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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

November 17, 2009

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on November 17, 2009, in the San Leandro City Council Chambers, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m., the Board went into closed session for Student Expulsions, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – significant exposure to litigation, Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Property(ies), Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation [2 cases], and Tort Claim pursuant to Education Code Section 35146 and 48918(c), Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.(b), 54956.8, 54956.9, and 54956. The closed session was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:18 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe said the Board had been in closed session where the following action was taken:

- On a motion made by Trustee Almonte and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board rejected Tort Liability Claim #424417 by a 7-0 vote.
- On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board approved settlement S01 by a 7-0 vote.
- On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved settlement S02 by a 7-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of November 17, 2009, by a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Commission Report: Juan Manuel Martinez, San Leandro Unified School District representative, reported that the Commission will be looking into complaints of excess watering at McCartney Park. In response to Trustee Mack-Rose regarding WW funds, Mr. Martinez reported that two meetings were held on November 7 and November 10, where the community was given an opportunity to give input on how the money should be spent. Mr. Martinez brought a copy of the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Program WW Eligible Projects report and asked that copies be made for the Board. He also reported that the City is planning on applying for Proposition 94 state funding for park renovation; unfortunately, Burrell Field doesn't meet the criteria.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mark Montoya appreciated Trustee Katz-Lacabe for attending a recent Jefferson Elementary School PTA meeting, urging the other members to take the time and visit the campus. Mr. Montoya reported that a group of community members are actively preparing a petition to start the recall process, and that the offices of Senator Ellen Corbett and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi are being kept informed on the progress.
2. Laurie Appling, San Leandro High School teacher and English Learner coach, addressed the Board regarding her concern for the lack of guidance

provided by the District's leadership in the last two years and its affect on the ELD programs for the English learners.

3. Janita Lopez, on behalf of the Wilson PTA and School Site Council (SCC), addressed the Board regarding the need to hire para educators and the need to fence in the Wilson Elementary School campus. Ms. Lopez asked that the Board support their efforts "in providing responsible leadership, protecting the District's employees, and providing the children with a world-class education."
4. William Dixon, District parent and San Leandro High School teacher, addressed the Board regarding the District's leadership. As a parent Mr. Dixon questioned the District's support for our students and urged the Board to listen to the teachers, and parents who serve the community, and the students of San Leandro.
5. Stephanie Stacey, Jefferson PTA and School Site Council, urged the Board to focus on bigger issues such as the budget and the elimination of District programs rather than trying to replace the current Superintendent.
6. Thomas Morse, District teacher, addressed the Board in support of his fellow colleagues and how proud he has been to teach in this diverse community; however, he felt it was time the Board examined the leadership, asking when is the District leadership going "to let teachers be part of the decision-making process, and show the teachers that they are appreciated and they're part of the team."
7. Hendy Huang provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation depicting the growth in API scores since the Superintendent came to the District and highlighting the percentage of San Leandro teachers living in the City, reporting that of the 486 full and part-time members of the teachers' union, 104 or 21% are San Leandro residents, and 382 or 78.6% are non-residents. President Katz-Lacabe reminded Mr. Huang that he had reached the end of his three-minutes; however, the next speaker, Carmen West-Jefferson, waived her time so that Mr. Huang could continue.

Mr. Huang then shared a chart illustrating the voting records of Trustees Mack-Rose, Katz-Lacabe, and Almonte, stating that compared to the total votes of San Leandro residents, they received less than one percent of the votes from teachers who reside in the city. To stress his point on why they ran for the Board, Mr. Huang read an excerpt from a communication that was sent from Paris on August 2 from SLTA Executive Board member Dan Martin advocating for action to be taken by the SLTA, stating, "The SLTA Executive Board needs you to ***immediately email*** Trustees Morgan Mack-Rose and Hermy Almonte urging them to do what they were elected to do, and that was to bring Superintendent Lim's term in San Leandro to an end." President Katz-Lacabe thanked Mr. Huang before his time was up.

Following the comments and presentation from Mr. Huang, President Katz-Lacabe explained that while Mr. Huang was permitted to provide slides along with his comments, he would give the same consideration to Carol Delton; however it was not a custom for the Board to allow these types of presentations to accompany public comments.

8. Dan Martin, District teacher and parent, addressed the Board in support of a change in the District leadership, sharing his perspective and some personal experiences with regards to what is occurring at the schools.
9. Tim Holmes, parent and local business owner, addressed the Board in support of a change in leadership, stating that while change can be disruptive it can also be necessary, and San Leandro needs better than our current Superintendent. Mr. Holmes offered his support for Trustee Mack-Rose, Katz-Lacabe, and Almonte. Mr. Holmes also submitted comments on behalf of retired District employee Mary Beth Barloga.
10. Carol Delton, San Leandro District teacher, with the aid of three PowerPoint slides, addressed the Board regarding long-term trends in District expenditures. Ms. Delton highlighted concerns with regards to increased non-personnel and professional consulting services and operating expenditures trends, stating the District needs leadership that will turn the will of the Board and community towards prioritizing direct services and support of District students into a reality.
11. Rich Fishbaugh, District teacher, spoke against the verbal abuse, threats and attacks being made towards the Board of Trustees. He urged the Board to look at the leadership of the District.
12. Grisel Lan, along with several Latino parents, spoke, through translator Cristina Sosa, in support of Superintendent Lim's efforts to empower Latinos in the District. Following her comments, the group chanted "Si se puede! (Yes, we can!)", as they left the podium.
13. Tim Felton, a Roosevelt parent, expressed how, under the Superintendent's leadership, unimpressed he has been with District programs and the time consuming task that is placed on the teachers with regards to assessments. He voiced his support of the Board, and trusted the Board to gather the facts and make objective decisions. In addition, he found comments made from the public accusing the Board of vile threats of "racism" offensive, particularly when the Board members are not permitted to defend themselves.
14. Alton Jefferson addressed the Board regarding the comments made and the disrespect shown by SLTA towards the District and parents, and the lack of leadership demonstrated by the Board.

15. Juan Gonzalez addressed the Board regarding the leadership of the District, stating the in his mind the most important aspect of leadership is transparency, adding that the Board should be fully informed and not have doubts about what is happening in the District. He encouraged the Board to think about the criteria before making any decisions.
16. Gregory Daniel addressed the Board on the comments that have been made, particularly those focusing on racism, stating that the issue is not all about race, it's about the equity work, and accountability, adding that the Superintendent is not perfect; however, the Board needs to ask "Are we better off right now than we were before Ms. Lim got here?". Mr. Daniel also commented that while Trustee Mack-Rose felt the API number 700 was not 800; Mr. Daniel remarked that, "700 is better than 547 and 700 is closer to 800 than 547 is."

PRESENTATIONS

* In October, the District was informed that it has been identified as a Program Improvement (PI) Year 1 District under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Assistant Superintendent, Cindy M. Cathey, Mike Walbridge, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Andrew Gordon, Coordinator of Categorical Programs provided detailed information regarding what it means to be a Program Improvement Year 1 District. As part of this identification, the District is required to use four self assessment tools developed by the California Department of Education:

- The District Assistance Survey (DAS)
- The Academic Program Survey (APS)
- The English Learner Subgroup Self Assessment (ELSSA)
- The Inventory of Services and Supports (ISS) for Students with Disabilities are based upon the nine Essential Program Components (EPCs) for Instructional Success.

The EPCs are incorporated into the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement and are the foundation of the APS and the DAS.

Together the four tools provide different perspectives on building a coherent instructional system for all students. Review of the tools and the results from the self assessments will be used to develop an improvement plan to be incorporated into the District's Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan.

All schools have been working tirelessly under an extremely tight deadline to revise their Single Plans for Student Achievement and align their plans to the new requirements of District Program Improvement. Ruben Aurelio, Principal at Jefferson Elementary, MaryAnn Valles,

Principal at Bancroft Middle School, and Linda Granger, Principal at San Leandro High School presented highlights of their School's Plan for Student Achievement. They explained the requirements, including how they customized their plan to meet the needs of their students and community.

This plan addendum must be approved by the Board of Education and submitted to the state by January 15, 2010. Next steps for seeking stakeholder input into the development of the LEA Plan Addendum were shared.

The Board appreciated the time and effort that went into this presentation, and thanked staff for educating them as the District goes forward.

In addition to asking clarifying questions focusing on funding issues, impact on master schedule, meeting graduation requirements, and CLAD certification for example, comments shared by the Board included:

- With limited resources and the amount of time sites are being asked to spend on this task, it is important to be explicit about what needs to be done and what doesn't necessarily have to be done
- Converting some instructional days to in-service days may be a resource to develop more time for staff development
- As we move forward there needs to be accountability to make sure things are being implemented and also a way to evaluate what is working and what is not working across the grade levels
- To increase attendance at the high school level, there needs to be a focus on what the driving force is behind students not attending school
- A page identifying the acronyms used needs to be included in each plan
- Impact of instructional minutes on staggered classes, enrichment classes, etc.

Following the presentation at 10:25 p.m, on a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board extended the meeting to 11:15 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

CONFERENCE ITEM

Educational Services

3.1-CF Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 School Year for Garfield, Jefferson, Madison, McKinley,

Monroe, Roosevelt, Washington, Wilson Elementary Schools,
Bancroft, Muir Middle Schools, San Leandro High School and
Lincoln Alternative High School

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 School Year for Garfield, Jefferson, Madison, McKinley, Monroe, Roosevelt, Washington, Wilson Elementary Schools, Bancroft, Muir Middle Schools, San Leandro High School and Lincoln Alternative High School by a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Cutter reported receipt of the following emails from November 3, 2009, through November 16, 2009: From Steve Craig regarding concerns regarding the elementary curriculum; from Bob Maginnis regarding support for Superintendent Lim; from Mark Hamilton regarding elementary forum “hot issues”; from Sheila Jordan regarding ACOE Newsletter and issues for the schools; from Audrey Brown regarding “Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing Loves SLHS”; from Stephen Cassidy, Richard Fishbaugh, and Jeni Engler regarding SL High Pool and use of Measure WW funds; from Antoinette Thomason regarding improve the high school pool; from Lynda Campfield regarding let the Superintendent’s contract expire; and from Benjamin Joseph Ingram regarding save the SL High swimming pool.
- 2) Student Board Member Report – Steven Mills, Student Board member updated the Board on activities at San Leandro High School:
 - Can Food Drive ends on November 18
 - The girls’ volleyball team made NCS; however they did not advance to the next level
 - Football is competing in NCS and will be up against Berkeley High on Saturday
 - “Great American Smoke Out” is this week. Peer Educators Against Tobacco have been conducting activities that demonstrate the hazards of smoking
 - The high school theatre group will be presenting their fall production of *Shakuntala* from November 18-21 in the cafeteria
- 3) Union Representative Reports
 - Jon Sherr, San Leandro Teachers’ Association (SLTA) President, addressed the Board on the following topics:
 - October 27 the SLTA met with elementary teachers to discuss issues that are directly related to elementary sites. A list of

issues was generated and Mr. Sherr will provide a copy to the Board. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, where their first priority will be to protect CSR at the current levels and continue the specialist program at the elementary sites.

- “One Warm Thing Drive” has distributed collection boxes at all of the sites and are asking folks to donate gloves, scarves, mittens, hats and caps. Donations will be delivered to the Davis Street Resource Center for distribution
- SLTA surveyed union members on Staff Development options to help guide the types of staff development they would like in the future. He will share the results with the Board and District management once the tallying has been completed
- He also alerted the Board to a concern raised with regards to a planned staff development scheduled on a staff furlough day at Muir Middle School and asked the Board to reschedule this event
- He expressed SLTA’s dissatisfaction with the current District leadership and lack of confidence in the Superintendent’s performance, adding that was the union’s firm belief that the students of San Leandro are being short-changed and there needs to be a change in leadership

- 4) Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Lim announced that Energy Recovery Incorporated and Davis Street Family Resource Center is sponsoring another 500 doses of the H1N1 vaccine beginning Wednesday, November 18, 2:30-7 p.m.; Thursday, November 19, 3:30 -7 p.m.; Friday, November 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, November 23, 3:30-7 p.m. and Tuesday, November 24, 3:30-7 p.m. (if doses left). The second dose of the vaccine is being offered to children six months to 9 years if they had their initial vaccination with us a few weeks ago. A teleparent message announcing the upcoming clinic was sent out District-wide and a notice is being posted at all the school sites and public areas.

The District Office had an Emergency Operations Training on roles and responsibilities in the event of a disaster. There is a master plan and calendar. Tomorrow, November 18, after lunch, we will have a Table Top Training. There will be two more trainings before the Disaster Plan is presented to the Board. There will be a simulated District-Wide Disaster Drill on January 14. Letters in English and Spanish have been sent to the school sites.

Superintendent Lim joined Roosevelt Elementary School for their Safe Routes to Schools kick-off and enjoyed a puppet show. San Leandro Mayor Tony Santos and Supervisor Alice Lai-Biker were also in attendance.

The Superintendent also asked the Board for direction tonight regarding the kindergarten program so that staff can proceed.

5) Board Committee Reports

- Facilities/Technology – Trustee Cutter reported that the committee met on November 5, and received a presentation from Andreas Cluver, Building and Construction Trades Council, on the Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA) grievance process and the role of the Joint Administrative Committee (JAC). The committee also discussed Zolman Construction & Development Change Order #1 for the San Leandro High School Arts Education Center Project, Sequoia Pacific Builders Contract Change Order #2 for the San Leandro High School Library Expansion Project, Amendment #6 Augmentation to Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical Engineering and Soils Investigation contract to provide additional testing and special inspection services for the 9th Grade Campus Project (Not related to PSA, Vista Environmental contract Amendment #2 for the Bancroft Heating and Roofing Project, and Vista Environmental Consulting contract for the San Leandro High School restroom, San Leandro High School Career Technical Education, John Muir Middle School heating and roofing, and Wilson Elementary heating and roofing projects, all of which were being brought forward for Board consideration tonight.

CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Prola asked that the following Consent items be pulled from the Consent Calendar:

- 3.1-C Acceptance of Donation
- 3.2-C Non-Public School Contracts
- 3.3-C Supplemental Education Services (SES) Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and A & E Avila Enterprises, Inc., DBA The Learning Curve to Provide Supplemental Educational Services to Eligible Students at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, and Wilson
- 3.4-C Supplemental Education Services (SES) Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and A+ Educational Centers to Provide Supplemental Educational Services to Eligible Students at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, and Wilson
- 3.5-C Supplemental Education Services (SES) Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and Professional Tutors of America Inc. to Provide Supplemental Educational Services at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, and Wilson

- 3.6-C Supplemental Education Services (SES) Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and Girls Incorporated of Alameda County to Provide Supplemental Educational Services to Eligible Wilson Students.

Trustee Sullivan requested that Consent Item 1.2-C, Contract Services with Hopkins & Carley, a Law Corporation for the 2009-2010 School Year pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Trustee Almonte requested that 5.4-C, Vista Environmental Contract Amendment #2 for the Bancroft Heating and Roofing Project be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

General Services

- 1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – October 20, 2009

Human Resources

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Educational Services

- 3.7-C Discard of Library Books that are Obsolete, Damaged or in Poor Condition at John Muir Middle School
- 3.8-C Memorandum of Understanding between Alameda County Office of Education, San Leandro Unified School District, and Falcon’s Nurturing Every Student Today (NEST) for John Muir Middle School
- 3.9-C Recommendation for Readmission from Expulsion for Student EOD*01-09/10

*EOD=Expelled from another school district

Business Operations

- 4.1-C Ratification of October 2009 Payroll
- 4.2-C Approval of Bill Warrants
- 4.3-C Intra-Budget Transfers for October 2009
- 4.4-C Resolution #09-56 to Declare Certain Equipment Surplus and/or Obsolete

Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Zolman Construction & Development, Inc. Contract Change Order #1 for the San Leandro High School Arts Education Center Project
- 5.2-C Sequoia Pacific Builders Contract change Order No. 2 for the San Leandro High School Library Expansion Project
- 5.3-C Amendment #6 Augmentation to Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical Engineering and Soils Investigation Contract to Provide Additional Testing and Special Inspection Services for the 9th Grade Campus Project (Not Related to PSA)
- 5.5-C Vista Environmental Consulting Contract for the San Leandro High School Restroom, San Leandro High School Career Technical Education, John Muir School Heating and Roofing, and Wilson Elementary Heating and Roofing Projects

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

General Services

- 1.2-C Contract Services with Hopkins & Carley, a Law Corporation for the 2009-2010 School Year

Trustee Sullivan asked for further clarification regarding

- Why the District was entering into a full school-year contract rather than a month or two long contract
- The cover page lists Mr. Noack's hourly fee at \$375; however, on the attached rate and charge schedule it lists it as \$440/hour,
- The address on the contract is the home address of the Board President and shouldn't it be the District address.

President Katz-Lacabe responded by stating that a standard contract is for one year, on an as needed basis, and doesn't obligate the District in any way. President Katz-Lacabe clarified that the actual hourly fee should be \$375 which is stated very clearly in the contract. With regards to the address on the contract, Trustee Katz-Lacabe explained that this is where the information was sent; however, Trustee Cutter added that in the past when the issue pertains to Board business, than the contact person is the Board

president.

Before proceeding with the vote, Trustee Sullivan asked that the motion reflect the change in the hourly rate on the fee schedule, and that the period of time for the contract be amended to October/November 2009, rather than the entire school year.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe said that amending the period of time for the contract would have no impact, and Trustee Hague noted that on page 2 of the contract is clearly states: *“Notwithstanding the attached Rate and Fee Schedule, H&AC agrees to invoice Client at the rate of \$375.00 per our for legal services provided by Richard M. Noack during the 2000-2010 school year.”*

After the clarification, Trustee Sullivan did not agree with the necessity of contracting with an additional law firm at such a high price and having a contract for the full school year.

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose the Board approved the agreement with Hopkins & Carley, a Law Corporation for the 2009-2010 school year by 6-0 vote. Trustee Sullivan voting no.

Educational Services

3.1-C Acceptance of Donations

Trustee Prola asked why Garfield Elementary refused the donation from the San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA) for crossing guard costs.

Superintendent Lim explained that Garfield has volunteers for crossing guards and that their SLTA representative was going to back to the Executive Board and discuss how Garfield would like them to spend the donation.

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

3.2-C Non-Public School Contract

3.3-C Supplemental Education Services (SES) Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and A & E Avila Enterprises, Inc., DBA The Learning Curve to Provide Supplemental Educational Services to Eligible Students at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, and Wilson

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For Consent Items 3.3-C-3.6-C, Trustee Prola asked why there were four different providers for what seems to be the same service. Assistant Superintendent Cindy Cathey explained that the District must provide supplemental services to our eligible families. School sites are given a list of state-approved providers and they can select whomever they want to.

Trustee Almonte also raised a question regarding Consent Item 3.4-C where the District is not listed as an additional insured. Assistant Superintendent Cathey stated that she has requested that company send a revised certificate of liability insurance.

It was also noted that Consent Items 3.2-C, Non-Public School Contract was pulled by mistake.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved Consent Items 3.2-C-3.6-C by a 7-0 vote.

Facilities and Construction

- 5.4-C Vista Environmental Contract Amendment #2 for the Bancroft Heating and Roofing Project

Trustee Almonte noted that the cover sheet indicated that “the District would be seeking damages from the General Contractor IMR because of the missed contract completion date,” and asked what type of damages this was referring to.

Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib clarified that, per the contract, the company will pay \$1,000 for each day past the agreed upon completion date, and as it stands thus far 87 days have passed since the agreed-upon completion date.

On a motion made by Trustee Almonte and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the Vista Environmental Contract

Amendment #2 for the Bancroft Heating and Roofing Project by a 7-0 vote.

General Services

1.1-CF California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Nominations

The Board discussed and considered nominating interested candidates to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly. CSBA Delegates serve two-year terms; beginning April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2012.

Responding to Trustee Prola, who was considering volunteering, Trustee Cutter explained that Delegates serve a two-year term and are required to attend two Delegate Assembly meetings each year, one in May prior to CSBA's Legislative Action Conference in Sacramento and one preceding the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade show in November/December. Trustee Cutter also explained that in accordance with CSBA Bylaws, CSBA does not pay travel expenses associated with Delegate Assembly meetings; however, District and county associations often cover or offer supplemental help with expense.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board nominated Trustee Prola as delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, serving a two-year term, beginning April 2010, through March 31, 2012 by a 7-0 vote.

Business Operations

4.1-I Miscellaneous Receipts

Miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$12,902,577.82 have been deposited in the Treasure of Alameda County.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Trustee Sullivan asked for consensus to have Food Services consider adding healthy alternatives such as fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers' markets deli choices, and spinach or mixed greens instead of iceberg lettuce to the school sites as a way of promoting healthy eating, and decreasing obesity. President Katz-Lacabe noted that Food Services would be providing a presentation at the next Board meeting, so he asked that the Board wait until after the presentation to consider this request.

Trustee Sullivan also asked for and received consensus to have the Special Education Department look at creating an on-line document directed to special education and resource families so that they can access this information on line with a link from our website. Trustee Sullivan indicated that another District provides this service and families have found it to be a very informative and helpful resource. Trustee Sullivan would also like to see the Special Education department craft a pamphlet similar to the high school "Parents' Survival Guide" that can be given to families at the beginning of the school year addressing frequently asked questions such as "What is an I.E.P.", etc. and where they can go to seek further information about Asperger Syndrome, autism, visual learning differences, etc. that will assist them. In addition to the MACSELPA meetings, Trustee Sullivan would like to see Special Education meetings scheduled more frequently to educate the families which would allow them to network with others and share their experiences with having a child with learning differences.

She thanked the community for speaking out and letting the Board where they stand.

- Trustee Almonte commented that he recently attended an orientation training for the "Seasons of Sharing" program through the Alameda County Social Services, and if the Board is aware of families with critical needs such as behind in rent, and need support, please send them to him, adding that you can pass on his email address and phone number.
- Trustee Hague thanked staff for their hard efforts in the presentation. She also noted that Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meetings need to be scheduled.
- Trustee Cutter echoed Trustee Hague's comments regarding budget, finance, and BAC.

She asked to poll the Board to be sure that there would a quorum at the December 1 Regular Board meeting.

Trustee Cutter reported that the City, along with AC Transit, is planning on designating a bus lane down the center of E. 14th Street, which would reduce lanes each way - ending at Georgia Avenue, picking up at Blossom Way and ending at Bayfair. She would like the Board to look into how this would impact to the schools.

- Trustee Prola commented that she was given a guided tour of the 9th Grade Campus and the Arts Education Center. She is looking forward to this Thursday when the Facilities and Technology Committee will be reviewing the nominations for naming the 9th Grade Campus.

- Trustee Mack-Rose asked and received consensus to have the Policy Committee explore adopting a rule of policy allowing each Board member to obtain copies of the digital recordings of past Board meetings at no charge.

Trustee Mack-Rose asked for and received consensus for the Curriculum Committee to look at a crafting a Resolution in support of participation in 2010 Decennial Census by dedicating one week in January 2010 for “Census in Schools Week,” which will help reinforce the importance of the District’s participation in the census.

Trustee Mack-Rose asked for consensus to have the Board direct the Kindergarten Task Force to address elimination of staggered reading, increase instructional time and support teachers with the kindergarten assessment requirements; however, the extended meeting time of 11:15 p.m. was reached.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

Special Meeting – November 19, 2009, DO

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

Having reached the extended time the Board meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk