Inc., counseling, and parent advocates.

The District staff and teachers attended a Collaborative Action Research for Equity (CARE) team training today, January 17, and discussed what it means to be a culturally responsive teacher and how conveying that to African America, Asian, or Latino students might be different. Their next CARE training will be May 7.

Further, the Superintendent announced the following upcoming District events:

- Planning Day, Friday, January 19.
- Staff Development Day, Monday, January 22. Elementary and secondary staff will be attending a presentation by Dr. LeMoine at Madison, custodians and maintenance staff will be attending safety and risk related training at John Muir, and clerical staff will receive First Aide and CPR training at the District Office.
- "No Name Calling Week will be January 22-26. A Resolution is being brought forward for Board action tonight.

Ms. Lim noted that she would be attending the annual Superintendent's Symposium from January 24 through January 26.

Regarding the January 4 robbery at Roosevelt Elementary, the Superintendent said it was fortunate that the principal was on site, and had immediately made contact with the victim. Ms. Lim said that she has also been in contact with Rose Johnson, the Director of the Davis Street Center, and that the District has ordered a new front door with a viewing window, an electronic buzzer, and will be relocating the entrance to the facility for increased visibility, as well as conducting an analysis on additional cameras and surveillance district wide. She commended school staff for their quick response, adding that there was a community meeting last night at Roosevelt.

### 3) Board Committee Reports

- Communication – Mr. Katz reported that the committee met on Friday, January 12 and reviewed the website and provided feedback. He thanked Robin and Yvonne.
- Curriculum – Mrs. Hague reported that the committee met January 17



and reviewed the following high school courses which are being brought forward for Board consideration tonight noting that Social Justice I, II, & III; and Forensics are part of a future Leadership Academy, and Advanced Placement World History is the first sophomore AP class. As a way of increasing their role in the District, the committee decided to schedule regular monthly meetings.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mrs. Cutter requested that 1.1-C, Approval of Board Minutes – December 5, 2006, and 1.2-C, Approval of Board Minutes – December 14, 2006, be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

### General Services

1.3-C        Resolution #07-01, Authorizing Certain Persons to Draw Funds

### Human Resources

2.1-C        Acceptance of Personnel Report

### Educational Services

3.1-C        Acceptance of Donations

3.2-C        Non-Public School Contracts

3.3-C        Proposed Stipulated Expulsion for Student E12-06/07

3.4-C        Proposed Stipulated Expulsion for Student E14-06/07

3.5-C        Rescind Stipulated Expulsion Order for Student E9-06/07

3.6-C        Proposed Site Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan for San Leandro High School

3.7-C        School Safety Plans 2006-2007

3.8-C        Proposed New Course for San Leandro High School – Social Justice I

3.9-C        Proposed New Course for San Leandro High School – Social Justice II

3.10-C       Proposed New Course for San Leandro High School – Social Justice III

- 3.11-C Proposed New Course for San Leandro High School - Forensics
- 3.12-C Proposed New Course for San Leandro High School – Advanced Placement World History
- 3.13-C Resolution #07-02, National “No Name Calling Week”, January 22-26, 2007

Business, Operations and Facilities

- 4.1-C Ratification of Payroll
- 4.2-C Approval of Bill Warrants
- 4.3-C Intra-Budget Transfers
- 4.4-C Change Order No. 2, John Muir Adult School Phase I Building Project.
- 4.5-C Change Order No. 3, Bancroft Middle School Modernization

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board approved the remaining consent items by 7-0 vote.

General Services

- 1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – December 5, 2006

Mrs. Cutter felt that the minutes should be signed by Mrs. Hague who was the acting clerk for the December 5 meeting.

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the December 5, 2006, Board minutes as amended by a 7-0 vote.

- 1.2-C Approval of Board Minutes – December 14, 2006

Mrs. Cutter referred to page 4 of the minutes and comments made by Mr. Cassidy referring to the high school safety plan, *“Prior to the vote, Mr. Cassidy said that he appreciated the additional work that had been done on the high school’s plan, adding that in light of the events that have occurred in the past during the spring at the high school, he asked for a presentation updating the Board on racial tensions prior to April 2007.”* It was her understanding that Board consensus was not given to the wording of the request and she would rather not have tensions at the high school labeled “racial”, as

she felt that it was not a fair statement, as a multitude of tensions may factor into the events that occur. She suggested that a “safety update” might be more appropriate and asked that “racial tensions” be removed from the minutes.

Mr. Cassidy reminded the Board that minutes are to reflect what was stated, not have something deleted at a later date because that person didn’t like what was said.

Mr. Richards agreed that Board consensus was not given to have that request brought forward at a later date. He suggested that in the future when asking for something to appear on future agendas, the member making the request must receive Board consensus; however, Mr. Cassidy would have the opportunity to address this issue during Board comments if he chose to.

Mr. Cassidy agreed to Mr. Richards’ suggestion; however, he felt that the minutes should remain the same.

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board approved that the December 14, 2006, Board minutes would remain the same as presented, noting Mrs. Cutter’s request that updates brought forward be referred to as “safety” and not be labeled “racial tensions”, by a 7-0 vote.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### General Services

### Business, Operations and Facilities

#### 4.1-A 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Independent Audit Report

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board approved the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Independent Audit Report prepared by the firm of Perry-Smith, LLP by a 7-0 vote.

## **CONFERENCE ITEMS**

### General Services

#### 1.1-CF Alameda County School Boards Association (ACSBA) Representative

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board appointed Linda Perry as representative to the Alameda

County School Boards Association (ACSBA) by a 7-0 vote.

1.2-CF Alameda County School Boards Association (ACSBA) Representative Alternate

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board appointed Pauline Cutter as the alternative representative to the Alameda County School Boards Association (ACSBA) by a 7-0 vote.

1.3-CF Eden Area Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Governing Board

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board appointed Rick Richards as representative to the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Governing Board for a 2-year term by a 7-0 vote.

1.4-CF Eden Area Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Governing Board Alternate

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board appointed Mike Katz as the alternate representative to the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Governing Board for a 2-year term by a 7-0 vote.

1.5-CF Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) Representative

On a motion made by Mrs. Hague and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board appointed Linda Perry as representative to the Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) by a 7-0 vote.

1.6-CF Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) Alternate Representative

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board appointed Lisa Hague as the alternate representative to the Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) by a 7-0 vote.

1.7-CF San Leandro Collaborative Representative

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board appointed Mike Katz as a representative to the San Leandro Collaborative by a 7-0 vote.

1.8-CF San Leandro Collaborative Alternate

On a motion made by Mrs. Hague and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board appointed Pauline Cutter as an alternate representative to the San Leandro Collaborative by a 7-0 vote.

1.9-CF Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee Representative

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board appointed Pauline Cutter as the representative to the Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee by a 7-0 vote.

1.10-CF Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee Representative

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board appointed Linda Perry as the alternate representative to the Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee by a 7-0 vote.

1.11-CF San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Community Partners Committee Representative

On a motion made by Mrs. Hague and seconded by Mrs. Perry, the Board appointed Ray Davis as representative to the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Community Partners Committee by a 7-0 vote.

1.12-CF City Disaster Preparedness Council

On a motion made by Mrs. Hague and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board appointed Pauline Cutter as the representative to the City Disaster Preparedness Council by 7-0 a vote.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### General Services

1.2-I Hayward Area Athletic League (HAAL) Proposed Changes

The Board received for information proposed Hayward Area Athletic League (HAAL) changes.

Mrs. Cutter explained that the NCS alignment was a multi-stage process, whereby every four years a recommended alignment proposal is brought to the NCS Board of Managers for consideration. This year, the proposal includes adding Berkeley Unified to the HAAL. Twelve schools (including San Leandro High School) of the

Bay Shore Conference have appealed this proposal because members feel that the distance to Berkeley and busing costs would be prohibitive to participating schools. Also, the loss of class time due to travel distance and traffic conditions would have an adverse effect on the students' education.

She said that the appeals hearing would be heard at the next Board of Managers' meeting, at which time District's should attend to lobby their protests before the NCS makes their final decision.

Ms. Perry said that she would share the District's position at the January 18 ACSBA meeting.

At the request of President Richards, it was the consensus of the Board to have Mrs. Cutter continue to track, and represent the District, and advocate on behalf of the Board in this matter.

#### 1.2-I

#### CSBA Conference Update

As previously suggested by Mr. Cassidy at the December 5 Board meeting, trustees shared their experiences and thoughts regarding the Annual CSBA Conference that took place from November 29-December 2, 2006, in San Francisco.

- Mrs. Hague and Mr. Katz both attended the incoming Board orientation and found it to be very helpful and an eye-opening experience.
- Mr. Katz was encouraged by a lobbyist who spoke about the current political environment in Sacramento and the possibility of legislation moving forward to equalize the funding disparities that exists between the districts. He was also able to attend a number of presentations including one on school finance.
- Mrs. Cutter attended workshops focusing on NCS, Special Education and preschool, which was very comprehensive, and reaffirmed what we are doing. She also heard a dynamic speaker reading apprenticeship programs.
- Mr. Davis attended a number technical sessions. He heard a discussion on educational foundation opportunities available reiterating that in Kentfield (a K-8, 900 student district) the Foundation generates approximately \$1 million each year which

represents approximately 11% of their entire budget. He also noted that he visited numerous vendors who would be interested in becoming involved in an educational foundation, which would give the District an opportunity to create some discretionary funds, adding that he would pass on the information he received.

- Mrs. Perry reported that the delegate assembly focused on updating the policy platform, which occurs every two years, as well as adequacy of funding, and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) reauthorization, noting that through the National School Boards' Association, January 28 and 29 would be lobbying days in Washington D.C. She announced that she had been appointed to be the liaison with Pete Stark regarding NCLB and as information becomes available she would pass it on to the Board Advocacy Committee. In addition she had a briefing paper regarding federal issues such as pre-school, special education, and Title I issues. Ms. Perry also attended numerous workshops regarding, autism, "how to get to college", health care, wellness and student nutrition, adding that she had collected a plethora of information for those interested.
- Mr. Cassidy reported that he visited vendors offering information regarding artificial turf, and modulars. He also visited the Association of Low Wealth Schools. He would like the District to consider joining and asked the Superintendent about the cost of joining and requested a copy of a spreadsheet showing the Board expenditures so that the Board might be able to fund this endeavor. The Superintendent will follow-up and decided whether or not to bring it forward for Board consideration.

He heard a presentation by the Director of Communications and Public Information of the Anaheim City School District, noting that they have produced a DVD which profiles their school district that has been distributed to various community groups and shown on public TV. He would provide a copy to Ms. Michel. He also attended a presentation on new looks for high schools and transforming high schools, noting that the Riverside district, along with the local community college, had jointly built a new high school, suggesting the idea of exploring the possibility of reaching out to Chabot College and the funding opportunities for programs and facilities that could be generated when the District begins building the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy.

- Mr. Richards was unable to attend the conference; however, he appreciated the information shared.

#### Business, Operations and Facilities

4.1-I Miscellaneous Receipts

Miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$8,354.545.31 for November 2006 and \$8,526.796.19 for December 2006 have been deposited in the Treasury of Alameda County.

**ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

- Mr. Cassidy asked the Superintendent to follow-up on the possibility of sites distributing a flyer in their newsletters announcing an upcoming Marrow Registration Drive for a 2-year old San Leandro child on January 27.

He asked for consensus to having a presentation on high school safety issues and measures taken to address racial tensions amongst students prior to April.

Mrs. Cutter would rather see an update focusing on safety, and not have it labeled racial tensions. Ms. Perry felt that it should be at the discretion of the Superintendent and principal as to the format and timelines, with Mr. Richards agreeing to updates on an as needed basis and not singling out groups.

Mrs. Hague would prefer to hear updates on whether or not student safety had improved since implementing the gates, and monitoring the main entrance of the school, etc., and if there were still areas that needed improvement.

It was the consensus of the Board to bring back information on the status of student safety since implementing various procedures and processes to a future Board meeting and at the discretion of the Superintendent and the principal.

Mr. Cassidy reported attending a Bancroft parent meeting where tours of the high school were discussed, prompting him to ask if there would be tours offered to Muir parents. He also was interested in information regarding Kindergarten Preview Day. The Superintendent said that the principal at Muir had indicated to her that they would be offering tours, and that there would be a Kindergarten Preview Day, dates and times to be determined.

He also attended the Roosevelt safety meeting, bringing to the light the importance of having cameras at the site.



He met with the Superintendent and President Richards with respect the City/District Liaison Committee, reporting that Mayor Santos would like to see a Joint School Board/City Council meeting in February. It was Mr. Cassidy's hope to have a more active liaison committee than before. He would also be interested in discussing ways of working with the San Lorenzo and Chabot College boards on issues of joint concerns.

- Ms. Perry also attended the Roosevelt meeting, commending Principal Susan Guerrero for an excellent job she did in light of the serious situation that recently occurred; however, unlike Mr. Cassidy, she felt that because of limited resources, cameras may not be the way to proceed.

She also reported that CSBA has formed student issues conference groups focusing on American Indian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic, and Black student groups. She was able to attend two of them during the conference. She also attended the CSBA Golden Bell Awards Program where thirty winners from different school districts in different categories and innovative programs were honored.

- Mr. Davis asked for the name of the newly appointed School Resource Officer. He suggested a possible joint use with the City with regards to maintenance of school facilities and City parks which would reduce some of the District's expenses and encouraged staff to open the doors and explore this opportunity with the City with Mrs. Cutter reminding the Board that the union issues needed to be considered before entering into such joint uses. He also suggested entering into discussions with San Lorenzo regarding school boundaries, i.e. Heron Bay. It was the consensus of the Board for staff to research the process.
- Mrs. Cutter received consensus on her request that the Advocacy committee discuss and draft a resolution regarding "No Child Left Behind" reauthorization.
- Mr. Katz shared information that he had shared with the Superintendent regarding a University of Minnesota project encouraging administrators to maintain a BLOG as a way of familiarizing them with technology and make them more accessible to their students.
- Mrs. Hague was excited to hear that John Muir would be offering high school tours. She also raised a concern regarding the upcoming implementation of SB78 – P.E. requirement in July 2007 which would mandate that students not passing the 9<sup>th</sup> grade performance test in P.E. will have to take 4 years of physical education and the impact on block scheduling, P.E, and graduation. She would like to receive information on the District's position and how we are addressing this. Superintendent Lim said that it was addressed in a *Confidentially Speaking* and raised by

the P.E. teachers, suggesting that the Curriculum Committee should discuss it and bring back information to the Board.

Mrs. Hague also asked that staff research why the field was being fenced off at Madison, so that she could respond to an interested community member.

- Mr. Richards said that a Finance Committee meeting needed to set, and that there would be a Special Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on January 18.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Future Board of Education Meetings**

- **Special Meeting – February 1, 2007, 5:30 pm, DO**
- Regular Meeting – February 6, 2007
- Regular Meeting – February 21, 2007
- Regular Meeting – March 6, 2007
- Regular Meeting – March 20, 2007
- Regular Meeting – April 3, 2007
- Regular Meeting – April 17, 2007
- Regular Meeting – May 1, 2007
- Regular Meeting – May 15, 2007
- Regular Meeting – June 5, 2007
- Regular Meeting – June 19, 2007

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Perry, Clerk