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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

March 2, 2010

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on March 2, 2010, 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 Katz-Lacabe.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Pauline Cutter
Trustee Morgan Mack-Rose
Trustee Diana Prola
Trustee Carmen Sullivan
Trustee Hermy Almonte, Clerk
Trustee Lisa Hague, Vice President (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)
Trustee Mike Katz-Lacabe, President
Student Board Member Steven Mills, Student Board Member

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Cindy Cathey, Interim Superintendent
Michael Potmesil, 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 6:01 p.m., the Board went into closed session for Public Employee Performance Evaluations, Title: Interim Superintendent, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – significant exposure to litigation, Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Property(ies), and Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.(b), 54956.8, and 54956.9. The closed session was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:14 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe noted that a Special Board meeting was also posted for this evening, and requested that the regular meeting agenda be amended to include the Special Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of March 2, 2010, as amended, by a 7-0 vote.

Special Board Meeting March 2, 2010

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held regarding the mutual San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA) and the San Leandro Unified School District initial proposal.

The Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the mutual San Leandro Teachers' Association and San Leandro Unified School District initial proposal. The Board is required to conduct a "sunshine" process and hold a public hearing in an open session of the Board of Education. This allows the public to view and respond to the initial proposal.

Subsequently, the Board will accept the proposal, prior to entering into negotiations with the union.

By conducting a public hearing at a specially scheduled Board meeting, the District would have met the requirement under Government Code 3547.

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board opened the public hearing regarding the mutual San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA) and the San Leandro Unified School District initial proposal by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board closed the public hearing regarding the mutual San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA) and the San Leandro Unified School District initial proposal by a 7-0 vote.

At the conclusion of the Special meeting, the Board adjourned and reconvened into the regular Board meeting at 7:16 p.m. President Katz-Lacabe reported that the following action was taken in closed session:

- On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved Resolution #10-13 In the Matter of the Decision Not to Reelect Probationary Certificated Employees by a 6-0. Trustee Hague arriving after the vote at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

- * Director of Bond & Measure B Projects, Mike Murphy, provided a presentation on the Open Space Project at San Leandro High School which is slated to be completed this summer 2010. As part of the Open Space Project the District is required to remove a minimum of 15 portables to satisfy the Overcrowding Relief Grant funding (ORG). The presentation included the new layout, reconfiguration of existing portables and potential transferring of one or two portables to a new location. Potential uses included reconfiguration of the Business Academy (which is the recommendation of staff), expansion of the Lincoln High School Program, accommodation of a proposed in-house suspension program at a location to be determined, and accommodation for student growth in general at any school site.

CONFERENCE ITEM

Facilities and Operations

5.1-CF Discuss and Consider Reserving Two Surplus Portable Classrooms (PCR) from the San Leandro High School Open Space Project to the Maintenance Yard for Future Use

The Board discussed and considered reserving two surplus Portable Classrooms (PCR) from the San Leandro High School Open Space Project to the maintenance yard for future use.

Responding to a concern with regards to the cost of moving the portables to the Maintenance Yard and then relocating them at a later day, Trustee Cutter indicated that the cost would be minimal as the portables from the high school campus are currently included in the open space project.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board approved reserving two surplus Portable Classrooms (PCR) from the San Leandro High School Open Space Project to the maintenance yard for future use by a 7-0 vote.

5.2-CF

Discuss and Consider Increasing the Number of Portable Classrooms (PCR) in the Business Academy Groups from Seven to Eight

The Board discussed and considered increasing the number of Portable Classrooms (PCR) in the Business Academy Groups from seven to eight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Stephen Cassidy spoke in favor of placing the portable and removing the existing student center which would create more open space, provide greater vista, beautify the school and benefit the students.

Student Board member Mills supported replacing the existing student center with a portable, adding that since the portable will conform to all applicable regulations i.e. ‘handicap accessibility’, everyone can use it and it will also provide flexibility for classroom usage.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved increasing the number of Portable Classrooms (PCR) in the Business Academy Groups from seven to eight by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Louise Shaw, a parent of an incoming District kindergartner, addressed the Board regarding the elimination of staggered reading from 1st-3rd grades. Ms. Shaw was concerned that the needs and challenges of proficient and high achieving students would not be met if time is not set aside. Ms. Shaw felt that the process was being rushed and asked the Board to consider shortening each staggered reading hour to 45 minutes, or begin with 3rd grade only and if that proves to be a successful model then consider first and second grades, adding that some of these students are very young and need the benefits of staggered reading.
- Stephen Cassidy addressed the Board regarding a bond measure in the fall, suggesting that the Board consider agendaizing it at the next Board meeting to begin the conversation and process, adding that this could provide that “silver lining” the District needs during these tough times for education.

- Trina Dumas addressed the Board raising concerns regarding the minutes not being up-to-date on the website, not being able to access posted presentations, inadequacy and frustration of the District's phone system, potential conflict of interest for the District negotiating team, and budget reductions to Special Education. Ms. Dumas suggested that the District consider closing an elementary school, revamping the Human Resources department, and begin searching for a new superintendent.

Later in the meeting, President Katz-Lacabe explained that minutes are not posted on the website until they have been reviewed and approved by the Board, noting that this evening there were several minutes being brought forward for Board approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was conducted regarding the Flexibility Sweep of Tier III Adult Education and Deferred Maintenance Fund Balances – Phase VII.

The Budget trailer bill (SBX3 4) gives local school agencies the authority to use the funds received from the state for Tier III programs for “any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by federal law”. These local education agencies are allowed to transfer funds from categorical programs to the Unrestricted General Fund for any educational purpose. The flexibility to transfer funds from the Tier III programs is authorized for five years until 2012-13.

The following is a list of budget reductions and Tier III Flexibility transfers that have been approved by the Board of Trustees:

- March 9, 2009, Board approved a budget reduction of \$3.0M for 2009-10, and \$3.2M for 2010-11. These reductions have been categorized as Phase I.
- March 17, 2009, Flexibility “sweep” of 2007-08 ending balance and Tier III programs for a total of \$829,180. The approval was categorized as Phase II and III.
- May 5, 2009, flexibility transfer of Tier III funds of \$526,664 was approved by the Board and categorized as Phase IV.
- December 1, 2009, flexibility transfer of 2008-09 Tier III ending balance of \$270,271 was approved by the Board and categorized as Phase V.
- December 15, 2009, flexibility transfer of 2008-09 Tier III ending balance of \$143,000 was approved by the Board and categorized as Phase VI.

Staff is now presenting Phase VII of flexibility transfers. On October 6, 2009, the Board approved the sweeping of \$1,000,000 of Adult Education fund balance. On February 23, 2010, the Board approved the sweeping of \$100,000 of Deferred Maintenance fund balance. ABX04 2 allows for the District to sweep Tier III ending fund balances as of June 30, 2008, but these balances must be transferred by the end of 2009-10.

By conducting a public hearing on a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the District would have met the requirement under Budget Trailer Bill SBX 3 4.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board opened the public hearing regarding the Flexibility Sweep of Tier III Adult Education and Deferred Maintenance Fund Balances – Phase VII by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board closed the public hearing regarding the Flexibility Sweep of Tier III Adult Education and Deferred Maintenance Fund Balances – Phase VII by a 7-0 vote.

CONFERENCE ITEM

Business Operations

4.1-CF Flexibility Transfers of Tier III Programs – Phase VII

The Board discussed and considered approving the Flexibility Transfers of Tier III Programs – Phase VII.

Adult Education	\$1,000,000
Deferred Maintenance	<u>100,000</u>
Total	\$1,100,000

Interim Superintendent Cindy Cathey explained that these flexibility transfers were not additional reductions, stating that the Board approved the sweeping the \$1,000,000 from Adult Education on October 6, 2009, and then on February 23, 2010, the Board approved sweeping the \$100,000 Deferred Maintenance fund balance, leaving a balance of approximately \$775,000. It was noted that the transfers were being brought forward for approval because of how they are incorporated into the 2nd Interim Report.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board approved the transfer of \$1,100,000 of the Phase VII Flexibility Transfers of Tier III Programs to the Unrestricted General Fund: Adult Education (\$1,000,000) and Deferred Maintenance (\$100,000) by a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Almonte reported receipt of the following emails from February 8, 2010, to March 2, 2010: From Susan Power regarding extended day kindergarten; from Mark Montoya regarding Google site; from Sarah Del Grande regarding untitled message, staggered reading; from Carol Delton regarding travel and conference, funding and counselors, reconfiguration of programs, Tier III funds, suggestions for the

school budget, documents, categorical fund calculations to help the budget; from Janet Beck regarding 5th grade instrumental music program; from Jill Raimondi regarding budget input, Roosevelt PTA, Stand UP for our schools! March 4; from Kerrie Marshal regarding increase in instructional minutes 1-3; from Stephanie Greer regarding Board meeting regarding budget cuts; from Richard Fishbaugh regarding last night's Board meeting; from Nicholas Knudsen regarding important letter regarding school counselors; from Adan Alonzo regarding School Board meeting – Tuesday, February 9, 2010; from Catherine Eagan regarding letter from student regarding budget cuts – please read; from the Griswold family regarding budget cuts; from Tracey Lantz regarding Read Across America; from Roxanne Ansolabehere regarding a few squeaks here and there; from Jeni Engler regarding my suggestions for the school budget; from Belen Magers regarding impact statements on impending budget cuts to administration and proposed cuts from Finance Committee; from Anthony Sodoro regarding Partners in Education; from Telia Jones regarding proposed elimination of middle school counselors and VP; from Debbie Shinoda regarding please preserve Garfield staff; from Patricia McCarley regarding truancy question; from Sean Cavanaugh regarding proposed cuts; from Mike McMahan regarding February 18 CSBA meeting followup; from Audrey Brown regarding reception for the Annual AP Studio Art Show; from Cindy Dangberg regarding early registration for the 2010 green California summit; from Perry Lightfoot regarding Blues at Bancroft February 26, 2010, concert; from Senator Ellen Corbett regarding requests your feedback on the gift card law; from Brad Bowers regarding untitled message; from Jeanette Wood regarding Board meeting comments; from AC Transit Marketing regarding AC Transit service changes coming – help us get the word out; from Marianne Dilworth regarding staggered reading; from Katie Eagan regarding staggered reading; from Deborah and Kevin Cox regarding Eat Out for Education – Wednesday, March 3.

- 2) Student Board Member Report – Steven Mills, Student Board member, updated the Board on activities at San Leandro High School. Highlights included:
- February 24, several students spoke to John Muir's leadership class with the hope of setting up a club day to involve the incoming freshmen when the 9th grade campus opens
 - February 19, the Jefferson Service Club held a "March for Non-Violence" from San Leandro High School to Bancroft Middle School
 - March 2, the Red Cross held a Blood Drive
 - "March Madness" is upon us, ASB is looking at holding three-on-three basketball games as well as a spirit week and games in an effort to get more students involved
 - Prom tickets are on sale for \$70. The school is offering an installment plan so students can pay a little at a time. After April 2, tickets go up to \$75 for those students who have not yet purchased

their tickets or have not set aside at least \$20 at the bank.

- Vendors from various companies will be on campus on April 2 to give the students an opportunity to see where they can purchase their prom needs

3) Union Representative Reports

- Chad Dutton, Trades Shop Steward, addressed the Board regarding depleting the Deferred Maintenance funds any further, cautioning the Board that the District may run the risk of not having funds to repay the suppliers.
- Carol Delton, on behalf of the San Leandro Teachers' Association, reported that Thursday, March 4 is "The Day of Action" and was pleased to see the wide-spread support throughout the District and community. Ms. Delton mentioned that the California for Democracy movement is currently working on qualifying a one-sentence measure for the November ballot that reads: "All legislative actions on revenue and budget must be determined by a majority vote", noting that over 650,000 valid signatures are needed by mid April to qualify.

Ms. Delton also reported that the calendar survey asking SLTA members to give input on the calendar for next year has been completed, and March 3 and 4 is the joint CTA/DO workshops that will address questions and concerns related to Program Improvement status.

In addition, the SLTA bargaining team has been meeting with District leadership putting forward their proposals to save programs and services and it looking forward to the District's response to their recent document requests regarding internal allocation of funds in non-personnel areas.

Ms. Delton expressed her appreciation of the increased detail contained in the agenda particularly around contracts and expenditures and hoped that during this time the District would remain mindful of how troubling it is to receive a layoff notice and the stress it can cause and not issue more layoff notices than necessary.

- ### 4) Interim Superintendent's Report – Interim Superintendent Cindy Cathey reported that today, March 2 the schools participated in Read Across America, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Ms. Cathey visited McKinley Elementary and read to a 2nd grade classroom, adding that Oakland Raiders' Quarterback Bruce Gradkowski was also on hand to read to a class, noting that this is just one example of the importance of literacy in our District.

Interim Superintendent Cathey extended an invitation to everyone to the dedication of the San Leandro High School Library Expansion on April 1, at 3:30 p.m., adding that everyone who attends is encouraged to bring their favorite book to donate to the library, and share why, this book made an impression on them.

Ms. Cathey reported that 7th graders participated in STAR writing testing today. In addition, eighteen high school English teachers participated in ELA SB472 training which is an important step towards meeting the District's Program Improvement requirements.

March 4 is "Start the Day for Students." The District and sites will be participating in this event, reminding the Board that staff can rally in front of their schools (on the sidewalk, in the parking lot) before and after school to make their opinions known. There will also be a voluntary district-wide fire/disaster drill. Symbolically, the drill represents the disaster that is happening to education due to the drastic budget cuts that we are experiencing noting that the practice drill "counts" as the school sites' monthly practice drill.

5) Board Committee Reports

- Facilities/Technology – Trustee Cutter reported that the committee met on February 26 and discussed Change Order #2 to Zolman Construction for the San Leandro High School Arts Education Center Project, Amendment #2 to Jerome Zalinski Inspector of Record professional services contract for Bancroft Middle School Heating & Roofing Project, Amendment #3 to WLC Architects Design Services Contract for the Arts Education Center, Construction contract with *Cal-Bay Construction, Inc.* for the Phase II Port of Oakland airport noise settlement projects, removal of two portable classroom buildings from San Leandro High School and storage at the maintenance and operations yard, and dedication plaque for the library expansion, noting that the plaque will become a prototype for future dedication plaques. The committee continued their discussion on a future Bond measure(s), noting that she would be asking for consensus to schedule a Board workshop. The impact of Measure B work on non-Measure B personnel was also discussed.

5) Board Representatives' Reports

- Alameda County School Boards Association - Trustee Sullivan reported that the Association met on February 18 and discussed the challenges and opportunities facing the districts. Alameda Unified School Board representative Mike McMahan compiled a recap of the meeting and forwarded them to each district. Trustee Sullivan stated that two

trustees from Ohlone Community College and Chabot-Los Positas Community College were in attendance and reported that in addition to cuts, they are experiencing what was referred to as “reverse feeder school” in which students, who can’t afford to attend state colleges, are returning to the community colleges; however, the state is not paying the community college for those students and currently there are over 200,000 students for whom the community colleges are not being reimbursed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Sullivan requested that Consent Item 1.3-C Approval of Board Minutes – January 12, 2010, and 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report be removed from the Consent calendar.

Trustee Prola requested that Consent Item 1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – December 15, 2009, and 4.2-C OPT-E-MAN Connection for the 9th Grade Campus be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

General Services

- 1.2-C Approval of Board Minutes – January 5, 2010
- 1.4-C Approval of Board Minutes – February 2, 2010
- 1.5-C Approval of Board Minutes – February 16, 2010

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Acceptance of Donations
- 3.2-C San Leandro High School Club Out-of-State Field Trip to Ashland, Oregon, Shakespeare Festival

Business Operations

- 4.1-C Intra-Budget Transfers form January and February 2010

Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Amendment #1 to the Contract for Division of the State Architect (DSA) Inspector of Record (IOR) Inspection Services, with Jerome R. Zalinski for the 2010 Measure B Projects
- 5.2-C Jeff Luchetti Construction, Inc. Contract Change Order #4 for the 9th Grade Campus

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board approved the remaining consent items by a 7-0 vote.

General Services

1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – December 15, 2009

Trustee Prola felt that her comment on page 19 of the minutes would be more clearer if the wording “. . . *Whose contract expires in June 2010*” was removed and her comment read as, “*Trustee Prola asked and received consensus to have the Board agendize the superintendent search process.*”

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the minutes of December 15, 2009, as amended, by a 7-0 vote.

1.3-C Approval of Board Minutes – January 12, 2010

Trustee Sullivan noted that on page 15 of the minutes, under 1.10-A, it should reflect that Trustee Katz-Lacabe was appointed as the alternate to the San Leandro Disaster Preparedness Council and not the representative. It was also noted that on page 6 of the agenda under the description of the item, the date of the minutes being approved was incorrect and should have read “January 12” and not “January 5.”

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board approved the minutes from the regular Board meeting of January 12, 2010, as amended, by a 7-0 vote.

Human Resources

2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Responding to Trustee Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Mike Potmesil clarified that the appointment of Position #1176 was a new position for the remainder of this school year and was funded through San Leandro High School’s School Site Council, noting that this was a categorical-funded position, which is not affected by the spending freeze.

On motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board approved Acceptance of Personnel Report by a 7-0 vote.

Business Operations

4.2-C OPT-E-MAN Connection for 9th Grade Campus

Trustee Prola pulled this item by mistake, noting that she wanted to speak to 4.2-CF Dedication Plaque for the San Leandro High School Library Expansion.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the OPT-E-MAN Connection for 9th Grade Campus by a 7-0 vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

2.1-A Adopt Resolution #10-14 Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Delton, San Leandro Teachers' Association, addressed the Board regarding the use of "non-reelection" with respect to temporary certificated employees and felt that the term "release" would be a more appropriate term. Ms. Delton added that "non-reelect" gives the impression that those employees would not be offered positions at a later date, and that it might cast aspersions on their professionalism that could harm them in the future.

A motion was made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague to amend the language of the recommended resolution "To adopt Resolution #10-14, with the term "to release" the temporary certificated employees named.

There was some discussion that followed regarding the use of "non-reelect" as it relates to temporary employees, the implications of the terminology, and past practices. Assistant Superintendent Mike Potmesil explained that "non-reelect" was a legal term used to protect the District from the possibility of a temporary employee claiming probationary status and is used "not for cause", adding that the exact resolution was presented in closed session last year. It was also noted that legal counsel was consulted and they reviewed the personnel records with staff.

Trustee Mack-Rose suggested that the resolution could be worded "to release temporary certificated employees and non-reelect

probationary employees.”

Based on the discussion, it appeared that further clarification was needed, with Trustee Cutter rescinding her previous motion with the following:

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board tabled Resolution #10-14 Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees to the Special Board meeting on March 4 by a 7-0 vote.

2.2-A Adopt Resolution #10-15 Reduction or Elimination of Certain Particular Kinds of Services for the 2010-2011 School year

Responding to Trustee Mack-Rose, Interim Superintendent Cathey clarified that the last day to amend this recommendation and still meet the March 15 requirement of notifying employees that his or her services would not be required for the ensuing year was March 9.

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board adopted Resolution #10-15 Reduction or Elimination of Certain Particular Kinds of Services for the 2010-2011 School Year by a 7-0 vote.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

General Services

1.1-CF 2010 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

The Board discussed and considered the submission of a ballot for the 2010 CSBA Delegate Assembly.

Interim Superintendent Cathey explained that each year the California School Boards Association (CSBA) calls for nominations for the CSBA Delegate Assembly, and names are submitted by the Board. CSBA compiles the nominations and then conducts a delegate assembly election and Boards are asked to submit a ballot casting a vote for no more than five candidates. Regardless of the number of vacancies, each board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate.

Following the tallying of the written votes, on a motion made by

Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board submitted the ballot, casting a vote for Gwen Esters (New Haven USD), Janice Friesen (Castro Valley USD), Mike McMahon (Alameda City USD), and Diana Prola (San Leandro USD) by a 7-0 vote.

1.2-CF Discuss and Consider Restructuring Board Standing Committees

The Board discussed and considered approving the proposed restructuring of Board Standing Committees.

Trustee Sullivan explained that the Policy Committee met and looked at various aspects of each of the committees and was recommending that Board revise their standing committee structure as follows:

- Communications, Advocacy, City-School Liaison
- Curriculum and Policy
- Facilities/Technology
- Finance

Trustee Hague raised her concern regarding keeping the Advocacy Committee as a stand-alone committee in terms of staff time. Interim Superintendent Cathey noted that in researching this, it was explained that a communications committee can step out of that role and into the Advocacy committee role based on the topics at hand, adding that in the past Advocacy met on an “as needed basis” in more of an Ad Hoc capacity, and staff participated. Trustee Sullivan commented that the committee discussed grouping those two committees together and felt that if one of committees meets more frequently, the meetings could be rotated such as communication would meet one month and advocacy the next month and so on.

Following further discussion, Interim Superintendent Cathey proposed that should the Board move forward with the recommended restructuring, each of these combined committees would need to outline very clear guidelines and understanding of what their role is, particularly in the case of Advocacy with regards to who attends, and topics to be discussed. Ms. Cathey said she would be happy to look further into this.

Prior to the vote, there was a brief discussion regarding the appointments to the committees. It was suggested that each member resubmit their top choices and forward them to the Board president.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee

Prola, the Board approved the proposed restructuring of the Board Standing Committees as presented by a 7-0 vote.

Business and Operations

4.2-CF Dedication Plaque fro the San Leandro High School Library Expansion

The Board discussed and considered approving one of the design options for the library expansion dedication plaque design, or make another design recommendation.

Each member offered a variety of modifications with regards to the Option 1 design such as removing the “book” graphic, striking the word “from” before the years of service, simplifying the names of the Board of Education, making “monies provided by Measure B, passed by voted in 2006” more distinctive, and justifying the names rather than centering the names.

Trustee Cutter suggested that the members look at other models in the District and City; however it was noted that the proposed design was modeled after the plaque on the new science wing at the high school.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved design Option #1 for the library expansion dedication plaque with the following modifications: removing the book graphic, striking the word “from” and “Trustees,” and increasing the font size of “monies provided by Measure B, passed by voters in 2006, by a 5-2 vote. Trustees Katz-Lacabe and Mack-Rose opposed.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Trustee Mack-Rose commented that she has not received any information regarding the African American Achievement Awards night.

Trustee Mack-Rose asked for consensus on the following:

- Creating a Latino Student Achievement night. Interim Superintendent Cathey said that such an event was already planned with the principals looking at possible dates.
- Have staff check with the sites with regards to Student Achievement celebrations district-wide and report back to the Board. (consensus received)

- Trustee Sullivan commented that in light of student deaths due to heart irregularities, she asked and received consensus for staff to seek possible grants or donations of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) for the schools. Trustee Sullivan later noted that Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was writing a bill requiring that AEDs be available at all high schools, games and practices.
- Trustee Almonte requested that the Board honor the San Leandro High School student for being chosen as the first-runner up of the Veterans of Foreign Wars “Voice of Democracy” essay writing contest.
- Trustee Hague commented that there are many musical festivals planned in March and the high school will be presenting a musical towards the end of April.
- Trustee Prola commented that she was able to go to Roosevelt for “Read Across America,” noting that in addition to reading a Dr. Seuss book, she read a Dr. Seuss, not so familiar poem, “The Ruckus.”

Trustee Prola said that Davis Street Family Resource Center held a Volunteer Recognition Night and a Casino Night fundraiser at the Englander which raised approximately \$6,000 for supplies for the food bank and toys for Christmas.

Trustee Prola announced that San Leandro High School art students will have their artwork on display at the San Leandro Museum on Friday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m., encouraging everyone to attend.

Trustee Prola thanked the Board for voting for her as CSBA delegate.

- Trustee Cutter reported that she attended the CTA breakfast, along with Trustees Almonte and Prola, commenting that it was very encouraging, adding that the March 4 “Day of Action” was among the topics discussed.

Trustee Cutter commented that Jason Sweeney from the Daily Review was invited to tour the District facilities and later wrote an article for the newspaper.

Trustee Cutter commented that she was contacted by San Leandro High School student Danny Cedillo who is in the recycling club about making a presentation to the Board. Trustee Katz-Lacabe will contact teacher Sam Lucero who is advisor for the club.

- a Trustee Cutter asked and received consensus to have a workshop regarding potential future bond measure.

- Trustee Katz-Lacabe reminded the Board of the following upcoming events:
 - Wednesday, March 3
 - “Eat Out for Education” in support of the San Leandro Education Foundation.
 - Friday, March 5
 - San Leandro High School Art Show and Reception at the San Leandro Museum
 - Bingo and Book Night at McKinley
 - Fundraiser for Bancroft Middle School at Drake’s Brewery, 4-8 p.m.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe asked for and received consensus to consult legal counsel to determine what steps need to be taken to reduce the number of trustees from seven to five while retaining the current district elections. Trustee Katz-Lacabe felt this would be the time to consider this change as the District is required to redraw the trustee areas as a result of the census. Trustee Katz-Lacabe also noted that by taking this action, the unlikelihood of uncontested elections would be lessened, would provide better representation for the residents of our community, would make the district more attractive for future superintendents, would be easier to achieve consensus, and would bring the District in line with other school districts and government agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

Special Board Meeting (tentative) – March 4, 2010
Special Board Meeting (if necessary) – March 9, 2010
Special Meeting – Thursday, March 11, 2010, DO
Regular Meeting – March 23, 2010
Regular Meeting – April 20, 2010
Regular Meeting – May 4, 2010
Regular Meeting – May 18, 2010
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 2, 2010
Regular Meeting – June 15, 2009
Special Meeting – June 29, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermy Almonte, Clerk