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

May 15, 2007

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on May 15, 2007, in the San Leandro City Council Chambers, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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. T.W. "Rick" Richards, President

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Stephen Cassidy

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT**

Christine Lim, Superintendent  
Byron Isaac, 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 6:03 p.m., the Board went into closed session for Student Expulsions, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – significant exposure to litigation, Public Employee Appointment – Title: Principal, Roosevelt Elementary, Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Property(ies), and Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Education Code Section 35146

and 48918(c), Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956(b), 54956.8, and 54956.9. The closed session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Juan Manuel Martinez, San Leandro Recreation & Parks Commission representative. President Richards said the Board had been in closed session and had taken the following action:

- On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved for payment Claim #4104-06-00009-01-02, in the amount of \$10,000, by a 6-0 vote. Trustee Cassidy was absent.
- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board approved for payment Claim #4104-06-0007-91-02, in the amount of \$500, by a 6-0 vote. Trustee Cassidy was absent.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of May 15, 2007, by a 6-0 vote. Trustee Cassidy was absent.

### **REPORTS**

Recreation & Parks Commission Report: Juan Manuel Martinez, San Leandro Unified School District representative, updated the Board on the Recreation & Parks Commission.

Mr. Martinez reported that since being appointed as District representative, he attended the grand opening of the Aquatic Center in April, and the Cinco de Mayo celebration in May. He has been assigned to Root Park and Thrasher Park and will provide updates at the next meeting.

Ms. Perry was concerned about his assignment to Root and Thrasher Parks as they have no connection to the schools. She asked that he bring back a list of those commissioners who have been assigned to those parks located next to our schools.

Mr. Martinez offered the following explanation, that while all commissioners are encouraged to visit all of the parks, the parks located near the schools had already been assigned.

Mrs. Cutter welcomed him and looked forward to hearing his monthly updates.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

\* Conceptual Design Team Presentation

In an effort to seek broad-based community and employee input regarding significant Measure B projects, the Superintendent established the following five Conceptual Design Teams who have been meeting since March: PGE Parking Lot, 9th Grade Campus, Arts Education Center, Career Technical Education, and Library Expansion.

The Board heard a presentation by the leads and/or co-leads for each team highlighting the work that has been accomplished thus far. The presentation included: number of meetings, content covered at the meetings, progress being made, and some of the challenges the teams are addressing. The presentation also included next steps for each team as well as future meeting dates .

It was clear that the members of each team were deeply committed to exploring all ideas and collectively developing their best thinking, the architects and projects managers have been instrumental in guiding their conversations and providing on-the-spot-information, and the involvement of staff, city, and community members has enriched this process immeasurably.

The staff liaison for each Conceptual Design Team invited anyone who may have questions, concerns or suggestions to contact them and they would then present those comments at their next meeting.

The Board overwhelming thanked the leads/co-leads for the update and for all of their time and effort given towards this task, and for thinking “outside the box”. Ms. Perry encouraged them to keep those energies going, and congratulated them for being “ambassadors to the community.”

Superintendent Lim noted that the Board would be recognizing the members of the five Conceptual Design Teams at the June 5 Board meeting.

Responding to Mr. Davis, Grant Writer Emily Kaplan explained that \$5 million of Proposition 1D funds has been earmarked to support the expansion of Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. Funding to qualifying school districts can be used for the following purposes: reconfigure/modify existing structures that will enhance the CTE educational opportunities, new construction of CTE facilities, and to purchase equipment with an average useful life expectancy of at least 10 years. She stated that requests for modernization funds have been capped at \$1.5 million per project per site, and requests for new

construction funds have been capped at \$3 million per project per site.

Ms. Kaplan reported that the District would be applying for four (4) modernization grants for wood, metal, automotive and business/marketing; and one (1) new construction grant for SLAM.

Mr. Katz was interested in available funding resources that might be explored for the Arts Education Center. Judith Cameron, Lead, of the Arts Education Center Conceptual Design Team, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, said that the team was looking at some of the vendors used by Castro Valley and San Ramon school districts, and selling seats for the theatre was also being considered.

**REPORTS**  
**8:00 pm Time**  
**Specific**

Student Representatives' Reports – Rachel Whyte, San Leandro High School student representative, updated the Board on activities at the high school. Highlights included AP testing and class elections have ended. *Every 15 Minutes* Program was a success. The Senior Ball will be Friday, May 18 and incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders are still participating in "Pirate Pal" visits during first and second blocks.

There will be a *Student Leadership Convention* on May 30, 2007, where students will have an opportunity to attend workshops to better prepare themselves for service to their school communities.

Sarah Woofter and Phillip Thomas have signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports - Sarah for softball at U.C. San Diego, and Phillip for basketball at University of Idaho.

Rachel invited the Board to come see the "Seniors, Where They are Going", card display at the high school, which was designed by the school's Art Club.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Dan Henriques addressed and distributed information to the Board raising awareness on how the use of "foul words" leads to an increase in street violence.

**REPORTS**

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Perry reported receipt of the following emails from Bancroft Middle School Drama Club regarding Beauty & The Beast Evite;

from Rob Rich regarding Beautification Day; from Eric Christen regarding the Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA); and from Diana Quintal regarding “*Grease* was more than just a great show”.

- 2) Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Lim reported that the Cabinet and District office administration had an opportunity to attend the two-day *Every 15 Minutes* Program at the high school, where students participated in a simulated DUI accident on Thursday, ending with a funeral and sharing stories on Friday, adding that it was a very somber experience.

She attended a Health Care Roundtable meeting, “The Context for Health”, hosted by Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, regarding health care reform. Referring to the PowerPoint presentation that she forwarded to the Board, it was apparent to the Superintendent how much impact the decisions made by city councils, planning departments, school districts, and business community have on health and medical care. She is looking forward to continuing that dialogue at the legislative level.

The Superintendent also attended the Even Start Site Validation Visit at the new Adult School Education Center and shared with the team how the District was able to capture a partnership with Chabot College and Gap funding for the facility.

Cabinet and District Office staff joined the Maintenance workers in constructing a 200 foot sundae celebrating the successful STAR testing program at McKinley Elementary School.

The Citizens Oversight Committee will have its first meeting tomorrow, May 16, 6 p.m., at the District Office.

Superintendent Lim reported that she met with a representative from the San Francisco Foundation, who heard her presentation at the Leadership Summit in Napa, noting that the District plans on taking the representative’s suggestion to write a \$20,000-\$25,000 grant.

The Superintendent’s Parent Leaders’ Council will have its final meeting of the school year on May 22, where the structure of the District’s volunteer training will be discussed. She commended its members for the feedback she has received on ways to improve services in reaching out to parents.

The elementary schools’ open houses and ROP awards will be May 24.

- 3) Board Committee Reports

- Curriculum - Mrs. Hague reported that the committee met on May 7 and received an update on the Garfield Year Round School Survey,

STAR testing, and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) results. They discussed math program offerings, year long courses at San Leandro High School, and compared the middle school program offerings at Bancroft and John Muir. The next meeting will be June 18.

- Facilities/Technology – Mr. Davis reported that the next committee meeting will be on May 24 and they will be reviewing the presentation for the June workshop and setting priorities for Measure B.
- Finance - Mr. Richards reported that the committee met on May 8 and discussed Pacific High School funds and Deferred Maintenance and restricted routine maintenance funds. He also noted that staff would be researching some unique funding opportunities that are available and would bring back information to the Board.
- Policy – Ms. Perry reported that the committee met on May 10 and reviewed the Intra-District Transfer Policy, AR 5116.2, which is on the agenda as an information item this evening.

#### 4) Board Representatives' Reports

- Eden Area Regional Occupational Program – Mr. Richards reported that the committee met on May 3 and received the first reading of the proposed operating budget, and course review for the culinary program. Seventeen students competed at the SkillsUSA regional competition in Riverside on April 19-22.
- Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area – Ms. Perry reported that the MACSELPA met on May 2 and May 14 and approved portions of the local plan service and district budgets. Their next meeting will be May 23.
- San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Community Partners Committee – Mr. Davis reported that the committee met a couple of weeks ago; however, he had nothing to report.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### General Services

1.1-C        Approval of Board Minutes – April 17, 2007

1.2-C        Approval of Board Minutes – May 1, 2007

## Human Resources

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report
- 2.2-C Renewal of Student Teaching Agreements
- 2.3-C Certificated District Intern to Receive Professional Clear Teaching Credential

## Educational Services

- 3.1-C Acceptance of Donations
- 3.2-C Proposed Stipulated Expulsion Order for Student E26-06/07
- 3.3C Proposed Stipulated Expulsion Order for Student E27-06/07
- 3.4C 2005-2006 Pre-Kindergarten Resource Contract
- 3.5-C Resolution #06-21, Between the California Department of Education and San Leandro Unified School District
- 3.6-C San Leandro Adult School Carl Perkins Career & Technical Education Application

## Business, Operations

- 4.1-C Ratification of Payroll for April 2007
- 4.2-C Approval of Bill Warrants
- 4.3-C Intra-Budget Transfers for March and April 2007

## Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Construction Services Contract for Miscellaneous Renovations for the Instructional Materials Center at Madison Elementary School.

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board approved the consent items by a 6-0 vote. Trustee Cassidy was absent.

## **ACTION**

## Human Resources

### 2.1-A 2007-2008 Traditional Year and Year Round Education Student Calendar

A revised calendar was distributed. It was noted that the original calendar submitted had the wrong signature date from the SLTA president.

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board approved the 2007-2008 Traditional Year and Year Round Education Student Calendar by 6-0 vote. Trustee Cassidy was absent.

## **INFORMATION**

## Educational Services

### 3.1-I Intra-District Transfers AR 5116.2 and Form 5116.2.

The Board received for information the Intra-District Transfers AR 5116.2 and Form 5116.2 as presented.

Ms. Perry briefly reviewed the revised order of the five priorities for attendance.

Mr. Katz asked where the category for “students requesting transfers based on dangerous or harmful special circumstances, including threats of bodily harm” would fall in the priority list and how many students in the District had been transferred under this category.

Ms. Cathey explained that because decisions are made on a case by case basis, this category had been removed from the priority list, and that for the 2006/07 school year the District had only two situations that fell within this category.

### 3.2-I Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report

The Board received for information the Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report for January – March 2007 as presented.

## Business Operations

### 4.1-I Miscellaneous Receipts



Miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$7,909,158.45 have been deposited in the Treasure of Alameda County.

### **ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

- Trustees Cutter, Perry, and Richards reported attending all or a portion of the two-day *Every 15 Minutes* Program and found it to be a very valuable program. Ms. Perry suggested sharing parts of the video taken at a Board meeting.
- Mrs. Hague thanked the members of the Design Team for their presentation. She reminded the Board of the upcoming elementary schools' open houses.
- Given a recent front page newspaper article on falling graduation rates, Mr. Katz asked the Superintendent to report back on our own District's graduation rate and how they compared.
- Ms. Perry will be attending the CSBA Delegate Assembly this weekend. She also reported attending the BTSA Advisory Council, the Even Start Site Validation Visit at the new Adult School Education Center, Bancroft Middle School Spring Concert, and the final community presentation of the Bancroft Middle School Field and Court Design.

She announced the 2007 BTSA Colloquium, celebrating the hard work of our participating teachers in the BTSA Induction Program, on Thursday, May 17, from 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m., at the San Leandro Library.

- Mr. Richards noted that he would not be able to attend the open houses on April 24 as it conflicted with the ROP awards night. He reminded the Board of an upcoming Special Board meeting on May 29, 6 p.m.

He reported that the Superintendent had received a request from San Leandro High School student representative Rachel Whyte asking the Board to reconsider having a student representative on the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to pursue that request. President Richards convened an Ad Hoc Committee, composed of Linda Perry, serving as Chair, along with Mike Katz, and himself. Mr. Richards will forward this information to Ms. Perry, who will schedule a meeting. Following the committee's review they will then bring back a recommendation to a future meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

- Regular Meeting – June 5, 2007
- Regular Meeting – June 19, 2007

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mrs. Hague and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Perry, Clerk