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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

June 25, 2009

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on March 17, 2009, in the San Leandro Unified School District Administrative Office located at 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, CA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Katz-Lacabe.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hermy Almonte
Ms. Morgan Mack-Rose
Ms. Carmen Sullivan
Mrs. Pauline Cutter, Clerk
Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe, President

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Lisa Hague
Mrs. Diana Prola, Vice President

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant 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 6:04 p.m., the Board went into closed session for Student Expulsions, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – significant exposure to litigation, Public Employee Appointment – Title: San Leandro High School Principal, 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 6:39 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 6:40 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe said the Board had been in closed session where the following action was taken:

- On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board appointed Linda Granger as Principal of San Leandro High School by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of June 25, 2009, by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

An official public hearing was held regarding the San Leandro Unified School District's (SLUSD) 2009-2010 Adoption Budget – Official and Public Hearing including SB X3-4 Categorical Tier III Flexibility Acceptance of and Use of Funds for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

In accordance with E.C. 42605(c) (2), the Board will take testimony from the public, discuss, and approve the use of the combined Tier III funds for any educational purpose in order to provide services for student programs for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

- On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Cutter the Board opened the public hearing regarding the San Leandro Unified School District's (SLUSD) 2009-2010 Adoption Budget – Official and Public Hearing including SB X3-4 Categorical Tier III Flexibility Acceptance of and Use of Funds for 2008-09 and 2009-10 by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Jon Sherr, San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA) president, addressed the Board regarding class size reduction, urging the Board to look at other savings opportunities before raising the class size ratio from 20:1 to 24:1.
- Billy Campbell, Teamster representative, addressed the Board regarding the maintenance budget, and lack of funding for much needed maintenance equipment to serve the school sites.
- On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan , the Board closed the public hearing regarding the San Leandro Unified School District's (SLUSD) 2009-2010 Adoption Budget – Official and Public Hearing including SB X3-4 Categorical Tier III Flexibility Acceptance of and Use of Funds for 2008-09 and 2009-10 by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

ACTION ITEM

Business, Operations and Facilities

4.1-A SB X3-4 Categorical Tier III Flexibility Acceptance and Use of Funds for 2008-09 and 2009-10

Superintendent Lim noted two changes on the information that was included in the Board packet:

- The current Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that the District has with the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program (ROP), specifying that 78% percent (approximately \$283,000) of the estimated apportionment of \$1,166,653 will go back into the program, will remain in effect for 2009-2010
- The District has made a commitment to not sweep the Adult School apportionment of approximately \$1,846,866.

The Board shared their concern that ROP and the Adult School programs were being considered especially in light of the success of those programs, with Trustee Cutter suggesting that the City might consider holding classes at the new Senior Center.

To avoid any confusion regarding the action begin taken tonight, Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib explained that the previous Board meetings on March 17, 2009, and May 5, 2009, addressed local/internal accounting and specific use of the “sweep” and Tier II funds. Tonight, the Board is being asked to accept receipt of the combined Tier III funds from the state and to record the combined funds in the Unrestricted General fund, which is a condition required by the state.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the acceptance of the SB X3-4 use of all combined Categorical Tier III flexibility funds for any educational purpose in order to provide services for student programs for 2008-09 and 2009-10 by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

4.2-A 2009-2010 Adoption Budget which Incorporates the SB X3-4 Categorical Tier III Flexibility Approval and Use of Funds for 2008-09 and 2009-10 and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Excluding IDEA Funds

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Song Chin-Bendib presented the 2009-2010 Adoption Budget which incorporates the SB X3-4 Categorical Tier III Flexibility Approval and Use of Funds for 2008-09 and 2009-10 and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Excluding. Highlights included:

- The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Adoption Budget reflects an operating surplus of \$812,618 in the Unrestricted General Fund; however, this operating surplus is a result of **one-time** State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) or Federal Stimulus money
- The District's projected deficit for 2010-2011 is \$2,294,326; and \$5,120,130 for 2011-2012 respectfully and must have a budget reduction plan by the First Interim of 2009-10 (October 31, 2009)
- Without the required budget reductions, the District dips into its Reserve for Uneconomic Uncertainty, leaving only 1% of the 3% minimum reserve requirement, (a requirement that must be maintained for a district the size of San Leandro per Assembly Bills (AB 1200 and 2756)) which will trigger a qualified or negative certification from the Alameda County Office of Education at the 2009-10 First Interim

Ms. Chin-Bendib walked the Board through the Adoption Budget, highlighting specific pages and providing further clarification that addressed questions, issues, and concerns regarding the material presented raised by the Board.

Additional discussion focused on restoring class-size reduction (CRS). In light of the budget presentation, the Board requested that staff analysis the estimated numbers, investigate costs, facilities and

other pertinent aspects to a 22:1 rather than 24:1 District-wide ratio.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that the Finance Committee had met to develop a prioritizing timeline for restoration, and had designated 1st grade CSR, counselors, and 2nd grade CSR as the top three.

The Superintendent suggested after the passage of the Adoption Budget, she would meet with staff to discuss the timeline for compiling this information.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the 2009-2010 Adoption Budget which Incorporates the SB X3-4 Categorical Tier III Flexibility Approval and Use of Funds for 2008-09 and 2009-10 and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Excluding IDEA Funds by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

CONSENT ITEMS

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Recommendation from Administrative Panel for Expulsion for Student E13-08/09

Business Operations

- 4.1-C Adopt Resolution #09-34 Designation of Bank Change and Authorized Agents to Sign School Board Orders of the Adult School Fund Checking Account

Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Resolution #09-35 Support of Application Requesting Grant Funding for the San Leandro High School Expansion Campus Project

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board approved the consent items by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Trustee Cutter commended San Leandro Teachers' Association member Carol Delton for her budget comments, suggesting that perhaps inviting the unions to the Finance Committee meetings would give them an opportunity to receive first-hand information. Trustee Cutter would also like to see the Superintendent's evaluation completed soon, as well as looking at expectations between Board members.
- Trustee Sullivan asked for and received consensus to bring back for discussion and possible consideration the California School Board Association's Agenda *Online* service to the July 21 Board meeting. A concern was raised regarding placing confidential information on the website. Robin Michel, Community Outreach Specialist, was confident that the agenda online service included a password protected system.
- Trustee Katz-Lacabe congratulated the 2009 graduates. He also suggested that given the potential impact of H1N1 influenza on schools could be enormous, schools begin planning, with a focus on prevention such as including information in the initial correspondence that is sent to parents and educating them on the steps that can help decrease and minimize the spread of the infection in our community.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe asked and received consensus for the Superintendent to reconvene the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) in light of the projected deficit of \$2,294,326, and \$5,120,130 for 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively, so that they can begin the process on addressing the fiscal situation.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe also received consensus to have the Board Advocacy Committee develop a Resolution in support of SCA 6, which would lower the vote threshold to 55 percent for school districts, community college districts and county offices of education pass local parcel taxes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

Special Board Meeting – June 30, 2009, 5:30 p.m., DO

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. by a 5-0 vote. Trustees Hague and Prola were absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk