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

November 6, 2007

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on November 6, 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 (arrived at 6:02 pm)  
Ms. Linda Perry, Clerk  
Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Vice President (arrived at 6:12 pm)  
Mr. T.W. "Rick" Richards, President

**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 6:01 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 Liability Claims pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.9(b), 54956.8, and 54956.65. The closed session was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by the District's Lead Custodian Billy Campbell. President Richards said the Board had been in closed session and 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 November 6, 2007, by a 7-0 vote.

## **REPORTS**

Student Representatives' Reports – San Leandro High School representative Astrida Fernandes updated the Board on the activities at the high school.

The Thanksgiving Holiday Canned-Food Drive will be taking place through November 19. Donations will be brought to the Davis Street Community Center. Block 2 classes will be competing for a pizza party.

She thanked the Board members who were judges at the Homecoming rally. Unfortunately the Homecoming Dance was cancelled due to behavioral problems of some students; however, the King and Queen were crowned at the football game.

Friday Nights at the Art, featuring a "Poetry Slam", will be held on November 9 in M1. Tryouts for the talent show and cabaret were last week.

The women's volleyball team will be playing their last home game this Thursday against O'Dowd. They have a good possibility of advancing to the NCS. Soccer and basketball tryouts are this week.

The Fall Festival will be November 16 during lunch where clubs and organizations will be selling food to raise money for their clubs.

The San Leandro High School Cheer and Dance program will be hosting the first annual Fall Fest-Classic Car and Rod Show on November 17, 10-4 p.m. The school clubs and organization will also be available for those interested.

Thursday, November 8, at 3:30 p.m. in the Quad, there will be memorial for Nancy Cutter, a classified District employee for 30-years, who recently retired.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- \* The Board viewed a video presentation from the Alameda County Teacher of the Year 2007-2008 Celebration honoring San Leandro Unified School District's Teacher of the Year Chuck Leming.
- \* Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Morgan Mack-Rose for demonstrating leadership and serving as a liaison between San Leandro Unified School District and the City of San Leandro where the collaboration led to a very successful community festival, promoting environmental awareness and learning for families, at Washington Elementary School.
- \* Certificate of Commendation was presented to Linda Thurston, advisor to the San Leandro High School award-winning student newspaper, *The Cargo*, which has received two prestigious awards including Special Merit for all-around achievement. *The Cargo* will be celebrating their 71st anniversary this year at San Leandro High School.
- \* Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Michael Murphy, Director of Measure B and Bond Projects jointly presented an update of the current financial status of the Measure B program.

As a review, Mr. Murphy shared the August 1, 2006, conceptual cost estimates summarizing potential modernization projects such as replacing roofs, renovating and upgrade bathrooms and the industrial arts building, to name a few, and potential new construction scopes for a freshman campus, Arts Education Center, PG&E parking lot purchase, high school library expansion, Bancroft Middle School site expansion for parking, and the high school open space improvements and hardscaping totaling \$109 million, the amount of the Measure B bond which was approved by the voters in November 2006.

Ms. Chin-Bendib walked the Board through the 2006-2007 Measure B reconciliation report detailing the total expenditures and budget adjustments for renovations, upgrades, and new construction by school sites and projects as of June 30, 2007. Construction cost comparisons, comparisons of original assumptions to actual scope on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus, and the current financial status summary for Measure B were also shared.

It was explained that while the original plans for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus have not changed significantly, the cost estimates had increased \$54 per square foot more than what was originally projected. In addition, the added 100 seats in the Arts Education Center had put the budget over \$5 million. Despite this development, staff remained confident that the District would receive the \$11.45 million in state grant funds which is almost imperative to cover the cost of the current plans.

Despite clarification of their questions and concerns, the Board remained cautious. They were worried about going too far with the design and planning and not being able to complete the projects. They wanted to know that if the money from the grants didn't come through, was there a Plan B.

Unfortunately, Ms. Chin-Bendib and Mr. Murphy admitted that there was not a plan B; however, they felt that the District had a good chance to receive the \$11.45 million in grants, adding that the 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus was placed on an accelerated design schedule in order to be eligible to attain more funding. Ms. Chin-Bendib did indicate that an eligibility study could be conducted to see if the District is eligible to apply for further funding.

Two last comments from the Board came from Mr. Cassidy who suggested using a format similar to the monthly updates that were used for Measure A when updating the Board, staff, and community on Measure B. Ms. Perry felt that as a way of ensuring that the District remained on target, it was important that the Facilities and Technology Committee meet regularly in order to stay on top of possible alternate funding proposals and timeline decisions based on cash-flow issues.

Superintendent Lim noted that Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib and she had been in contact with the City Manager regarding the project enhancements such as positioning the gym on E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street which will provide the District access to City redevelopment money. An update on City/District project enhancements will be discussed at the City/District Liaison Committee meeting agenda November 7.

- \* Jackie Vu Bassman, WLC Architects, Bill Harris, Harris Design Landscape Architects, and San Leandro High School Principal Amy Furtado provided the Board with a presentation on the "*Design Development*" for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus that included the site plans, floor plans, and exterior elevations. Critical to meet the compressed schedule for state grant application deadline, Board action is required in order to move forward with the next design phase.

Principal Furtado reminded the Board of the process up to this point, noting that as a result of feedback received by the Steering Committee from the Board, staff, and community, a comprehensive design that is smart, effective, and efficient for the students had been created.

Ms. Bassman stated that while the schematic design phase illustrated the design concept of what the buildings would look like etc., the design development phase was a refined design that incorporates the building systems, such as structural, mechanical, and electrical into the

drawings to be sure that they meet all the codes and local agency requirements, and illustrate furniture placement, selecting materials, and possible landscaping. Three new developments in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus design included widening the street by six feet and adding a light at the intersection of East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 138<sup>th</sup> to improve traffic flow during drop-off times, and moving the elective arts classroom to the back of the building on the first floor where there will be more natural light and a patio where students may sit to paint or draw.

Mr. Harris, Harris Design Landscape Architects, proposed site plan features and spaces included a courtyard by the student drop off area, outdoor lunch area, two full and two half basketball courts, turf area, and a tiered step concrete amphitheatre, shade trees and raised planters which could be used for an outdoor class, as well as additional seating area for students. In addition there could be a row of redwood trees that could create a buffer between the campus and the neighborhood shopping center, a small parking area that will accommodate visitors and handicapped parking, and an entrance plaza going to the front door of the building, noting that the landscaping could be kept relatively simple with some low basic shrubbery at the base of the building.

Mr. Harris explained he was recommending a natural “green approach” for filtering water runoff rather than an engineered mechanical approach. Using illustrations from Mount Tabor Middle School Raingarden in Portland, Oregon, and UC Berkeley as examples, he touched upon the proposed “green initiative” storm drainage system that uses bioswales and bio retention basin, which allows water to gently flow through a grassy depressed, low lying area (swale) and as it flows through the swale, the vegetation filters out the sediments and water sinks to the ground, with excess being collected in the storm drain. The bio retention basin would provide an opportunity for the students to learn about plants, animals, hydrology, soil and engineering.

He pointed out that not only would the District receive Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) points, the proposed system would require very little maintenance and would be less expensive than the mechanical approach.

For the most part, the Board appreciated the “return to nature” concept and that the landscaping design would enhance the image of the site, but some Board members were not convinced. Ms. Perry feared that students might be tempted to pick up globs of mud and walk into the retention basin, with Mrs. Hague wondering if the proposed water system design might become a swampy, beaten down area.

With regards to additional concerns and suggestions raised by the

Board, staff provided the following explanations:

- While the City did not feel it was necessary to expand the sidewalk on Bancroft, staff indicated that they could look into the impact of expanding it to 10 feet.
- The bicycles racks would accommodate a minimum of 80 students plus an additional 10 for staff, adding that the front portion of the PG&E lot would be designated for 9<sup>th</sup> grade staff and teachers.
- The turf area near the basketball courts would not be large enough for formal sports, such as soccer; however, it could be used for dynamic stretching, and a possible partial teaching station.
- Ms. Bassman, WLC Architects, noted that an atrium displaying college flags to inspire students to aim for high academic success could be considered as part of the design since the height of the lobby area was approximately two stories and would accommodate such a display very nicely.

The Board thanked staff for their work, adding that it was a beautiful design.

### Facilities and Construction

#### 5.1-A Design Development Phase of the New 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board approved the design development phase including site plan, floor plan, and elevations for the new 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus by a 6-1 vote. Trustee Perry voting no, explaining that it was because of landscaping issues.

The Board took a break at 9:11 p.m. and returned at 9:16.

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Prior to each public hearing President Richards read the following legal requirements and process:

*“Pursuant to Board Policies 4143.1 and 4143.2 and Government Code Section 3547, all initial bargaining proposals relating to matters within the scope of the representation must be presented at a public meeting of the Governing Board and the public must be provided with an opportunity to express itself regarding the proposals. Copies of the initial proposals exchanged by the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the San Leandro Unified School District are available in the Human Resources office. These documents are public records. Members of the public will be invited to express their views on each of the initial proposals.*

1. A public hearing was held concerning the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 Initial Proposal to the San Leandro Unified School District.

- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board opened the public hearing concerning the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 Initial Proposal to the San Leandro Unified School District by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board closed the public hearing concerning the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 Initial Proposal to the San Leandro Unified School District by a 7-0 vote.

2. A public hearing was held concerning the San Leandro Unified School District initial proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94.

- On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board opened the public hearing concerning the San Leandro Unified School District initial proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

- On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board closed the public hearing concerning the San Leandro Unified School District initial proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 by a 7-0 vote.

## **REPORTS**

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Perry reported receipt of the following emails between October 17-November 6, 2007: from Jon Sheer regarding the

latest bargaining information; from Vicki Woolworth regarding the block schedule at San Leandro High School.

- 2) Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Lim reported that eight members of the San Leandro Leadership team will be sharing the District's five-year journey on equity at the statewide ACSA conference on Thursday, November 8 as well as at the Ed Trust Foundation conference in San Francisco on February 25 and 26.

She reported that Will Walker's second session of P.A.S.S. was very successful. On November 27, he will be returning for Session III with the P.A.S.S. parents, as well as the Superintendent's Parent Leaders Council.

The plans are well on their way for the Veterans' Parade on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Representing San Leandro Unified on the truck will be Board members, San Leandro High School Vice Principal Mike Hassett, Jim Davis, Billy Campbell (who will be driving the truck), and her. Details will follow.

- 3) Board Committee Reports

- Curriculum – Mrs. Hague reported that the committee met on November 1, and was bringing forward the Prentice Hall Pre-Algebra textbook for 8<sup>th</sup> grade pre-algebra course for Board action tonight.

The committee continued looking at expanding foreign language at the high school, including the process for introducing a new language course, student interest, staffing options, what language, and impact to the foreign language department.

The new PE requirements and the impact to students was also discussed, noting that staff has been working diligently to get updated information from the state in light of the fact that this is a mandated requirement this year.

The committee will be bringing information to the Board on the block schedule evaluation criteria and timeline in January 2008. Their next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for November 26, 5:15 p.m.

- Facilities/Technology – Mr. Davis reported that the committee met on November 1 and discussed the Local Area Network (LAN) Services Agreement and service contract for Jim Foster which is being brought forward for action tonight. They heard a presentation on signage for the Chabot classes at the Adult Education facility and discussed the signage for the Jefferson Elementary School, noting that while the original letters were located, it was decided to put new letters on the front of the building, and possibly hang the original letters on the back

of the building.

They received information and discussed solar options ranging from the installation of photovoltaic systems by a contractor to entering into a third party lease option where they place their equipment on District property.

They reviewed several contracts including the one for the Arts Education Center (AEC) which will come back to the committee with further information and one for Bancroft Modernization which is on tonight's agenda for approval. Staff was requested to provide a binder for the committee with all the master contracts. There was also a discussion on a request for three portables at Washington and McKinley Elementary Schools.

- Finance - Mr. Richards reported that the committee met on October 29 and reviewed the following items which are being brought forward tonight for approval: Developer Fees Justification Study with SchoolWorks, Inc.; Contract Services with Tax Deferred Services, Inc. (TDS) for 403(b) Plans, School Facility Consultants, and Medi-Cal Billing Contract, and legal contract services with Meyers Nave, Miller Brown & Dannis, Thurbon & McHaney, Littler Mendelson, McArthur & Levin, and Ruiz & Sperow.
- Student Board Member Ad Hoc – Ms. Perry reported that the committee met on October 18 and the committee's recommendation will be discussed tonight under Conference Item 2.1-CF.

#### 4) Board Representatives' Reports

- Eden Area Regional Occupational Program – Mr. Richards reported that the Council met on November 1 and reviewed the Computer Electronics/Computer Maintenance course. ROP policies were reviewed and updated. Legislation that could affect the ROP was discussed, and the Council recognized "Students of the Month" for November. He noted that ROP received notification from California State Superintendent of Public Education Jack O'Connell that they received the ROP Model Programs and Practices designation for the 2007-2009 school years.
- Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area – Ms. Perry reported that the committee updated the budget, and discussed the impact of SCHIP on Section 606 for Special Education Programs at their October 17 meeting. She said that the SELPA has a new tri-fold pamphlet that describes the program and includes contact information. She will put one in each of the Board members' boxes.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Katz requested that Consent Items 3.2-C, Request to Discard Library Books that are Obsolete, Damage or in Poor Condition at Wilson Elementary School, 4.5-C, Contract Services with Tax Deferred Services, Inc. (TDS) for 403(b) Plans, and 4.12-C, Contract Services with LAN Service Group – Work Order System be pulled.

### General Services

- 1.1-C        Approval of Board Minutes – August 14, 2007
- 1.2-C        Approve of Board Minutes – October 2, 2007
- 1.3-C        Approve of Board Minutes – October 8, 2007
- 1.4-C        Resolution #07-46 Board Member Compensation

### Human Resources

- 2.1-C        Acceptance of Personnel Report

### Educational Services

- 3.1-C        Acceptance of Donations
- 3.4-C        Out-of-State Field Trip for San Leandro High School’s Varsity Cheer and Dance Program
- 3.5-C        Prentice Hall Pre-Algebra Textbook for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Algebra Course
- 3.6-C        Supplemental Services Contract Between San Leandro Unified School District and Professional Tutors of American Inc., to Provide Supplemental Educational Services
- 3.7-C        Request to Discard Library Books that are Obsolete, Damage or in Poor Condition at McKinley Elementary School
- 3.8-C        Non-Public School Contracts
- 3.9-C        Supplemental Services Contract Between San Leandro Unified School District and A & E Avila Enterprises, Inc. DBS The Learning Curve

## Business, Operations

- 4.1-C Intra-Budget Transfers for June, July, and August 2007
- 4.2-C Developer Fee Justification Study with SchoolWorks, Inc.
- 4.3-C Service Agreement with San Joaquin County Office of Education for Medi-Cal Billing Services
- 4.4-C Service Agreement with Contra Costa County Office of Education and Northern California Administrative Services Joint Powers Authority (NMAS-JPA) for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)
- 4.6-C Contract Services with Meyers Nave for the 2007-2008 School Year
- 4.7-C Contract Services with Miller Brown & Dannis for Measure A Legal Services for the 2007-2008 School Year
- 4.8-C Contract Services with Thurbon & McHaney, L.P. for Student Services for the 2007-2008 School Year
- 4.9-C Contract Services with Littler Mendelson, P.C. for Negotiations for the 2007-2008 School Year
- 4.10-C Contract Services with McArthur & Levin, LLP for Special Education Legal Services for the 2007-2008 School Year
- 4.11-C Contract Services with Ruiz & Sperow, LLP for the 2007-2008 School Year
- 4.13-C Contract Services for Network Administrator – James Foster

## Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C School Facility Consultants Contract for Services
- 5.2-C Contract Services with AEDIS for Bancroft Modernization
- 5.3-C Notice of Completion for the Port of Oakland Window Replacements at Garfield, Monroe, Wilson Elementary Schools and John Muir Middle School
- 5.4-C Notice of Completion for Madison Elementary School and the Instructional Materials Center( IMC)

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

### Educational Services

#### 3.2-C Request to Discard Library Books that are Obsolete, Damage or in Poor Condition at Wilson Elementary School

Mr. Katz wanted to know what happens to the discarded books. Assistant Superintendent Cindy Cathey explained that once the request is approved and depending on the type of books, the books are offered to students and teachers. The District may also make them available to nonprofit organizations within a window of time, adding that anything left can be donated or discarded.

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the request for Wilson Elementary School to discard library books that obsolete, damaged or in poor condition by a 7-0 vote.

### Business Operations

#### 4.5-C Contract Services with Tax Deferred Services, Inc. (TDS) for 403(b) Plans

In response to Mr. Katz's concern regarding the use of encryption to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of employee data that leaves the District, Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib confirmed that the contract had been revised to include encryption.

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the contract services with Tax Deferred Services, Inc. (TDS) for 403(b) Plans by a 7-0 vote.

#### 4.12-C Contract Services with LAN Service Group (LSG) – Work Order System

Mr. Katz was interested in if the work order system offered by LAN Service was a custom application created specifically for the District and a limited number of other districts or was it an "off the shelf" software application.

Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib explained that several years ago LSG modified an online work order system that they originally created for another district; however, the system did not include a complete package of their services. With the new contract LSG will provide a support contract to upgrade, update, host, and

maintain our existing work order system. Ms. Chin-Bendib felt that because many districts in Alameda and Contra Costa County are served by LSG, the District would not be at risk of losing services.

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board approved the contract services with LAN Service Group – Work Order System by a 7-0 vote.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Human Resources

2.1-A California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 Initial Proposal to the San Leandro Unified School District

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board acknowledged receipt of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 Initial Proposal to the San Leandro Unified School District by a 7-0 vote.

2.2-A San Leandro Unified School District Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board acknowledged receipt of the San Leandro Unified School District Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #94 by a 7-0 vote.

## **CONFERENCE ITEMS**

### General Services

1.1-CF Nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly

The Board discussed and considered nominating interested candidates for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly for the 2008-2010 term.

Ms. Perry, delegate representative, explained that while her term was not currently up, a board could nominate as many individuals it chooses, noting that Fremont and Oakland Unified have two representatives due to the size of their districts.

Because there were not any Board members interested in being nominated at this time, no action was taken.

2.1-CF Adding Student Board Member

The Board discussed and considered adding a student board member.

Ms. Perry reminded the Board that at the direction of the Board in June, the committee gathered further information and worked with the Director of Student Activities Nancy Boissevain and Rachel Whyte, Student Representative to the Board, to assess student interest and interview potential student candidates; however, at that time, Ms. Boissevain did not find a suitable candidate. This fall Ms. Boissevain has identified a student she feels qualifies to serve as a Student Board Member and the committee is returning with a recommendation that the Board discuss and possibly approve a Student Board Member pilot program from January 1-June 30, 2008.

Mrs. Cutter felt ambivalent. While she liked the idea of student participation, she was concerned about the length of the Board meetings, orientation, and the seating logistics, with Mr. Davis adding that he was concerned about consistently finding qualified students each year, and asked if the committee had spoken with other districts with student representatives.

Ms. Perry said that all but San Leandro, Pleasanton, and San Lorenzo have student representatives. She explained that while each district has various configurations depending on how they are structured, students are typically either elected by the Associated Student Body (ASB) in the spring with other ASB officers and/or recommended by the Student Activities Director, adding that votes are advisory, the student shares his/her opinions on an issue, then the Board takes action. She also noted that members of the Board are very cognizant of the students' time and school commitments such as homework and finals, for example.

Mr. Richards shared that at one point San Lorenzo Unified had a student board representative, but because of the fluctuation of successes year to year, they no longer have one, adding that we need to consider the additional logistics placed on staff with the addition of a student member.

Mr. Katz had great confidence in the ability of the student to handle these meetings and felt the student voice would be a valuable contribution, with Mr. Cassidy stating that it was time to move forward with this innovative proposal.

Following the discussion, Superintendent Lim suggested that because District staff is off duty most of December and we are

already halfway into November, that Board consider amending the commencement of this pilot program to the second semester, February 1, with their first meeting being February 5 which would give staff ample time to schedule orientation and training for the representative.

On a motion made by Mr. Cassidy and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board approved the Student Board Member pilot program, amending the proposed commencement day to the second semester, February 1-June 30, 2007, by a 7-0 vote.

## Facilities and Construction

### 5.1-CF Additional Services Authorization with WLC Architects for Investigation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems at the Ninth Grade Campus

The Board discussed and considered approving additional Services Authorization with WLC Architects for Investigation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems at the Ninth Grade Campus.

Superintendent Lim prefaced the discussion by reiterating that the Facilities/Technology Committee had heard a presentation from WLC regarding the use of solar power and at the September 18, 2007, Board meeting staff was instructed to request a proposal from WLC for additional services to investigate the use of solar photovoltaic systems for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus to make a determination of the long term cost effectiveness of installing solar as a source of energy for the Ninth Grade Campus. The proposal which includes comparisons between owner purchased and third party purchased equipment including the effects of the incentives, which vary depending on the option selected and the availability of incentive funds was discussed at the November 1, 2007, Facilities and Technology Committee meeting. In addition staff estimates that an additional 104 hours will be needed from six staff members and two Harris and Associates employees to embark on this task.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cassidy to approve the proposal; however, while the Board was excited about the possibility of a solar powered Ninth Grade Campus, noting that through a unique partnership with Chevron Energy Solutions and Bank of America to establish the largest solar power and energy-efficient facilities program in K-12 education in the United States, San Jose Unified could expect a twenty-five percent reduction in their utility power, they remained very cautious about spending money that was not readily available, and entering into a contract for something that might not be viable or become a reality for the

District. A few members expressed their concerns and ask staff for their opinion.

Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib admitted that at this time there wasn't any money in Measure B for solar systems and because of negotiations, 1<sup>st</sup> Interim, and audit reports, and the short timeline to complete this proposal, any additional commitments at this time would impact staffs' time tremendously. In addition, Director of Bond and Measure B Projects Mike Murphy indicated that it would take up to three weeks to receive the analysis and despite obtaining possible incentives, the cost to install such a system would be close to \$1 million.

Following the discussion, Trustee Davis withdrew his motion and asked and received consensus that this be referred back to the Facilities/Technology committee to discuss and further define the scope of services.

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

- Mrs. Hague reported attending the Homecoming football game, along with four other Board members, adding that it would be wonderful if more could attend next year to show their support.
- Mr. Cassidy requested that there be a presentation or discussion around the placement of the Arts Education Center, giving the Board an opportunity to comment and have their comments considered prior to the time the Board is asked to approve the Design Development phase. He asked and received consensus from the Board.

He received an email from Tom Silva who was part of the City of San Leandro delegation that traveled to Yangchun in the Guangdong Province of China, as part of the City's Friendship City affiliation with the city officials in Yangchun. Mr. Silva mentioned that an interpreter/teacher in Yangchun was interested in developing a student "pen-pal" exchange through emails. Mr. Cassidy said that he had passed the email onto the Superintendent and if the District was interested to let Mr. Silva know by Friday afternoon. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Superintendent inquire with principals to see if there is student interest.

He received an email from a realtor, Terry Martinez, on behalf of her real estate company, offering to renovate the snack bar at Burrell Field. He asked and

received consensus from the Board to have the Superintendent discuss the proposal with Ms. Martinez.

Mr. Cassidy recently read an article regarding NCLB, stating that the reauthorization effort for this calendar year appears to be dead in Congress and will most likely not be taken up until next year.

He would like to see the Policy Committee or Board discuss the concept of electronic agenda packets. President Richards noted that the Superintendent had indicated that this would be discussed at the special Board meeting on November 19, 5:30 p.m., as part of her goals.

With the upcoming election of Board officers, Mr. Cassidy felt that anyone who will be potentially running for an election and involved in an election campaign next year should consider not serving as Board president due to the demands placed on a candidate. He shared that he would not be seeking the position of Board President for next year, and indicated he had not decided whether or not he would be running for office.

- Ms. Perry thanked staff for pulling the medical billing for Special Education and appreciated Katherine Piccus, Director of Special Services, and staff for pursuing other options that will benefit our District and were approved tonight. She announced that the Policy Committee would be meeting on November 26 at 6 p.m.

She noted that the CSBA Annual Education Conference will be in San Diego from November 29 through December 1, adding that due to the constraints on the travel and conference budget, she would rely on the consensus of the Board whether or not to attend. It was the consensus of the Board to send Trustee Perry, Alameda County Delegate to CSBA, to the Delegate assembly.

She attended and was trained on the *Learn More California* campaign and has forwarded the information which included various materials around school finance, to the Superintendent. She congratulated Trustee Katz and his team for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Trivia Bee which supports literacy.

She attended the Roosevelt Fall Festival and their Hornet's Hustle on Halloween Day where students participated in singing, American Sign Language, and dancing to various songs, adding that she would like to see this marvelous program expanded to other schools.

Ms. Perry also attended Garfield's Halloween carnival and Wilson and Jefferson's parade. She commended all the principals for keeping the students safe at all of the school festivities. She was also present for the San Leandro High School's football teams', 15-14, win over Mount Eden with Mr. Davis interjecting that San Leandro High was rated twenty-five in the Bay Area for football.

- Mrs. Cutter asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of 2003 San Leandro High School graduate Kim Hoang, who was killed in a drunk-driving accident.
- Mr. Katz reported that with regards to electronic board packets, he had taken the initiative to scan the last Board packet, and would be willing to continue in this effort to make the same information available to the public that the Board receives, making the District more transparent to the community. For that reason, he supported the Student Board Member and SLTA presentations at Board meetings as a way of increasing the communication between those that we interact with to set policy and direction.

Mr. Richards reiterated that the Board would be completing the Superintendent's goals at the special Board meeting on November 19. He also reported that he had the privilege of emceeding the Washington Elementary School Halloween parade and had a wonderful time.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

- **Special Meeting – November 19, 5:30 pm**
- 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 Mrs. Hague, the Board adjourned the meeting in memory of Kim Hoang, San Leandro High School 2003 graduate at 10:35 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Perry, Clerk