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

December 2, 2008

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on December 2, 2008, 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 Ray Davis.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe  
Ms. Linda Perry  
Mr. T. W. "Rick" Richards  
Mrs. Pauline Cutter, Clerk  
Mrs. Lisa Hague, Vice President  
Mr. Ray Davis, President  
Flavia Coria, Student Board Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Stephen Cassidy

**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 6:01 p.m., the Board went into closed session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – significant exposure to litigation, Conference with Real Property Negotiator – Property(ies), Conference

with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and Tort Claim pursuant Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.9(b), 54956.8, 54956.9 and 54956. The closed session was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Davis said the Board had been in closed session and had taken the following action:

- On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Richards, the Board rejected liability claim #4104-08-00035-01-02 by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of December 2, 2008, by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

## **ACTION**

### General Services

#### 1.1-A Certification of Election

On a motion made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board approved to accept the Certification of the November 4, 2008, Election results as provided by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Following the certification outgoing Board members President Ray Davis and Trustees Linda Perry, T.W. “Rick” Richards, and Stephen Cassidy, who was unable to attend were recognized and honored. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, accompanied by Chris Parman, Chief of staff and Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, presented them with Certificates of Commendation. Senate Certificates of Commendation were presented by Jack Bastida, representing Senator Ellen Corbett.

The Superintendent and Vice-President Lisa Hague presented Board Resolutions containing highlights from each of their many years of services, thank you gifts,

and certificates, as each were instrumental in the passage and implementation of Measure B.

Trustee Linda Perry thanked everyone and spoke about coming full circle giving examples of the extensive work she has done on behalf of the schools and community, noting that she and Senator Ellen Corbett served on the City Council at the same time saying, "We crossed this threshold together."

Trustee Rick Richards also acknowledged his fellow Board members, the Superintendent and District staff. He thanked his wife Pam and presented her with a bouquet of flowers, acknowledging her friendship, love and support during his last eight years on the Board.

Trustee Ray Davis thanked those who have supported him over the last four years, especially the District staff, stating that "you are true professionals in your own right, and our District is much better because of what you do for our students each and every day."

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

- Billy Campbell, Teamsters' representative, thanked the outgoing Board members for giving him an opportunity to work with them toward the betterment of San Leandro schools.
- Pamela Richards said how proud she has been of her husband during his tenure as a Board trustee, adding that she has enjoyed getting to know Trustees Perry and Davis.
- Heidi Finberg thanked the Board for the partnerships between the City and District, adding that her son will be in the first 9<sup>th</sup> grade class that will be attending the new 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus.
- Councilmember Surlene Grant congratulated and thanked the outgoing Board members, especially Trustee Perry, for their years of service, and dedication to the San Leandro Unified School District.

#### **REPORTS**

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Cutter receipt of the following email on November 20, 2008, from Jill Raimondi regarding the TOD's effect on our schools.
- 2) Student Board Member Report – Flavia Coria, Student Board Member, updated that Board on the activities at San Leandro High School: The ASB Canned Food Drive for Davis Street has ended and a Toy Drive will

begin next Monday, December 8. The Lenny Williams Concert is Thursday, December 4 and the Winter Ball is Friday, December 5. Ms Flavia said that ASB and Key Club members volunteered at the Marina Community Center.

- 3) Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Lim commented on how proud she was of having the opportunity to working with this Board and wished the outgoing members well. She said that they have done an exemplary job and service to this community and District and have clearly helped to build and leave a legacy with the District, noting that she hoped to see them at the ribbon-cutting of the new 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus, where their names will be duly noted on the campus plaque.

Ms. Lim also announced that the two-page Measure B newsletter insert in the City News has been distributed.

3) Board Committee Reports

- Facilities/Technology – Mrs. Cutter reported that the committee met November 20 and that the committee discussed the Washington and McKinley Elementary School restrooms – Change Order #4 (final) to Chapot Construction, Washington and McKinley Elementary School restrooms – Notice of Completion, San Leandro High School Music Building – Change Order #1 to Western Roofing, and the San Leandro High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus – Amendment #3 to WLC Architects for re-design to increase the matt slab depth as required by California Geological Survey, all of which were being brought forward for Board consideration tonight.

Mrs. Cutter also indicated that the committee would continue to distribute meeting notes to the Board prior to the Board meetings.

- Finance – Mr. Richards reported that the committee met on November 24, 2008, and discussed the San Leandro Unified School District budget planning process including the pros and cons, impact and cost and four potential scenarios. It was the recommendation of the committee that the new Board continue the discussion and consider holding a budget workshop sometime in January 2009.

Mr. Richards reported that the committee felt it was important that new Board have some input into the process, thus it was the recommendation of the committee that the new incoming Board discuss and consider holding a budget workshop for all Board members past and present on a Saturday, or at the time of the new Board orientation for the Business Department in January 2009.

- Policy – Ms. Perry reported that the committee met on November 19 and December 2 and discussed three new policies which were being brought forward to the Board for consideration: BP/AR/Exhibits 1 and 2, 6173, Education for Homeless Children, BP/AR 6173.1, Education for Foster Youth, and AR 5111.13, Residency for Homeless Children. In addition the Board received for information and review proposed changes to AR 1240 Volunteer Assistance, and proposed changes to AR 6153, School Sponsored Trips. She also said that additional language with regards to those policies was distributed.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mrs. Cutter asked that Consent Item 2.3-C Proposed Changes to Board Policy and Exhibit E1240, Volunteer Assistance be pulled from the consent calendar.

### General Services

- 1.1-C        Approval of Board Minutes – October 21, 2008
- 1.2-C        Proposed Changes to Board Bylaw 9270(b)-Economic Interest Disclosure

### Human Resources

- 2.1-C        Acceptance of Personnel Report
- 2.2-C        Renewal of Student Teachers Agreements

### Educational Services

- 3.1-C        Discard Library Books that are Obsolete, Damaged or In Poor Condition at Garfield Elementary School
- 3.2-C        Proposed Changes to Board Policy and Exhibit 6153, School Sponsored Trips
- 3.3-C        Carl D. Perkins Career & Technology Education Improvement Act of 2006, 2008-2012 LOCAL PLAN CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION for San Leandro Adult School
- 3.4-C        Proposed Revisions to Administrative Regulation 5111.13, Residency for Homeless Children

### Facilities & Construction

- 5.1-C        Amendment #3 to Architectural Services with WLC Architects for the

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus to Include Redesign of the Foundation Matt Slab.

- 5.2-C Western Roofing Services Contract Change Order #1 for the San Leandro High School Music Building Project
- 5.3-C Chapot Construction Change Order #4 for the McKinley and Washington Elementary Schools Restroom Renovation Project
- 5.4-C Notice of Completion for McKinley and Washington Elementary Schools Room Renovation Project: Bid Package #08-03

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board approved the remaining consent items by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

Human Resources

- 2.3-C Proposed Changes to Board Policy and Exhibit E 1240, Volunteer Assistance

Mrs. Cutter felt that the language in the third paragraph of E(6) 1240, *"You may choose to see your own physician or medical plan to get the tuberculosis test done. Or if you go to one of the facilities below it will be at your own expense"* needed to be reworded to provide more clarity.

Following an explanation from the Ms. Perry, Mr. Katz provided this suggestion: *"You may choose to see your own physician or go to one of the facilities below to get the tuberculosis test done, either way it will be at your expense."*

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board approved the proposed changes to Board Policy and Exhibit E 1240, Volunteer Assistance, with the following amended language on the exhibit, *"You may choose to see your own physician or go to one of the facilities below to get the tuberculosis test done, either way it will be at your expense"* by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

**CONFERENCE**

Educational Services

- 3.1-CF Proposed New Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit 5124.1, Parent Technology Acceptable Use

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mr. Richards, the Board adopted the proposed New Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit 5124.1, Parent Technology Acceptable Use by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

3.2-CF Proposed New Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibits 1 and 2, 6173, Education for Homeless Children

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board adopted the proposed New Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibits 1 and 2, 6173, Education for Homeless Children by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

3.3-CF Proposed New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6173.1, Education for Foster Youth

On a motion made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board adopted the proposed New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6173.1, Education for Foster Youth by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### Human Resources

2.1-I Proposed Changes to AR 1240, Volunteer Assistance

The Board received for information and review the proposed changes to AR 1240, Volunteer Assistance.

### Educational Services

3.2-I Proposed Changes to AR 6153, School Sponsored Trips

The Board received for information and review the proposed changes to AR 6153, School Sponsored Trips.

### Business, Operations and Facilities

4.1-I Investment Report for September 2008

The Board received for information and review the Investment Report for the month of September 2008.

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

- Mr. Richards thanked the District administrative staff for all the work they do to make the District “shine” within our community, and to the Superintendent for bringing a positive change, equity, and closing the achievement gap to the District. He wished incoming Board members and current members good luck, and to continue to help “Keep Music Rockin in our schools.”
- Mr. Katz thanked outgoing members. He asked for a breakdown of inter district transfers by grade level.
- Ms. Perry shared the agenda packet for the California School Boards Associate delegate assembly that includes notes on parliamentary procedures for the future board and information for the upcoming assembly. She encouraged the new board to get involved because “that is how change is made which benefits our students.”

She briefly updated the board on the City’s infrastructure projects and funding, reporting that the City Council approved the Safe Routes to School funding and banned alcohol in the public parks.

- Mrs. Cutter commented that she has enjoyed being on the Board, adding that each of the members have brought their own distinct talents and personalities to the table, adding that she will miss those who are leaving.
- Mrs. Hague commented that it has been an honor to serve on the Board with “your store house of knowledge and history.”
- Mr. Davis commented on his experiences and successes the District has made over the last four years, reflecting on his confusion and frustration with the use of acronyms, and the discovery that the District has limited financial resources. He thanked the Superintendent and her staff for all of their help, stating that “you are truly concerned about the education of our children.”

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

Special Meeting, December 8, 2008  
**(Swearing in and Reception for Newly Elected Trustees)**  
 Regular Meeting, December 11, 2008  
 Regular Meeting – January 8, 2009, DO  
**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting –  
 January 13, DO, - Business Services, 5:30 pm**



Regular Meeting – January 21, 2009 (Wednesday), City Council Chambers

**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting – January 26, DO, Measure B, 5:30 pm**

Regular Meeting – February 3, 2009, City Council Chambers

**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting – February 10, DO, Human Resources, 5:30 pm**

Regular Meeting – February 18, 2009 (Wednesday), City Council Chambers

**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting – February 24, DO, Educational Services, 5:30 pm**

Regular Meeting – March 3, 2009, City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – March 12, 2009, DO (placeholder)

Regular Meeting – March 17, 2009, City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – April 21, 2009, City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – May 5, 2009, City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – May 19, 2009, City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – June 2, 2009, City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting – June 16, 2009, City Council Chambers

Special Meeting – June 25, 2009, DO (placeholder)

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Ms. Perry, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Cassidy was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk