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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

September 15, 2009

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on September 15, 2009, in the San Leandro City Council Chambers, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Katz-Lacabe.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hermy Almonte
Mrs. Lisa Hague
Ms. Morgan Mack-Rose
Ms. Carmen Sullivan
Mrs. Pauline Cutter, Clerk
Mrs. Diana Prola, Vice President
Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe, President
Mr. Steven Mills, Student Board Member

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Potmesil, 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 6:02 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, and Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Property(ies) pursuant to Education Code Section 35146 and 48918(c), Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.9(b), and 54956.8. The closed session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe said the Board had been in closed session where no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of September 15, 2009, by a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS Parks & Recreation Commission Report: There was no report.

PRESENTATIONS

- * A Superintendent's Certificate of Commendation was presented to Kathleen McCarthy, a Washington Elementary School teacher, who earned a National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) advances the quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; and by providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards.

- * San Leandro Unified School District school nurses Maureen Shapiro and Sue Blevins provided information that the District is taking in response to the potential outbreak of H1N1 (swine flu). The presentation included: preventative measures being taken, and training of employees, communication with the schools and families, communication with the County Health Department, and the recommended protocols to be followed by the District in the event of a confirmed case and/or an outbreak. A sample H1N1 letter to families, list of County immunization sites, Pandemic Flu Response Flow Chart, and a sample of periodic information (taken from the Pandemic Preparedness Planning Kit binder, that will be sent to the sites/website was also shared. In addition, information describing the instructional program "WHACK the Flu!" which is being offered to our elementary schools through the Alameda County Public Health Department was also distributed. Representatives will come to the classroom to teach K-5 elementary children proper hand hygiene and healthy habits through fun and interactive 15 minutes classroom presentations.

Clarifying questions posed by the Board focused on the number of students identified on a given day at a school before intensive surveillance reporting begins, percentage of illness before the school is closed, purchase of hand sanitizers, sending subsequent letters after the initial letter, educating the community regarding "high risk", instructional program available for

secondary students, and ongoing meetings with custodial staff regarding cleaning procedures to follow, and types of thermometers and soap used at the elementary schools. It was suggested that high school science and health teachers might do a “thumb in a dish” experiment with the students.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe commented that the City will be offering two flu-shot clinics on October 5 and 12. He will forward more information to the members.

- * Daniel Chaja, Assistant Director of Research and Program Evaluation, presented information and analysis related to the Accountability Progress Report (APR) recently released by the California State Department of Education. The APR contains the state's Academic Performance Index (API), the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Program Improvement (PI). Daniel's presentation contained District level, site specific and student subgroup results, as well as projections for the District should trends continue.

Mr. Chaja explained that while districtwide API scores showed just a 2 point gain, the 8 elementary schools showed dramatic gains, averaging 22 points per school.

Some API highlights from specific schools included:

- Madison Elementary had the highest schoolwide increase by 38 points to 854
- Washington Elementary had the second highest schoolwide increase by 34 points to 718
- Jefferson Elementary had the highest Latino subgroup increase by 56 points to 734
- McKinley Elementary had the highest English Learner subgroup increase by 43 points to 698
- Monroe Elementary had the highest Socioeconomically Disadvantaged (SED) subgroup increase by 49 points to 759.

The Board posed clarifying questions and comments focusing on Program Improvement, instructional minutes, 6-year trend reporting comparison, and budget. They thanked staff for the very thorough and detailed presentation, and for all of their work towards striving “to make things better.”

Trustee Mack-Rose, noted that, at the recent equity training, she learned, “Equity is increasing the achievement of all students while accelerating the achievement of minority students, particularly black and brown students in this District.” Trustee Mack-Rose was troubled that over a 6-year trend (2003-2009), the API scores only increased by three points for African American and Latino students (which is not accelerated), adding that she was even more concerned with the response from conversations that she has had

with citizens of the City, “The scores are really good for San Leandro given San Leandro’s raciest history”, at which time she rhetorically asked, “At what point do we cease to let our history qualify our goals”. “We have a long way to go on closing the achievement gap.”

The Board took a break at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:10 p.m.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Cutter reported receipt of the following emails between August 28 through September 14, 2009: From County Superintendent Sheila Jordan regarding support for Christine Lim; from Yvonne Nunn regarding support for Christine Lim; from Cher Mott regarding support of Christine Lim; from Dina Herrera regarding Jefferson Elementary campus; from Carol Delton regarding Finance Committee; and from Stephen Cassidy regarding Measure WW and San Leandro High School pool joint use.

- 2) Student Board Member Report – Student Board member Steven Mills provided the following San Leandro High School update:
 - September 18 – Hello Dance, “Rumble in the Jungle” hosted by the Associate Student Body – no “freak dancing” will be allowed
 - September 19 - Pirate Football Fundraiser, “Pirate Island Luau” from 2-7 p.m. in the quad
 - Michael Jackson Tribute Week was last week where students participated in a trivia game and “Thriller” Dance on Friday, September 11
 - The Associate Student Body is still look for an affordable stage to be used during Homecoming Week, October 19-23; the rally will take place in the quad; as an alternative to running in the halls, space will available for each classes to run around and cheer before the rally begins
 - September 22 - DECA Rummage Sale, 8-1 p.m. \$20 to rent a spot
 - October 25 – “Save the Sports” Walkathon, Team Challenge and Fitness Fair at Burrell Field from 10-3 p.m. This is an opportunity for all students to raise money for their designated team sports or the Athletics Department at San Leandro High

- 3) Union Representative Reports
 - Chad Dutton, on behalf of Teamsters/Trades, reported that the first few weeks of school were challenging due to the reduction in

maintenance manpower. He encouraged the District to keep an open mind and dialogue and work together with the bargaining units with regards to cost-savings measures, schedule changes, classifications and job duties to ensure equitable opportunities.

- Jon Sherr, San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA) President, shared the positive feedback he has received from staff at the high school regarding the beginning of school. He welcomed Lori Watson to the site, adding that two new policies this year, technology and campus supervisor utilization, have received support from staff.

The kindergarten teachers met with District staff and discussed a decision-making process that includes input from the kindergarten teachers regarding kindergarten program changes for next year and regular reports to the Board. On behalf of the teachers, Mr. Sherr invited the Board to come and visit the classrooms.

Mr. Sherr also addressed the achievement gap, and the latest increase in the student/teacher ratio from 24:1 to 25:1. He urged the Board to keep the cuts away from the classroom and to revisit Class Size Reduction (CSR) and return to a hard cap of 24:1.

- On behalf of the San Leandro Managers Association (SLMA), Garfield Principal Jan Nuño reported that STAR, AYP and API data was released to the public today, commending Monroe, Washington and Madison Elementary schools for their thirty point gain in API scores and nine of the twelve schools who made or exceeded their API. She also recognized the Superintendent for her support, adding that SLMA is proud to be counted amongst the many leaders in this District supported, pushed, strengthened and held accountable by Superintendent Lim who, "boosts us to believe that we can, we will, and we must soar beyond the edge while reaching to the stars of our students and families."

Principal Nuño also updated the Board on the awesome things happening at "Garfield by The Bay!" due to the success in areas such as Support, Standards, Strategies, Collaboration and Coaching (SSSCC).

- 4) Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Lim provided the following report:

First fourteen days of the 2009/2010 school year the Superintendent:

- Welcomed back every District office manager
- Observed:
 - Thirty-seven classrooms throughout the District, along with staff, and maintenance workers
 - Three groups of 9th grade students participating in orientation at the high school
 - McKinley students learning playground safety
 - 6th grade orientation at Muir Middle School
 - Audrey Brown, the District's "Teacher of the Year", giving an art lesson, along with County Superintendent Sheila Jordan. Ms. Brown will be honored on Thursday, October 8 at the Alameda County Teacher of the Year celebration at the County office
 - Eight newly-hired high school teachers
- Saturday, September 12, 9-12 noon, the Superintendent joined the San Leandro community on the track at Bancroft Middle School in the fight against obesity by participating in the first national "50 Million Pound Challenge" National Walk-Off.

The Superintendent thanked the teachers and staff districtwide for coming together during these tough economic times and remaining focused on what needs to be done with a reduction in staff, as well as improving teaching and learning so that every student succeeds.

Upcoming events include:

- September 17 Back to School Night for the Elementary Schools
- September 22, 23 Beyond Diversity at Jefferson Elementary School

QSCB met with financial advisor Dale Scott and outlined a schedule that includes bringing a Board Resolution to the Board on October 6, and a work session, inviting the community, on prioritizing projects at the October 20 Board meeting.

Enrollment

1. Elementary level is on target
2. Middle schools are equal; however, John Muir is heavily impacted, so some students are being transferred to Bancroft. The Superintendent has scheduled an urgent meeting on September 16 at 11 a.m. with the middle school principals to go over the master schedule and enrollment
3. High school is forty students over at the senior level. In order to provide a more accurate number at the beginning of the year, the principal will continue to drop all 8th grade students from the computer before 9th graders enter the school.

5) Board Committee Reports

- Facilities/Technology – Trustee Cutter reported that the committee met on September 11 and discussed the Davis Street agreement for 2009-2010, the stair lift at Bancroft Middle School, and naming process for the 9th Grade Campus, adding that she will be asking for consensus of the Board on a list a various items regarding this process later on in the meeting. The committee also discussed future meeting dates and agreed upon the following dates: September 24, October 8, and October 22. Meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and will be at the District Office.
- Finance - Trustee Prola reported that the committee met on September 14 and discussed the 2008-09 Unaudited Actuals and reviewed the budget reductions approved by the Board, including Tier III (Phases I, II, and IV).

6) Board Representatives' Reports

- Eden Area Regional Occupational Program – Trustee Almonte reported that the Council met on September 3 and approved the contract with Associated Builders and Contractors for the 2009-2010 school year. ROP is hosting Sophomore Tours at the Hayward Center. San Leandro High School sophomores are scheduled for December 3.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A limited public hearing was held regarding Resolution #09-48 (Clarifying Resolution of Necessity No. 08-13) that San Leandro Unified School District is not Acquiring Pacific Gas and Electric's Existing Power Lines.

The Resolution of Necessity (RON) No. 08-13 was adopted by the Board on March 13, 2008. The RON #08-13 determined that the public interest and necessity required the acquisition of certain real property for the district parking lot at San Leandro High School. The RON #08-13 adoption approved the acquisition of four acres (more or less) of the vacant subject parcel owned by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG & E) and gave back to PG & E an easement for its existing towers within the acquisition area. The easement did not specifically, although intended, describe the wires supported by the towers. Resolution No. 09-48 is to clarify that the District is not acquiring PG & E's existing power lines (attached to the existing towers.) The original offer remains unchanged as it was understood to include an easement for both the towers and the lines being given back to the property owner (PG&E). No additional property or property interest would be acquired by the District.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board opened the limited public hearing regarding Resolution #09-18 (Clarifying Resolution of Necessity No. 08-13) that San Leandro Unified School District is not Acquiring Pacific Gas and Electric's Existing Power Lines by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board closed the limited public hearing regarding Resolution #09-18 (Clarifying Resolution of Necessity No. 08-13) that San Leandro Unified School District is not Acquiring Pacific Gas and Electric's Existing Power Lines by a 7-0 vote.

ACTION ITEM

These items are presented for action at this time. Some may have been reviewed at a previous meeting.

Business Operations

4.1-A Resolution #09-48 (Clarifying Resolution of Necessary #08-13) that San Leandro Unified School District is Not Acquiring Pacific Gas and Electric's Existing Power Lines.

Trustee Cutter noted that, while she would be supporting this resolution, she was hesitant due to PG&E's lack of cooperation.

In response to Trustee Almonte's question regarding the easement, Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib explained that through eminent domain the District acquired the property, and this Resolution, which has no expiration date, is to clarify that the District is not acquiring the existing power lines that are attached the towers, and the easement will grant access to PG&E.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board adopted Resolution #09-48 (Clarifying Resolution of Necessary #08-13) that San Leandro Unified School District is Not Acquiring Pacific Gas and Electric's Existing Power Line by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held regarding increasing the Developer Fee structure to \$3.52 per square foot for new residential; and \$.47 per square foot for commercial-industrial development within the boundaries of the San Leandro Unified School District.

The authority cited in Education Code Section 17620 states in part "...the governing board of any school district is authorized to levy a fee, charge, dedication or other form of requirement against any development project for the construction or reconstruction of school facilities." Government Code Section 65995 provides for an inflationary increase in the fees every two even years especially for Developer Fee Level I.

In early 2009, the District determined that it qualified for Level 2 Developer Fee which would generate a higher collection of developer fees. Therefore, on January 21, 2009, the Board approved the agreement with SchoolWorks Inc. to complete the School Facilities Needs Analysis report. This study has been completed and provides the basis and sets the rates for the District to collect the Level 2 Developer fees. Level 2 fees are only effective for one year, starting the day the Board approves the new rates. Level 2 regulations do not impact the commercial fees which are governed by Level I regulations. Therefore, commercial fees will stay at the same as Level 1.

The public hearing is to meet the requirement by Government Code Section 66018. The hearing provides the public the opportunity to make oral or written presentations to the Board regarding the recommended fee structure of \$3.52 per square foot for new residential; and \$.47 per square foot for commercial-industrial development within the boundaries of the San Leandro Unified School District. Such fees will be collected for the purpose of funding the construction or reconstruction of school facilities.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board opened the public hearing regarding increasing the Developer Fee structure to \$3.52 per square foot for new residential; and \$.47 per square foot for commercial-industrial development within the boundaries of the San Leandro Unified School District by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board closed the public hearing regarding increasing the Developer Fee structure to \$3.52 per square foot for new residential; and \$.47 per square foot for commercial-industrial development within the boundaries of the San Leandro Unified School District by a 7-0 vote.

CONFERENCE

These items are submitted for advance planning and to assist the Board in establishing future agenda items. The Board may, however, take action on the following:

Business Operations

4.1-CF Resolution #09-47 Recommended Fee Structure of \$3.52 Per Square Foot for New Residential; and \$.47 Per Square Foot for Commercial-Industrial Development Within the Boundaries of the San Leandro Unified School District

The Board discussed and considered adopting Resolution #09-47 Recommended Fee Structure of \$3.52 Per Square Foot for New Residential; and \$.47 Per Square Foot for Commercial-Industrial Development Within the Boundaries of the San Leandro Unified School District.

In response to Trustee Mack-Rose regarding the timing of the filing in relation to some upcoming projects and whether the District would be able to qualify in 2010-11 given the current economy, Ken Reynolds, representing SchoolWorks, Inc., explained that the study that was completed in January 2009 is valid for a 12-month period and should the District desire to continue to collect Level 2 fees when it expires, the District should be able to qualify; however, the remodeling market can and will change this year and the exact amount of increase or decrease of the developer fee collections will not be known until June 30, 2010. He also noted that construction does not necessary begin once the permits are pulled.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board adopted Resolution #09-47 Recommended Fee Structure of \$3.52 Per Square Foot for New Residential; and \$.47 Per Square Foot for Commercial-Industrial Development Within the Boundaries of the San Leandro Unified School District by 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held regarding Sufficiency of Instruction Materials for the 2009-2010 school year.

Education Code Section 60119 as revised by Chapter 900, Statues of 2004 and CCR, Title 5, Section 9531(c), as amended, requires the Board of Education to annual certify through a resolution as to whether each pupil in each school in the district has, or will have prior to the end of that fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject including English learners, in mathematics, science, laboratory science equipment for science laboratory classes in grade 9-12, foreign language, health classes, history-social science, and English/language arts, including the English language development component of

an adopted program consistent with the content and cycles or the curriculum frameworks adopted by the state board.

This required public hearing informs parents and community about the compliance and statement of assurance for the pupil textbook and instructional materials sufficiency or insufficiency of instructional materials for the 2009-2010 school year and offers them the opportunity to address the Board regarding this matter.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board opened the public hearing regarding Sufficiency of Instruction Materials for the 2009-2010 school year by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board closed the public hearing regarding Sufficiency of Instruction Materials for the 2009-2010 school year by a 7-0 vote.

ACTION

Educational Services

3.1-A Resolution #09-46 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2009-2010 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Cindy Cathey reported that the instructional materials Williams' visits verified that the District has met the requirement per Education Code Section 60119 as revised by Chapter 900, Statutes of 2004 and CCR, Title 5, Section 9531(c), as amended.

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board adopted Resolution #09-46 regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2009-2010 school year whereby the Board of Education annually certifies through a resolution as to whether each pupil in each school in the district has, or will have prior to the end of that fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject by a 7-0 vote.

CONSENT ITEMS

General Services

1.2-C Resolution #09-50 Proclaiming October 7 as "International Walk to School Day"

Human Resources

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Educational Services

- 3.2-C Non-Public School Contracts

Business Operations

- 4.1-C Ratification of August 2009 Payroll
- 4.2-C Approval of Bill Warrants
- 4.3-C Intra-Budget Transfers for August 2009
- 4.4-C Resolution #09-49 2008/2009 Gann Limit
- 4.5-C Sale and Disposal of Equipment

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

General Services

- 1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – August 18, 2009

Trustee Prola questioned the financial cost of \$469,000, as indicated on page seven of the August 18 minutes for both 22:1 and 20:1 class size reduction K-3 District-wide as well as for grade 1. Trustee Prola asked that Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib verify the amount, and that she would motion to approve the minutes based on the response.

Trustee Mack-Rose noted that on page thirteen of the minutes, her comment was "...she will be supporting sweeping every available Adult Education fund balance before increasing CSR in K-3."

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the Board Minutes from the August 18, 2009, regular Board meeting as amended, by a 7-0 vote.

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Acceptance of Donations

It was noted that the donation of professional level congas and timbales from Pete Escovedo Kaman Music corporation, and Victor Filonivich were received by San Leandro High School and not the District Office.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board approved the Acceptance of Donations as amended by a 7-0 vote.

3.3-C Recommendation for Readmission from Expulsion for student E48-05/06

Trustee Cutter provided the following amended recommendation:

Trustee Cutter motioned to amend the recommendation from the Director of Student Services regarding student E48-05/06: "This student is to be readmitted on a suspended expulsion for the fall 2009-2010 semester with the requirement that they sign and follow a behavior contract." The motion was seconded by Trustee Hague and was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Business Operations

4.4-C Adopt Resolution #09-49 2008-2009 Gann Limit

It was confirmed that the Article number for this item should be Article XIII (13)-B, not XIII (14) as printed on the agenda.

On a motion made by Trustee Almonte and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board adopted Resolution #09-49 2008-2009 Gann Limit by a 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION

At 10:28 p.m., on a motion made by Trustee Prola, and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board extended the meeting until 11:00 p.m., by a 7-0 vote.

- * Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Song Chin-Bendib presented the 2008-2009 Unaudited Actuals, which includes the documentation of all fiscal transactions of the District and presents the District's financial position for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Ms. Chin-Bendib walked the Board through the detailed information for the General Fund and all other Funds in the District including Adult Education, Cateteria, Deferred Maintenance, Special Reserves, Building, Measure B, Capital Facilities, County (State) School Facilities, Bond Redemption and Self Insurance. Highlights included:

- The District received 90% of the Unrestricted General Fund Revenue
- Ninety-two percent of the General Fund Unrestricted expenditures are spent on employee salaries and benefits
- On a functional basis, 70% of the Unrestricted General Fund Expenditures are spent on instruction
- The District realized savings in the amount of \$391,825 in the General Fund Unrestricted in the areas of utilities, subs for custodians (Modified Duty), E-Rate, copier, postage, clerical overtime, security overtime, maintenance/repairs equipment, travel and conference, subcaller machine, and summer school administrators.

The Board posed clarifying questions, including a request that a slide graphically showing the effect of the stimulus money, as well as the impact (after the two-year period) to the District's 2011-2012 school budget would be helpful in future presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

4.2-A 2008/2009 Unaudited Actuals

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Diana Prola, the Board approved the 2008/2009 Unaudited Actuals by a 7-0 vote.

4.3-A Donation of a 2001 Ford Ranger Pick-Up and a 1999 Ford F150 ½ Ton Pick-Up from the City of San Leandro

Trustee Katz-Lacabe noted that he had personally spoke to Mayor Santos and City Manager Steven Hollister and expressed the District's gratitude for this donation.

On a motion made by Trustee Almonte and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board accepted a 2001 Ford Rangers pick-up and 1999 Ford F150 ½ ton pick-up from the City of San Leandro by a 7-0 vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

These items are intended to keep the Board informed on various District business matter` which do not require action by the Board.

Business Operations

4.1-I Miscellaneous Receipts

Miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$11,415,479.12 have been deposited in the Treasure of Alameda County.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Trustee Hague thanked the Superintendent for distributing the Athletic passes for the 2009-2010 school year, encouraging the Board members to support San Leandro High School's athletic events.
- Trustee Cutter mentioned the Master Plan to address budget cuts, QSCB, and Naming of the 9th grade campus. Trustee Cutter asked and received consensus from the Board to move forward with the Facilities/Technology recommendation to begin the Naming of the 9th Grade Campus process which will give the Board an opportunity to publicize the Measure B successes and to involve the students and community in selecting a name. The process, timeline, and the application form will be brought to the October 6 Board meeting for approval.
- Trustee Prola acknowledged the positive union representative reports. She was pleased to hear that District-wide attendance recording is now computerized, which should provide more accurate numbers.

Trustee Prola reported that the bench and plaque for Billy Campbell are almost completed and that WAXIE will be donating a cake for the unveiling ceremony. She asked for input from the Superintendent regarding the event. Trustee Prola visited Monroe and walked through the classes. She noted that the principal had mentioned continued vandalism of a small yard area on Monroe's property, which remains open on the weekends. After speaking with the City (who owns a very small piece of that property), Trustee Prola suggested that the District get estimates and that the PTA may be able to fund placing a fence around that area to prevent further vandalism.

Trustee Prola asked that the Board Finance Committee discuss possible funds towards Board training at their next meeting.

- Trustee Mack-Rose reiterated Molly McGee-Hewitt's recommendation to consider adopting a school site for the first semester which will give the Board an opportunity to visit their PTA, other special events and familiarize them with other schools. The Board provided some input regarding past practices, and will come back to the next meeting with their school site choice.

Trustee Mack-Rose mentioned that she will be attending Back to School Night at Washington Elementary.

- Trustee Sullivan reported that she attended a seminar, “Building Blocks for Healthy Babies, Healthy Families, and Healthy Communities on September 10 hosted by the County Public Health Department, noting that one of the speakers, Dr. Iton, spoke on “We Each have a Role: Health and Social Equity in Alameda County.” A video shared, “Unnatural Causes”, raised a concern with regards to keeping the gate locked that surrounds the Jefferson Elementary School playground. She would like to see the gate kept open so that the children can play there after school, on the weekends, thereby decreasing obesity, and building community and networking. Trustee Sullivan found this seminar to be a very beneficial and eye-opening experience and hoped that more members can attend in the future.
- Trustee Almonte would like the Board Communications Committee and the Superintendent to set up a calendar of regular meetings dates.
- Trustee Katz-Lacabe noted that he has also attended a few of Dr. Iton’s presentations and viewed the video, “Unnatural Causes” on KQED, adding that while there are pros and cons to opening the school facilities, it might be something to consider.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe would like the Curriculum Committee to revisit a district-wide homework policy that addresses equitable and high expectations at all District schools.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

Special Meeting – September 22, 2009

Regular Meeting – October 6, 2009

Regular Meeting – October 20, 2009

Regular Meeting – November 3, 2009

Regular Meeting – November 17, 2009

Regular Meeting – December 1, 2009

Regular Meeting – December 15, 2009

Regular Meeting – January 12, 2010

Regular Meeting – January 26, 2010

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2010

Regular Meeting – March 2, 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 Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk