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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

January 11, 2011

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on January 11, 2011, 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 Mack-Rose.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Ron Carey
Trustee Lance James
Trustee Mike Katz-Lacabe
Trustee Carmen Sullivan (arrived at 6:24 p.m.)
Trustee Hermy Almonte, Clerk
Trustee Diana Prola, Vice President (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)
Trustee Morgan Mack-Rose, President
Jeff Engler, Student Board Member

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Cindy Cathey, Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent
Debbie Wong, Interim Assistant Superintendent
John Thompson, Ed.D., Senior Director II
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 Performance Evaluation, Title, Superintendent's Evaluation; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring; Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation – 1 case, pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918 (c), and Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, and 54956.9. The closed session was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Mack-Rose said the Board had been in closed session where the Board authorized the Superintendent to sign a settlement agreement regarding pending litigation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prior to approving the agenda, President Mack-Rose requested that Consent Items 3.7-C Resolution #11-04 Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution, and 3.8-C Resolution #11-05 “National No Name Calling Week”, January 24-28, 2011, be moved up to before the presentation on Measure M as student leaders were present to read the Resolutions.

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board approved the agenda, as amended, for the regular meeting of January 11, 2011, by a 7-0 vote.

President Mack-Rose also explained that in an effort to ensure that decisions made by the Board are guided by and based upon the District’s goals, a copy of the goals has been placed in the front of the Board’s agenda binder for easy reference. She also stated that the goals would be noted on the agenda where appropriate at the Board meetings. Referring to the agenda, President Mack Rose said that tonight staff would be providing the Board with information on Measure M and that District Goal #5 “Ensure Safe and Well Maintained Facilities,” best supported the information being presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

3.7-C Resolution #11-04 Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution

Resolution #11-04 recognized the passage of AB 1775 by the California Assembly and the State Senate, which recognizes January 30th as Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution and encourages all schools and teachers to observe and conduct exercises commemorating the life of Fred Korematsu and the importance of preserving civil liberties, even in times of real or perceived crises. Fred T. Korematsu Campus Freshmen class president Danelle Go, and treasurer Pheonna Ngo, shared the podium and read the resolution.

Trustee Mack-Rose noted that students at the 9th grade campus will participate in poster and speech contests and she looked forward to seeing some of the entries next month.

On a motion made by Trustee Almonte and seconded by Trustee Katz-Lacabe the Board adopted Resolution #11-04 Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution by a 7-0 vote.

3.8-C Resolution #11-05 “National No Name Calling Week”, January 24-28, 2011

Resolution #11-05 recognizes January 24-28, 2011, as “National No Name Calling Week,” affirming the District’s continued commitment to creating safe, respectful and inclusive classrooms. The resolution was read by Lyric Stafford and Isabella McShane, members of the Gay Straight Alliance at Bancroft Middle School, who were accompanied by Bancroft Middle School teacher and Activities Coordinator for “No Name Calling Week” Amy Ellerman. Ms. Ellerman outlined some of the various activities taking place through-out the school and across the District including lessons on sportsmanship, a poster contest, buttons/pins, and a poetry contest, adding that winning poems will be read during this week, and all entrees will be submitted to the “No Name Calling Week,” National Creative Expression contest.

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Lance James, the Board adopted Resolution #11-05 “National No Name Calling Week”, January 24-28, 2011, by a 7-0 vote.

DISTRICT GOAL #5: ENSURE SAFE AND WELL MAINTAINED FACILITIES

PRESENTATIONS

* Measure M

Assistant Superintendent, Song Chin-Bendib, provided a presentation regarding Measure M, the \$50.1M bond measure approved by the voters on November 2, 2010. Measure M will allow the District to continue to improve and modernize the schools, renovate athletic facilities including Burrell Field, replace the pools at the High School, enhance energy efficiency and promote safe and healthy schools for all students. The presentation included a review of the projects funded through Measure M, the preliminary timeline for the various projects, how and when the community can provide their input, the conceptual design planning process, and responses to Frequently Asked Questions. Highlights included:

- Measure M Program Preliminary Timeline

November 2, 2010

Measure passed by voters

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| November 29, 2010 | Election results certified Establish a Citizens Oversight Committee within 60-days of election certification |
| December-February 2011 | Selection of Professional Services Managers |
| January 4, 2011 | Deadline for RFP's for Program Manager |
| January 2011 | Establish Program parameters |
| February 8, 2011 | Board Resolution for 1 st Bond Issuance |
| February-April 2011 | Community input/conceptual design teams on Burrell & SLHS Pool – Community Forum |
| February 22, 2011 | Special Board Workshop |
| March 1, 2011 | Regular Board Meeting |
| March 8, 2011 | Special Board Meeting, if necessary |
| March 15, 2011 | Regular Board Meeting |
| May 2011 | Receipt 1 st Issuance funds |
| Summer 2011 | Potential “quick start” projects |
| April-December 2011 | Design of Burrell & SLHS Pool process |
| January-June 2012 | DSA approval & Public contract bid process |
| July 2012-December 2013 | Construction of Burrell & SLHS Pool |
| December 2014 | Projected completion of all projects |

- The District is currently into the 5th year of the 6-year Measure B program
- Measure B modernization projects scheduled for completion in the summer of 2011 include restrooms at Wilson and Roosevelt Elementary schools, and Bancroft and John Muir Middle Schools and painting and lighting at Wilson and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, Bancroft Middle School, and San Leandro High School
- Measure B modernization projects scheduled for completion in the

summer of 2012 include painting and lighting at Garfield, McKinley, Monroe, and Washington Elementary Schools, and John Muir Middle

Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib shared responses to the following top ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Measure M (please refer to the District's website for answers to these questions):

1. Why can't we start construction now that Measure M has passed?
2. Is it true that the San Leandro High School Swimming Pool has been threatened with closure from the Alameda county Health Department in 2012, at the end of the swimming season? If so, what happens with the swim team between the time of closure and the building of the new pool?
3. What are "quick starts"?
4. What is the difference between Program Manager, Project Manager and Construction Manager?
5. Who should be on the Conceptual Design Team?
6. When can the Conceptual Design Team get involved in designing a project?
7. What is the architect's role?
8. Why does it take so long for the Division of State Architect (DSA) to approve the architect drawings/construction plans?
9. Measure B passed in 2006. Are we not done yet with Measure B?
10. Measure B has a Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) that service as a fiscal watchdog for the bond. Will there be a COC for Measure M, as well?

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Alvarez, California School Employees Association President congratulated staff for the success of Measure M and stated she was looking forward to the exciting work ahead.
- Jerry Engler expressed his concern that the 3-year Measure M timeline might be somewhat disappointing to the community. He hoped that the Board would take advantage of opportunities that will move the process along, and charge ahead while the "irons are hot and the interest rates are low."
- Pauline Cutter, who served 12 years on the Board including Facilities & Technology Committee Chair, shared her perspective on the path that the District was about to embark upon. She expressed her support and high satisfaction of Harris & Associates' management of Measure B. She also suggested sending Request for Qualifications (RFQs) to local businesses to fill positions such as the project and construction managers.

Student Board member Engler also supported accelerating the process, thus

giving those students who were part of the success of the bond the opportunity of experiencing the process and seeing some new facilities.

Trustee Mack-Rose suggested using one design team to oversee all of the elementary school site needs, adding that members of the City/District Liaison Committee would be discussing the design committee process for Measure M and the role the City could play within it, including Joint Use possibilities at their meeting on Wednesday, January 12.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Kerry Skehan-Marshall addressed the Board regarding the P. E., art, and music programs, and Class Size Reduction (CSR). She urged the Board to keep the programs in tact and not increase the class size.
- Yvonne Nunn addressed the Board regarding working to improve student achievement in our District. She urged the Board to check-in with school programs across the District to hold our leaders accountable, and help improve communication between home and school by checking the progress and real effectiveness of the programs.

REPORTS

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Almonte reported receipt of the following emails from December 7, 2010, through January 11, 2011: From Girls Inc. of Alameda County regarding “Give the Gift of Fitness”; from Donna McBride two emails regarding “Wilson Elementary School Newsletter”; from Valerie Fung-A-Ling two emails regarding the “Dairy Council of California Nutrition Education”; from Green Schools regarding “The Summit is Here”; from Jim Amato two emails regarding “\$1000 Grant Still Available from Beyond Questions”; from San Leandro Education Foundation regarding “December Press Release,” “Eat Out for Education January 5,” and “SLED’s Year In Review and a Look Ahead 2011”; from Sheila Jordan regarding “ACOE in Touch e-Newsletter Happy Holidays”; from Lorena Montoya regarding “Invitation to My Classroom”; from Veronica Ochoa regarding “Garfield Elementary School Bulletin”; from Belen Magers regarding “You are Invited”; from Scholastic Parents regarding “Does your Family Have What it Takes to be Family of the Year?” and “Welch’s Harvest Grants – Help your Child’s Teacher Win a School Garden!”; from Dan Martin regarding “A little Something I came Across”; from CSBA three emails regarding “Get in the know with CSBA”, “California School News: Weekly Updates from CSBA,” and “Jump Start New Year with Agenda Online”; “from CALGREEN Training regarding “5 Days Away Mandatory Green Building Code Effective” and “Green Building Code Now the Law – Training Coming to your Area”; from Tessa Atkinson regarding “SLED Meeting”; from Cindy Dangberg three emails regarding “Save the Date –

The Summit is Coming in April,” “Keynotes & Green Expo are Free at the Green CA Summit,” and “Mayor Johnson to be Featured Speaker on Summit Opening Day”; from Wafaa Aborashed regarding “Pre-Christmas Deal with DuPont”; from Erica Beyer regarding “School Research Grant”; Application Deadline Extended One Week”; from Jon Sherr regarding “CTA School Board Breakfast”; from Gabriela Juarez regarding ROP Newsletter”; from Doris Wong-Sing regarding “Help, Please!”; from Myrna Hernandez regarding “Washington Elementary Newsletter”; from Ebado Ismail regarding “Bancroft Middle School Newsletter”; from Tony Sodoro regarding “Partners in Education”; from Andrew Gordon regarding “Happy New Year and Many Thanks!”; and from Audrey Brown regarding “SL Grad Achievement.”

2) Student Board Member Report – Student Board Member Jeff Engler updated that Board on activities at San Leandro High School campus and the Fred T. Korematsu Campus. Highlights included:

- Finals begin the on January 18
- Senior Boat Cruise will be sailing out on the San Francisco Bay on January 20
- “Season of Service” begins the week of January 17. Each week a department or club will host activities promoting peace and togetherness on the campus
- Implementation of the Pirate Pals Program will begin soon, which gives students at the FTK campus an opportunity to shadow students at the main campus for a day, in preparation for next year.
- The Pirate Hidden Treasure is a program that gives teachers the opportunity to submit names of those students who are participating exceptionally in their classroom. So far, twenty-four teachers submitted the names of 100 students who were presented with certificates, which are displayed on the wall in the lobby. He expressed hope that in the future there will be increased teacher participation so that more deserving students are recognized for their efforts.

3) Union Representative Reports

- Carol Alvarez, California School Employees’ Association (CSEA) President, welcomed new Trustees Carey and James, and looked forward to working with the District’s new Human Resources Senior Director John Thompson.

4) Superintendent Report – Superintendent Cathey reported that

- Thursday, January 6, was the first meeting of the Superintendent’s Parent Empowerment Council meeting and found it to be a really powerful meeting. Sixteen of the twenty-five parents invited attended. She appreciated their insights on student achievement and discussed what areas the council wants to focus on. The group would like to meet monthly, so the next meeting will be scheduled in February.
- Superintendent commended the Educational Services staff and teachers, reporting that all of our K-5 teachers, special education teachers and 6-12 English teachers have completed the AB430 training on the use of their core English Language Arts instructional materials. Tomorrow, January 18, training will begin for special education staff on the use of the newly adopted intensive intervention instruction materials.
- Friday, January 14, staff, along with the Board Finance Committee members will be attending the School Services of California workshop on the Governor’s budget.

The Superintendent announced the passing of Al Garcia a long-time District employee and head custodian and campus supervisor at San Leandro High School and asked that the meeting to be adjourned in his memory.

5) Board Committee Reports

- Communication – Trustee Katz-Lacabe reported that the committee met on December 17, 2010, and discussed a review of community outreach including reviewing the December Community article (Tiered Intervention), selecting the topic for the next community article, Facebook and Twitter, Measure M information, Budget information, and Board meeting announcements. Certificates of Appreciation, and future meeting dates and times for the City/District Liaison Committee, and Advocacy Committee were also discussed.
- Facilities/Technology - Trustee Prola reported that the committee met on January 4, 2011, and discussed Upgrade of Aeires.Net, Change Orders #2 to Ralph Larsen Construction, Inc. contracts for the John Muir Middle School Heating & Roofing project and the San Leandro High School Restroom Renovation project, Change Orders #2 to D. L. Falk Construction, Inc. contracts for San Leandro High School Career Technical Education Center project and San Leandro High School Business Academy project, Notice of Completions for the San Leandro

High School Restroom Renovation project and Business Academy project, and Amendment to Colbi Technologies, Inc. contract for Measure M Account-Ability software which were being brought forward for Board consideration tonight. The committee also received a presentation by staff and a professional expert on security cameras, and discussed and reviewed the preliminary Measure M timeline and Measure M staffing.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following consent items were pulled from the Consent Calendar:

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report (Trustee Prola)
- 3.5-C Memorandum of Understanding between San Leandro Unified School District and Teneh Weller, High Expectations Parental Service for Parent Education Workshops at Jefferson, McKinley, Washington, and Roosevelt Schools (Trustee Prola)
- 5.3-C Final Change Order #2 to the Construction Contract with D. L. Falk Construction, Inc. for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space Project (Trustee Mack-Rose on behalf of Student Board member Engler)

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

General Services

- 1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – November 16, 2010
- 1.2-C Approval of Board Minutes – November 29, 2010
- 1.3-C Approval of Board Minutes – December 7, 2010
- 1.4-C Approval of Board Minutes – December 14, 2010
- 1.5-C Adopt Resolution #11-01 Authorizing Certain Persons to Draw Funds
- 1.6-C Adopt Resolution #11-02 Authorizing Signatures on Payroll Warrants and Disbursements
- 1.7-C Adopt Resolution #11-03 Authorizing Signatures on Official Documents and Reports

Human Resources

- 2.2-C Renewal of Student Teaching Agreements
- 2.3-C Teacher Education Intern Program Agreement with the Alameda County Office of Education
- 2.4-C Title Change for Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Acceptance of Donations
- 3.2-C Non Public School/Agency Contracts
- 3.3-C Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and G&M Defense Services and Training for Campus Security Training
- 3.4-C Contract for Issac Brown, Motivational Speaker for the Social Justice Academy at San Leandro High School
- 3.6-C Contract between Patricia K. Murphy, Seamstress, and the San Leandro High School Business Academy
- 3.9-C Recommendation to Continue the Expulsion Order for Student #06-10/11 Who Has Left the San Leandro Unified School District and We are Unable to Verify the Success of His/Her Expulsion Order
- 3.10-C Proposed Stipulated Expulsion Order for Student E12-01/11

Business Operations

- 4.1-C Intra Budget Transfers and Budget Revisions for October 2010, November 2010, and December 2010
- 4.2-C Resolution #11-06 Annual Accounting for School Facilities Fees for Fiscal Year 2009-10 (Developers' Fees)

Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Final Change Order #2 to Ralph Larson & Son, Inc. Construction

Contract for the John Muir Middle School Heating and Roofing Project

- 5.2-C Change Order #2 to the Construction Contract with D. L. Falk Construction, Inc. for the San Leandro High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Project
- 5.4-C Construction Contract with Ralph Larsen & Son, Inc. for the San Leandro High School (SLHS) Restroom Renovation Project
- 5.5-C Notice of Completion (NOC) for the San Leandro High School Restroom Renovation Project
- 5.6-C Notice of Completion (NOC) for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space Project
- 5.7-C Increase to the Colbi Technologies, Inc. Contract for Measure M Accountability Software
- 5.8-C Repair Existing Security Camera Systems at San Leandro High School

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Human Resources

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Trustee Prola remembered that at a previous meeting, the Board approved restoring the elementary schools library/media para-educators and asked when those would appear on the Classified Personnel Report list.

Senior Director John Thompson stated that the positions were posted and offered to those who previously held the position. Filled positions will be appear on the report on a continuant basis.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Katz-Lacabe, the Board approved acceptance of personnel report as submitted by a 6-1 vote. Trustee Mack-Rose abstaining, citing conflict of interest.

- 3.5-C Memorandum of Understanding between San Leandro Unified School District and Teneh Weller, High Expectations Parental Service for Parent Education Workshops at Jefferson, McKinley,

Washington, and Roosevelt Schools

Responding to questions raised by Trustees Prola and Sullivan, Interim Assistant Superintendent Debbie Wong explained that the program was offered to Roosevelt in 2008-2009 and at all eight elementary schools in 2009-2010. This year, due to lack of resources, staff is proposing to provide this parent education to Jefferson, McKinley, Washington and Roosevelt, and pending availability of District categorical funds for 2011-12, staff would like to provide this to the four other elementary schools on a rotating basis. In addition, she indicated that Ms. Weller is offering the program to 20 families so that partners and grandparents, etc. will be able to attend.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between San Leandro Unified School District and Teneh Weller, High Expectations Parental Service for Parent Education Workshops at Jefferson, McKinley, Washington, and Roosevelt Schools, by a 7-0 vote.

5.3-C Final Change Order #2 to the Construction Contract with D. L. Falk Construction, Inc. for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space Project

Trustee Mack-Rose pulled this item on behalf of Student Board member Engler, who questioned whether all the items listed in the change order were completed, reporting that two change orders, 1) replacement wiring for clock and speaker system in revised portables, and 2) drainage in the open space area, to the best of his knowledge had not been addressed.

Measure B Director Mike Murphy said that except for a few adjustments in the punch list all the change orders listed were completed; however he would look into Mr. Engler's concerns.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the Final Change Order #2 to the Construction Contract with D. L. Falk Construction, Inc. for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space Project, by a 7-0 vote.

ACTION ITEMS

General Services

1.1-A Alameda County School Board Association (ACSBA) Representative

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Carey, the Board appointed Trustee Sullivan as Alameda County School Board Association (ACSBA) representative by a 7-0 vote.

1.2-A Alameda County School Board Association (ACSBA) Alternate

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board appointed Trustee James as Alameda County School Board Association (ACSBA) alternate by a 7-0 vote.

1.3-A Eden Area Regional Program (ROP) Governing Board Representative

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee James, the Board appointed Trustee Almonte as Eden Area Regional Program (ROP) Governing Board representative by a 7-0 vote.

1.4-A Eden Area Regional Program (ROP) Governing Board Alternate

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board appointed Trustee Katz-Lacabe as Eden Area Regional Program (ROP) Governing Board alternate by a 7-0 vote.

1.5-A Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) Representative

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board appointed Trustee James as Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) representative by a 7-0 vote.

1.6-A Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) Alternate

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee James, the Board appointed Trustee Carey as Mid-Alameda County Special Education Local Plan Area (MACSELPA) alternate by a 7-0 vote.

1.7-A Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee Representative

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee James, the Board appointed Trustee Mack-Rose as Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee representative by a 7-0 vote.

1.8-A Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee Alternate

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board appointed Trustee Prola as Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Education (DATE) Committee alternate by a 7-0 vote.

1.9-A San Leandro Disaster Preparedness Council Representative

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee James, the Board appointed Trustee Sullivan as San Leandro Disaster Preparedness Council representative by a 7-0 vote.

1.10-A San Leandro Disaster Preparedness Council Representative

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board appointed Trustee Carey as San Leandro Disaster Preparedness Council alternate by a 7-0 vote.

CONFERENCE ITEM

Facilities and Construction

5.1-CF Program Management Contract with Harris & Associates, Inc. for the Measure M Bond Program

The Board discussed and considered approving the Program Management Services contract with Harris & Associates, Inc. for the Measure M Bond Program.

Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib provided an overview of the process to select a program management firm, stating that although legal counsel said it was not statutorily required to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) service for a Program Management firm, the District wanted to be prudent and transparent by doing so.

After an extensive review of all the applications, Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib reported that staff was recommending that the Board approve Harris & Associates, Inc. as the Program Manager for the District's new Measure M program, adding that this firm is the current Program Management firm for Measure B. If approved, staff will be bringing the contract to the Board for consideration at their January 25, 2011, Board meeting.

The Board expressed their high satisfaction with the firm's management of Measure B, commending Harris & Associates for

their high-level of professionalism, relationship with the community and work ethics.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the Program Management Services contract with Harris & Associates, Inc. for the Measure M Bond Program, by a 7-0 vote.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Trustee Carey commended the San Leandro Education Foundation for their dedication to the educational experience of our students, reminding the Board to support “Eat Out for Education” the first Wednesday of each month and consider signing up for eScrip, both of which benefit education.
- Trustee Katz-Lacabe thanked the Superintendent for her participation in various events, including the most recent swearing in ceremony of the new San Leandro Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli. He commended the Superintendent for making herself visible in the community.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe commented on Governor Brown’s proposition to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies, noting that while this is more directly relevant to the City, there may be a potential impact to the District.

He congratulated Trustee Almonte on his election as a California Democratic Party Delegate, along with former school board trustee and new City Councilmember Pauline Cutter.

Commenting on the importance of recognizing students in areas other than athletics, Trustee Katz-Lacabe referred to a recent email received from San Leandro High School art teacher Audrey Brown, announcing that a former San Leandro High School art student has been published this month in New American Paintings, Issue 91, “the most prestigious quarterly publication of juried art work in the county”.

- Trustee James commented on the dire situation of the state budget, the Governor’s proposed budget and the importance of keeping the public updated and aware of the fiscal uncertainties that continue to face us.
- Trustee Sullivan commented on the effectiveness of the after-school intervention program in light of the continued increase in students failing grades. She asked for further clarification around accessibility to students, program guidelines, recruitment process, and how often the classes are offered, etc. Superintendent Cathey explained that the after-school program at the high school is much more than academic intervention, noting that dance, intramurals, a computer lab/independent study are

offered and that the Gay Straight Alliance Club meets at that time. The Superintendent suggested that she would provide a summary of after-school classes offered. She also noted that the after school tutoring is voluntary for students and does not necessarily reach those students who need the most help. This is in part why schools and districts offer during-the-day intervention classes for students as one way to assure that the right students get the help they need. Superintendent Cathey also explained that 300 students enrolled in the ASSETS program represent enrollment for the many classes that are offered.

Trustee Sullivan asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those lives lost in the Tucson, Arizona tragedy.

- Trustee Almonte thanked Trustees Katz-Lacabe and Mack-Rose for supporting him in being elected as a delegate for the 18th District Assembly California Democratic Party.

He also asked for consensus to have Valerie Fung-A-Ling, Territory Manager, of the Dairy Council of California to make a presentation to the Board on the Nutrition Education Program; however, consensus was not received.

- Trustee Prola commented that the California Conservatory Theatre and the San Leandro Historical Society are presenting Brian Copeland's "Not a Genuine Black Man," and encouraged those who have not already seen it, to do so. Performances will be Friday and Saturday nights, January 21, and 22.

She commented that the California School Boards Association State Delegate assembly is suggesting that the March 15 layoff date for teachers be changed to coincide with the June 30 budget date, bringing to mind the importance of educating parents and taxpayers on the tax measure being brought to the voters in June.

Trustee Prola asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Marco Ortiz, a former student resource officer and employee of the Sheriff's Department, who recently passed away in an automobile accident.

- Trustee Mack-Rose commented on the launch of San Leandro Patch, an on-line news source, adding that there was a lot of information posted from District organizations such as SLAM, 9th Grade Academy, San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED).

She announced the following upcoming dates regarding the budget:

- Friday, January 14 School Services of California (SSC)

- Wednesday, January 19 Conference in Sacramento (members of the Finance Committee will be attending)
- Tuesday, January 25 Finance Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, February 1 Board and community meeting to receive information regarding the Governor's proposed budget and the impact to the District. The meeting will be held at John Muir Middle School
Follow-up community budget forum

Other dates to remember:

- Tuesday, January 18 Board work session on homework policy
- Thursday, January 20 Alameda County School Boards' Association Dinner and meeting
- Saturday, March 12 San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner honoring Dale Reed
Pirate Boosters Crab Feed

Trustee Mack-Rose reminded the Board of the importance of visiting school sites during the day and asked that they email the Superintendent with interested dates, and she would confirm with the principals.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

Board Work Session – January 18, 2011,

District Office

Regular Meeting – January 25, 2011,

John Muir Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

Special Board Meeting – February 1, 2011 – Fred T.

Korematsu Campus

Regular Meeting – February 8, 2011

Tentative Work Session – February 15, 2011

Regular Meeting – March 1, 2011

Tentative Work Session – March 8, 2011

Regular Meeting – March 15, 2011

Regular Meeting – April 5, 2011

Regular Meeting – April 19, 2011

Regular Meeting – May 3, 2011

Tentative Work Session – May 10, 2011

Regular Meeting – May 17, 2011

Regular Meeting – June 7, 2011

Regular Meeting – June 21, 2011

Special Meeting – June 28, 2011 – Adoption Budget

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee James, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m. in memory of Al Garcia, retired district employee; Marco Ortiz, former school resource officer, and those who lost their lives in Tucson, Arizona on January 8, 2001, by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermey Almonte, Clerk