

SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

December 8, 2008

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on December 8, 2008, in the San Leandro City Council Chambers, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Lisa Hague.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Following a reception in their honor, Hermy Almonte, Morgan Mack-Rose, Diana Prola and Carmen Sullivan were sworn in. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi performed the swearing in duties to new Trustees Almonte, Prola, and Mack-Rose. New Trustee Sullivan was sworn in by the Alameda County Judge Gail Brewster Bereola.

Trustees Prola, Mack-Rose, and Sullivan thanked their supporters and the community for their vote of confidence and were looking forward to serving the district.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Potmesil, Assistant Superintendent
Cindy Cathey, Assistant Superintendent
Linda Pollard, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of December 8 2008, by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Stephen Cassidy offered his appreciation and good wishes to the new board, as they face the many challenges and opportunities ahead. He also recognized the Superintendent, Cabinet, and District staff, as well as Amy Furtado and Jon Sherr.
- Jon Sherr, SLTA President, thanked the outgoing Board members for their dedicated service, and welcomed the newly installed members to the Board.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Election of President of the Board of Education for 2008/2009

Vice President Hague explained that each year the Board holds an annual organizational meeting to elect a president, vice president and clerk from its members, adding that per Board Bylaws 9100 (a), Annual Organizational Meeting, “prior to serving as Board President, members must have completed the California School Board Association’s (CSBA) Board Presidents’ Workshop.” Having said that, it was noted that Trustees Cutter and Katz were the only members eligible to serve in that office; however, Mrs. Cutter declined being nominated.

On a motion made by Ms. Morgan Mack-Rose and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, Mr. Katz was nominated for the position of President of the Board.

Ballots were distributed, collected and read. Mr. Katz was elected to the office of President of Board for 2008/2009 by a 7-0 vote.

Election of Vice President of the Board of Education for 2008/2009

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Ms. Sullivan, Mrs. Hague was nominated for the office of Vice President.

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Almonte, Ms. Prola was nominated for the office Vice President.

Ballots were distributed and collected and the votes were read:

- Almonte, Katz, Mack-Rose, Prola voting for Prola
- Cutter, Hague, Sullivan voting for Hague

By a 4-3 vote, Mrs. Prola was elected to the office of Vice President of the Board of Education for 2008/2009.

Election of Clerk of the Board of Education for 2008/2009

On a motion made by Mrs. Prola and seconded by Mrs. Hague, Pauline Cutter was nominated for the office of clerk.

Ballots were distributed, collected and the votes were read. Mrs. Cutter was elected to the office of Clerk of the Board of Education for 2008/2009 by a 7-0 vote.

CONFERENCE ITEM

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 Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Cutter reiterated the nomination process for interested candidates to the CSBA Delegate Assembly including that all nominees must submit a required biographical sketch, that the delegate serves two-year terms, and is required to attend two Delegate Assembly meetings each year (at their own expense), one in May prior to CSBA's Legislative Action Conference in Sacramento and one preceding the CSBA Annual Education Conference in November/December.

On a motion made by Ms. Prola and seconded by Mrs. Cutter, the Board nominated Morgan Mack-Rose as delegate to the California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly beginning April 1, 2009, through March 31, 2011, by a 7-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Almonte thanked all of his supporters of his candidacy, reading a prepared speech outlining his vision for the District.
- Mr. Katz thanked Mr. Cassidy for his service to the Board, the new members for deciding to serve and the voters for embracing change.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

Regular Meeting – December 11, 2008
Regular Meeting – January 8, 2009
**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting –
January 13, DO, - Business Services, 5:30 pm**
Regular Meeting – January 21, 2009 (Wednesday)
**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting –
January 26, DO, Measure B, 5:30 pm**
Regular Meeting – February 3, 2009
**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting –
February 10, DO, Human Resources, 5:30 pm**
Regular Meeting – February 18, 2009 (Wednesday)
**Proposed Special Board Orientation Meeting –
February 24, DO, Educational Services, 5:30 pm**
Regular Meeting – March 3, 2009
Regular Meeting – March 12, 2009 (placeholder)
Regular Meeting – March 17, 2009
Regular Meeting – April 21, 2009
Regular Meeting – May 5, 2009
Regular Meeting – May 19, 2009
Regular Meeting – June 2, 2009
Regular Meeting – June 16, 2009
Special Meeting – June 25, 2009 (placeholder)

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mrs. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk