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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

October 16, 2007

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on October 16, 2007, in the San Leandro City Council Chambers, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6 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. Stephen Cassidy, Vice President
Mr. T.W. "Rick" Richards, President

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent
Byron Isaac, Assistant Superintendent
Cindy Cathey, Assistant Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, 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 Discipline/Dismissal/Release, 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 6:58 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by San Leandro High School Associate Principal Linda Granger. President Richards said the Board had been in closed session where no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of October 16, 2007, by a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS

Student Representatives' Reports – San Leandro High School representative Astrida Fernandez updated the Board on activities at the high school. She sadly announced that tragedy hit the San Leandro High School campus this week, with the death of Leandro High School senior, and varsity football player, Gregory Ballard. A candlelight vigil is planned for tomorrow, October 17, 6 p.m. in the Quad and everyone is invited.

Homecoming is next week with activities planned in the morning and at lunch. The Homecoming Royalty Lunch will be Wednesday, October 24, with a Rally at 6 p.m. in the gym. The Homecoming dance and game are on Friday night, October 26. On Thursday, the freshman classes will be attending an assembly on the importance of grades and how to be successful at San Leandro High. Last weekend over 100 students participated in Washington Elementary School's festival.

Parks & Recreation Commission Report: Juan Manuel Martinez, San Leandro Unified School District Representative updated the Board on the Parks & Recreation Commission. He acknowledged those who participated in the Bancroft Middle School Field inaugural lap on Oct. 8, adding that it was a great event. He reported that he has now been assigned to oversee Bonnaire and Warden Parks for the next six months. The commission discussed the golf course and on October 1, and the City Council approved Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a Master Developer for the Shoreline-Marina Area. It is estimated that RFQs will be sent out to perspective bidders in early November with responses due by February 2008.

Mrs. Cutter asked Mr. Martinez to keep the Board updated on plans for a San Leandro dog park.

PRESENTATIONS

- * Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following San Leandro High School staff acknowledging their hard work towards developing our Career Technical Education (CTE) CTE Facilities Grant applications and supporting the District's efforts to ensure that our students get the highest quality Career Technical Education and graduate with marketable career skills.

- Principal Amy Furtado
- Emily Kaplan, Grant Writer
- Tony Farley
- Dion D'Amico
- Deborah Maynard
- Associate Principal Linda Granger
- Andrew Shyers
- John Paul Frary
- Mary Styner
- Phil Hargrave

- * Director of Measure B and Bond Projects Michael Murphy and San Leandro High School Principal Amy Furtado gave a joint presentation on the process and work of the Measure B Steering Committee.

Mr. Murphy presented an updated "*Measure B Major Construction Projects Design Schedule Steering Committee/ Board Meeting Schedule*" Matrix.

Principal Amy Furtado presented the Conceptual Designs as approved by the Steering Committee on October 3, 2007, for the Arts Education Center (AEC), Career Technical Center (CTE) and the Library Expansion on the San Leandro High School campus. The Steering Committee gave the architectural teams of WLC and AEDIS constructive comments as to the master plan and the conceptual floor plan of the AEC. AEDIS and WLC architects were present to respond to questions.

Arts Education Center (AEC)

Principal Furtado walked the Board through the evolution of the Arts Education Center. She showed schematics of the progression from schemes A to G. She noted that the original design was a two story design with the music program housed on the first floor and the San Leandro Academy for Multimedia (SLAM) program on the second floor; however, in order to get the building down to the square footage supported by the bond budget, it was necessary to re-think the design and make some cuts, which became very challenging.

While the music teachers had concerns over the heating, ventilation, leaky roof and needed cosmetic work for M1, they really liked the

acoustics and preferred to remain in the current building. Keeping those considerations in mind, the final design became a more compressed one-story 550-seat theatre (which would allow for more frontage at the entrance of the AEC), and included a lobby entrance, art gallery, drama classrooms, with dressing rooms, scene shop and prop shop, and “tilted” classroom designs for the SLAM program and two additional classrooms. In addition, Ms. Furtado explained that with M1 remaining in its current location, the budget allocated to demolish the music building could be used for the upgrades needed. It was noted that the committee would continue to work with the architects to “tweak” some minor concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mark Morrish, a member of the Steering Committee and music director at the San Francisco Opera, addressed the Board regarding his concern that music classrooms would not be housed in the AEC. He suggested that the Board consider possibly building a 450-seat theatre which would open up viable space for the music program.

The Board asked for further clarification with the regards to the design proposed such as points of access into the AEC during and after school hours, restroom accessibility for students, theatre seating and storage, wheelchair access, the orchestra pit, and sound system.

With regards to the SLAM classrooms, Ms. Furtado explained that students would enter the classrooms through the internal halls. In addition, double doors, that can be locked, will be installed to prevent entrance to the stage area during nonperformance times.

Regarding the square footage of the SLAM classrooms and if the area was flexible should the need for such a program decline in the future, staff explained that while the area is essentially the same square footage as the space currently being used, it was more about configuration, noting that the classrooms can be used by students for multiple purposes. It was also the opinion of the principal that there would always be a need for media arts on a school campus. In addition, as far as incorporating traditional arts, and painting in the AEC, Ms. Furtado indicated that the art teachers were happy with their current location, and only requested that exhibition space be provided to display student artwork, which was addressed in the design.

The Board asked staff to provide site elevations which would further explain the relationships between the different areas of the building, and clarification regarding the drop off zone for the AEC. In addition to suggesting that future presentations focus on the design changes and

upgrades of the music building, the Board asked for a cost breakdown of the present design of the AEC and the music building renovations, and if any cost estimates for maintaining and operating the AEC had been calculated.

Career Tech Center:

Principal Furtado reviewed the current program spaces for the shop classes as a way of providing a better understanding of the changes being proposed. Joe Vela from AEDIS Architecture reviewed the schematic plans for the Career Technology Education (CTE) center, noting that until the District receives the expected funding from most, if not all of the five grants from the Prop 1D, CTE facilities, the scope being proposed is based on bond money only and includes moving the metal shop, upgrading electric utilities (grounding), improving lighting, ADA restroom upgrades, sinks & eyewashes, repairing exhaust and dust systems, structural upgrades, new roof, painting interior & exterior, fire alarm upgrades, and low voltage for modification.

To further explain the new classroom configurations and to answer questions raised by the Board, staff provided the following explanations:

- The wood shop teacher felt that a double door without a center bar was all that was needed to move scenery, etc. from the wood shop area to the theatre, rather than a roll up door that was being proposed. In addition, Ms. Furtado stated that with the additional 1600 square foot classroom space in the wood shop, installation of a moveable partition was being considered so that the space had more versatility.
- The mezzanine area will not be demolished. It is currently being used for wood storage and will continue to do so, noting that additional ADA expenses would be needed if the area was to be renovated for classrooms or office space.
- Slates may be added to the existing fence behind the building to prevent outside accessibility, noting that with the potential of additional funding, paving this back area is also being considered.
- Regarding solar panels, staff indicated that in addition to the cost factor, the building was not flat and the roof does undulate, which is something the District would need to consider.
- Staff was also asked to provide site maps that illustrate the pathways and spaces between buildings.

Library Expansion:

Ms. Furtado shared the original and the unanimously agreed-upon design of the library expansion from the Conceptual Design team. She explained that it was important to the team that an expanded printed material stacking area, and a second computer lab be incorporated into the new design. As a result, the final design illustrated that not only will the expanded computer lab, and expanded printed materials stacking area accommodate two classrooms in the lab at one time, students will be well served, well supervised and meet the needs of students who are doing research in the library.

Joe Vela from AEDIS Architecture mapped out the details of the proposed design including technology, print collection, seating, natural lighting, and natural ventilation.

Staff explained that in addition to gaining 2200 square feet there would be an increase of 13,000 volumes, which is 3,000 more than the state-recommended 10,000 volumes (15 books per student).

Staff also indicated that with the removal of some of the portables, staff parking would change. It was noted that the ideal situation would be to provide students with more accessibility to the athletic fields, basketball courts, etc. rather than see the area where the portables were located replaced with cars; however, discussions were still in progress.

Regarding California Solar Initiative, Mr. Murphy said that when the technical team looked into funding opportunities, it became quite evident that the level of technical involvement required to complete the application was quite complex, noting that it would be necessary to analyze the 9th grade campus at cost of \$10,000 to the District before we could proceed.

The Board thanked the presenters for the informative presentation, making this a very “painless process”.

Following the presentation, Principal Amy Furtado requested that the Board adjourn tonight’s meeting in memory of Gregory Ballard, the San Leandro High School senior who was tragically killed on Saturday night, October 13, 2007.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

The Board took a break at 8:55 p.m. and returned at 9 p.m.

REPORTS

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Perry reported receipt of the following emails between October 3-16, 2007: from Roxanne Ansolabehere regarding Tech funding; from Jon Sherr regarding agenda request; from John Kaplan regarding Invitation to Fall Fest 2007 Senior Services Foundation; from Mary Styner regarding Business Academy Career Day – November 2; from Dan Martin regarding Colorado educator’s presentation; and from California School Rankings - Muir Middle School.
- 2) Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Lim expressed her sadness over the loss of San Leandro High School student Gregory Ballard. She reiterated that on Wednesday, October 17, 6 p.m. there will be a candlelight vigil and prayer at San Leandro High School in the Quad. Funeral services will be on Friday, October 19, 10 a.m. at the Chapel of Chimes in Piedmont, and next Wednesday, October 24, from 2:15-3:15, there will be a ceremony in the high school gym with a slide show, prayers, words from the family, followed by a tree planting. She invited the community and Board members to attend.

The “Teacher of the Year” ceremony was wonderful and thanked those Board members who were able to attend, noting that when a copy of the video is received, it will be shared with the Board.

She reported that the Bancroft Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a wonderful event and thanked the Board for attending. She thanked Mrs. Cutter for suggesting paying tribute to Bob Williams and having the family unexpectedly attend was a great moment. She thanked Michael Murphy for his leadership on this project and Board members who worked with the Bancroft neighbors, architects, and City management team, making sure that the neighbors’ needs were taken into consideration. The Superintendent said that success of this collaboration between the City and District is a stepping stone towards continued joint use and partnerships, adding that we need to continue to celebrate these milestones that build a better community and better school district. Ms. Lim said that staff worked diligently with visitors from the Alameda County Office of Education on the Williams’ Lawsuit, reporting that our four schools all have proper and adequate materials. She thanked Assistant Superintendent Cindy Cathey and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Judith Cameron for meeting that challenge.

She reported that the District has signed up for the Veterans Parade on November 11 at 11 a.m., and asked that Board members let her know if they would like to ride on the float.

Monday, October 22, will be the second Staff Development Day. Elementary staff will be meeting in the morning, and secondary will meet

in the afternoon at the high school. In celebration of the District's great test scores and accomplishments, a community barbeque, hosted by Educational Services, has also been planned for that day.

3) Board Committee Reports

- Communication- Mr. Katz reported that the committee met on October 15 where they focused on reviewing the Measure B community newsletter. A revised copy is expected to be included in this week's *Confidentially Speaking*.

4) Board Representatives' Reports

- Eden Area Regional Occupational - Mr. Richards reported that the Council met on October 4, 2007. Tours of the Hayward campus for sophomores at each school are scheduled for December 11, adding that if anyone is interested he will pass on the date and times. The Council received a letter from the Alameda County Office of Education regarding their budget and "all is well".

CONSENT ITEMS

Board members requested that the following Consent Items were pulled:

Trustee Hague	1.2-C	Approval of Board Minutes – September 18, 2007
	3.4-C	Out-of-State Field Trip for San Leandro High School's Distributive Education Clubs of American (DECA)
Trustee Katz	3.5-C	Memorandum of Understanding Between the San Leandro Unified School District and the California Partnership for Achieving Students Success (Cal-Pass),
	4.4-C	Keygent Contract for RecoverMax Benefit Eligibility Review.
Trustee Cutter	2.2-C	Revised Job Description and Position for the .50 FTE Community Service/.50 FTE Measure B Bond Accounts Payable Technician
Trustee Perry	4.5-C	Service Agreement for Paradigm Health Care Services
Mr. Richards	2.1-C	Acceptance of Personnel Report
Mr. Cassidy	1.1-C	Approval of Board Minutes – September 5, 2007

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Acceptance of Donations
- 3.2-C Non-Public School Contracts
- 3.3-C Memorandum of Understanding between San Leandro Unified School District and Success Chess Schools for After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program

Business Operations

- 4.1-C Ratification of Payroll for September 2007
- 4.2-C Approval of Bill Warrants
- 4.3-C Resolution #07-45 to Declare Equipment Surplus and/or Obsolete

Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Change Order #2 for Garfield and Monroe Elementary Schools Roofing Project with State Roofing Systems
- 5.2-C Notice of Completion for Garfield and Monroe Elementary Schools Roofing Project with State Roofing Systems
- 5.3-C Notice of Completion for McKinley, Roosevelt, and Washington Elementary Schools Roofing Project with State Roofing Systems
- 5.4-C Notice of Completion for San Leandro High School and Jefferson Elementary School Roofing Project with Alcal Roofing
- 5.5-C Resolution #07-44, Sustainability & the Design and Construction of High Performance Schools

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

General Services

- 1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – September 5, 2007

Mr. Cassidy realized that he should have pulled 1.2-C.

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cassidy, the Board approved the Board Minutes for September 5, 2007, by a 7-0

vote.

1.2-C Approval of Board Minutes – September 18, 2007

Mrs. Hague noted that on page 18, the Clerk should be Linda Perry.

Mr. Cassidy recalled that on page 16 following comments made by President Richards, a vote was taken to adjourn the meeting before he requested to speak, which was not noted in the minutes.

Mr. Davis recalled that a second was not received, so his motion died. Mr. Cassidy asked that this be reflected in the minutes.

Mr. Cassidy would also like his remarks indicating that a large body of educational research shows a correlation between poverty and English fluency and student achievement included in his comments.

Ms. Perry felt that those comments were made at the subsequent meeting. Mr. Cassidy asked that the tapes be reviewed.

On a motion made by Mr. Katz, and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board approved the minutes of September 18, 2007, as amended, noting that the tape would be reviewed to confirm that Mr. Cassidy's comments were actually made at the September 8 meeting by a 7-0 vote.

Human Resources

2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Superintendent Lim noted that on page 10 under Classified Employees, Employee 648 transfer location should be to McKinley and not Monroe.

On a motion made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board approved the Personnel Report, as amended, by a 7-0 vote.

2.2-C Revised Job Description and Position for the .50 FTE Community Service/.50 FTE Measure B Bond Accounts Payable Technician

Mrs. Cutter raised several concerns regarding the number of employees being funded from Measure B, if the salary range for both positions was the same, that "limited term" was not indicated on the Measure B job description, what happens when the term comes to an end, and if CSEA is in agreement.

Staff indicated that 3.5 FTE was funded by Measure B, and both positions were at the same salary range and Assistant Superintendent Bryon Isaac said that CSEA approved the recommendation with the agreement that the employee would return to her previous duties at the end of the term. Mrs. Cutter, however, was still not satisfied and requested that this be tabled to the next regular Board meeting so that all of the uncertainties could be clearly stated in the recommendation and the noted corrections would be included on the job description.

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board tabled the revised job description and position for the .50 FTE Community Service/.50 FTE Measure B Bond Accounts Payable Technician to the October 18 special meeting, to give staff time to clarify the job title and process once the position comes to an end by a 7-0 vote.

Educational Service

3.4-C Out-of-State Field Trip for San Leandro High School's Distributive Education Clubs of American (DECA)

Staff confirmed for Mrs. Hague that a credentialed staff member would be chaperoning this trip.

On a motion made by Mrs. Hague, and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board approved the out-of-state field trip for San Leandro High School's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) by a 7-0 vote.

3.5-C Memorandum of Understanding between San Leandro Unified School District and the California Partnership for Achieving Students Success (Cal-Pass)

Mr. Katz asked if this program tracked students once they leave our District, and if it was separate from the plan currently being developed by the state.

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Cindy Cathey stated that this project does not address the tracking of students and the dropout rate, adding that while it is separate from the state program that is currently being developed, it is a state funded program that tracks groups of students, not individuals, as they transition through a variety of systems through this network, and allows access to a lot of important information that the District was not able to receive in the past.

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between San Leandro Unified School District and the California Partnership for Achieving Students Success (Cal-Pass) by a 7-0 vote.

Business Operations

4.4-C Keygent Contract for RecoveryMax Benefit Eligibility Review

Mr. Katz stated that while #8 of the contract under Handling of Data and Other Confidential Information states that Kegent “*will protect and safeguard from any oral and written disclosure all confidential information...*” he would like some active measures taken specifically related to the use of encryption or some other tools to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of employee data that leaves the District included in the contract.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Chin-Bendib explained that she had worked with this company before and they provided two options: Option 1 would provide a special I.D. and Option 2, a person would come to the District, export the data to his computer, and store it in a safe locked area with a password and key needed to access the information.

In response to Mr. Cassidy, Ms. Chin-Bendib clarified that payment for the services are funded through the General Fund, and the District will reconcile with Keygent to identify cost savings.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cutter to approve the contract with the stipulation that an addendum would be attached clarifying the details of security and encryption; however, the motion died.

After further discussion, the following alternate motion was made:

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mr. Cassidy, the Board tabled this item to either the October 18 special meeting, or to the regular November 6 Board meeting depending upon when the addendum clarifying the details of security and encryption was received by a 7-0 vote.

4.5-C Service Agreement for Paradigm Health Care Services

In light of pending legislation with regards to the elimination of school Medicaid reimbursements, Ms. Perry raised a concern regarding the cost benefits of this program, student eligibility, claim submittal process, percentage of students for fixed costs, and the additional (optional fee) for CRCS services which was not addressed

in the cover sheet. She felt that there needed to be additional clarifying information presented before action could be taken, and asked that this be tabled until the November 6 Board meeting.

With regards to being time sensitive, Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib indicated that while it would be more beneficial the sooner the District submitted the claims, this could be delayed until all the questions were addressed.

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board tabled the Service Agreement for Paradigm Health Care Services until the November 6, 2007, Board meeting by a 7-0 vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Educational Services

3.1-I Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

Business, Operations

4.1-I Miscellaneous Receipts
Miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$14,218,422.79 have been deposited in the Treasury of Alameda County.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Davis asked how the recently signed SB 614, allowing schools to do design build projects, would impact the District and if it was too late for the District to take advantage of this.

With the possibility of a new dog park in San Leandro, Mr. Davis asked what measures would be taken to be sure that dogs are not walking on the new Bancroft track, suggesting that there needed to be sign posted. Superintendent Lim indicated that City Manager John Jermanis would be facilitating this.

- Mrs. Cutter reported that she contacted three editors of San Leandro High School's *Cargo* and discussed how the publication has evolved over the years. Mrs. Cutter would like the Board to acknowledge staff advisor Linda Thurston for all of her work with this "award winning" publication. She asked and received consensus from the Board.
- Mr. Katz expressed his regret that the Board's discussion regarding SLTA President Jon Sherr's request that SLTA be given a standing time on the Board agenda had taken place in closed session and not in open session. He asked that this item be placed on the next Board agenda. In response, the Board shared their thoughts on whether the request fits within negotiations and should be discussed in open session or not, and whether it follows current policy and procedures regarding requests for agenda items. Trustee Perry noted that there was going to be a meeting next week between SLTA and the District and suggested the Board wait until the outcome of that meeting before moving ahead. She asked and received consensus from the Board.

Mr. Katz noted that currently Board Policy 4040, Employee Use of Technology states that "*If passwords are used, they must be known to the Superintendent or designee so that he/she may have system access.*" As a technology professional he felt that there wasn't any need for the Superintendent or designee to know employee passwords, which could possibly lead to employees not being able to access their accounts (noting that many employees have the same passwords to access multiple sites) as well as potential liability for the District. He asked and received consensus from the Board to have the Policy Committee review the existing Employee Use of Technology policy and the use of passwords.

October 20, from 8-9 p.m., San Francisco will be hosting their "San Francisco Lights Out" campaign, encouraging the community to turn off non-essential lighting to save energy and raise awareness of everyday power consumption. He encouraged the school District, members of the Board, and the community to join in this effort.

He attended the Healthy Communities meeting, where they discussed what makes schools successful. With regards to Mr. Cassidy's comments on academic performance in relation to poverty, it was noted that it can be offset in many cases by some of the developmental assets measured in the Healthy Kids Survey which shows that students who feel more connected to their community, school and teachers do better despite the higher level of poverty. He encouraged the Board members to think about how we can create a greater sense of community and make our schools the center of the community surrounding them.

- Mrs. Hague commended Food Services' staff for their "appealing, appetizing, and "healthy" presentation at the Bancroft Field ceremony, which was so well

received by students, staff and community members. She noted that it would be wonderful if Muir's field could be considered for upgrading.

- Mr. Cassidy requested a copy of the letter sent to the Fair Political Practice Commission, and asked for a copy of the Board expenses year-to-date from the General Fund.

He referred to an article in the New York Times, entitled "Failing Schools Strain to Meet U. S. Standard", which focuses on No Child Left Behind, and makes a prediction that by 2014 a massive number of California schools will be declared in need of restructuring. He would like to have either the Board or Advocacy Committee discuss advocating for its repeal and draft a resolution. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss, share views, and provide direction to the Advocacy Committee at a future meeting.

He would also like the Policy Committee to look at the District's hiring practices with regards to hiring particular positions, and felt that there should be system in place under policies. He asked but consensus was not received by the Board.

He also requested that the Policy Committee look into District's interaction with foundations, adding that CSBA has a sample policy. He asked and consensus was received from the Board.

He also asked for Board consensus to have the Superintendent develop a priority list on General Fund unrestricted expenditures used for travel/conferences during the school year. It was the consensus of the Board for the Superintendent to prepare such a list of expenditures and include it in the next *Confidentially Speaking*.

- Ms. Perry reported attending the Ability Faire at Madison Elementary School. She felt it would be wonderful if other schools had an opportunity (through assemblies, etc.) to experience this very effective program that raises awareness to sensitivities of student disabilities.

She attended the BTSA Advisory Council on October 3, reporting that the Council is beginning preparation for the upcoming state's three-day interviews this spring regarding BTSA programs in participating Districts.

Also on October 3, she, along with Trustee Katz and San Leandro High School teacher Ari Doldid, attended the Civic Education Awards at the Alameda County Office of Education. They made numerous connections with teachers throughout the area and various elected officials, noting that Emery Unified has a program very similar to the high school's Social Justice Academy.

On October 4 she attended the Even Start Advisory Council, noting the Adult School Even Start program, once again, met all of their goals.

She was very impressed with Washington Elementary School's Fall Festival around environmental awareness and felt that Morgan Mack-Rose should be commended for her efforts in coordinating this event. Mrs. Cutter felt it would be more appropriate if she was recognized at the school site. It was the consensus of the Board to recognize Morgan Mack-Rose at an upcoming Board meeting.

Ms. Perry updated the Board on Medical legislation and the impact to the District.

She reported that MACSELPA would be meeting on October 17. She also will be attending a training called, "Learn More California", offered by ACSA/CSBA that will focus on community engagement around school funding and reform.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

- Regular Meeting – November 6, 2007
- Regular Meeting – December 4, 2007
- Regular Meeting – December 13, 2007
- Regular Meeting – January 22, 2008
- Regular Meeting – February 5, 2008
- Regular Meeting – February 28, 2008 (placeholder)
- Regular Meeting – March 13, 2008
- Regular Meeting – April 1, 2008
- Regular Meeting – April 15, 2008
- Regular Meeting – May 6, 2008
- Regular Meeting – May 20, 2008
- Regular Meeting – June 3, 2008
- Regular Meeting – June 17, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board adjourned the meeting in memory of San Leandro High School student Gregory Ballard at 10:15 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Perry, Clerk