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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

June 29, 2006

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on June 29, 2006 in the San Leandro Unified School District Office Professional Development Center, 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Pauline Cutter.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent
Leon Glaster, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Martinez, Assistant Superintendent
Cindy Cathey, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Superintendent's Evaluation and Public Employee Appointment – Title: San Leandro High School Vice Principal and John Muir Middle School Vice Principal pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

The Board returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. President Perry noted that the Board had been in closed session and the following action was taken:

- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board appointed Ammar Saheli as Vice Principal at San Leandro High School by a 7-0 vote.
- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board appointed Lori Watson as Vice Principal at John Muir Middle School by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Cutter also confirmed that at the June 29, 2006, Board meeting during closed session the Governing Board of the San Leandro Unified School District took the following action: Gave approval to legal counsel to seek appellate review of the decision of the Superior Court of the State of California in Case No. RG05235795. The opposing parties in the litigation are the San Leandro Teachers' Association and the California Teachers' Association. The litigation involved Education Code section 7054 and the use of faculty mailboxes to distribute political campaign materials. The Board's decision to take this action was unanimous.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. On a motion made by Mr. Heystek and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board opened the public hearing regarding the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Mr. Heystek and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board closed the public hearing regarding the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan by a 7-0 vote.

2. On a motion made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board opened the public hearing regarding the 2006-2007 Adoption Budget by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Richards, the Board closed the public hearing regarding the 2006-2007 Adoption Budget by a 7-0 vote.

CONSENT ITEMS

Educational Services

3.1-C Staff Recommendation:
Consolidated Approve the Consolidated Application, Part I for
Application, Part I 2006-2007.
for 2006-2007 Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

Business, Operations and Facilities

4.1-C Staff Recommendation:
5-Year Deferred Approve the 5-Year Deferred Maintenance Program.
Maintenance Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
Program

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mr. Richards, the Board approved the consent items by a 7-0 vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Business, Operations and Facilities

4.1-A Staff Recommendation:
2006-07 Approve the 2006-2007 Adoption Budget.
Adoption Budget

Business Manger Bruce Colby reviewed the 2006-2007 Adoption Budget for the General Fund, which is a Multi-Year Budget, that includes a final estimate for the current year 2005-06, a detailed budget for the upcoming year 2006-07, and a summary budget for 2007-08, and 2008-09. He explained that the financial health of the district is assessed by the review of those four years and that budget assumptions for changes in revenue and expenses such as Enrollment and Daily Attendance, Cost-of-Living (COLA) changes, Salary Agreements, Funding Changes, and expected cost inflation were key to future projections.

Taking those factors into consideration, Mr. Colby reported that the General Fund for the District was balanced, the District continued to maintain the required 3% Reserve, and the District would be deficit spending in 2006-2007, adding that this would be reduced if Mandated Costs payments were reinstated and other one-time funds were approved as proposed in the Governor’s Budget.

Mr. Colby said that the proposed state budget, pending the Governor's signature, would provide the District with additional on-going funds for equalization, arts & music, secondary counselors, and increases to EIA, CAHSEE in 2006-2007. Prior mandated funding, a Discretionary Block Grant, a Supplies & Equipment Block Grant as well as other site based needs programs such as ELL, Career Technical, and Teacher Retention were among some of the one-time funds.

Mr. Colby indicated that updated documents reflecting those latest budget additions would be sent to the Board within forty-five days of closing the books.

Mr. Cassidy requested an email copy of the presentation, and asked to have a copy of the official figures sorted by function. Referring to specific budget questions that he had emailed to staff, Mr. Glaster noted that they would be addressed in the next *Confidentially Speaking*.

Additional questions requiring further explanation raised by Trustees Cutter and Cassidy centered around Adult School Education particularly focusing on salaries; the self-insurance fund, SERP, an early retirement plan, and the health and welfare fund.

Mrs. Cutter also suggested designating a special reserve (in addition to the 3% reserve) for any additional surplus that may be incurred, with Mr. Glaster noting that the Finance Committee would be addressing that.

The Board was very pleased and appreciated the hard work done by staff in creating such a "user-friendly" document.

On a motion made by Mr. Heystek and seconded by Mr. Richards, the Board approved the 2006-2007 Adoption Budget by a 7-0 vote.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:25 p.m. for Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Title: Superintendent's Evaluation.

The Board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m. President Cutter said that the Board had been in closed session and that the Superintendent had received a positive review from the Board on her yearly evaluation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mrs. Cutter reported that the meeting between the Chamber and District staff to discuss the November bond was scheduled for 8 a.m. on Friday, June 30 at Monarch Bay, noting that Superintendent Lim, Assistant Superintendent Leon Glaster, and Trustees Cassidy and she would be attending, adding that if one additional trustee was interested in going to please let her know.
- Mr. Cassidy requested more detail information regarding the reconfiguration of grades and middle school capacity prior to the July 5 meeting. He reported that he met with Councilmember Tony Santos regarding the City's interest in pursuing any joint use projects such as a performing arts center and was awaiting a response.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mrs. Hague and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hague, Clerk