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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

November 2, 2010

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on November 2, 2010, 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

Trustee Pauline Cutter
Trustee Morgan Mack-Rose
Trustee Diana Prola
Trustee Carmen Sullivan
Trustee Hermy Almonte, Clerk
Trustee Lisa Hague, Vice President
Trustee Mike Katz-Lacabe, President
Jeff Engler, Student Board Member

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Cindy Cathey, Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent
Debbie Wong, Interim Assistant Superintendent
John Thompson, 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 Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation- significant exposure to litigation – 2 cases, and Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.9, and 54956.8. It was determined that there was no need for Student Expulsions. The closed session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe said the Board had been in closed session where no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board approved the agenda for the regular meeting of November 2, 2010, by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Almonte reported receipt of the following emails from October 18, 2010, through November 1, 2010: From Kelly Ball regarding “P.E. Can Exercise Make Kids Smarter?”; from California School Board regarding, “Weekly Updates from CSBA?”; from Alameda County Office of Education regarding, Invitation to 4th Annual Bay Area Leadership Forum on November 12, 2010”; from AC Transit regarding, “Message from AC Transit Board President; from Wilson PTA regarding, “Wilson PTA Newsletter”; from Robin Michel regarding Measure B Board Meeting Highlights: October 19, 2010”; from Frank Pugh regarding, “Frankly Speaking”; from CSBA regarding, “Untitled Message”; from Carol Delton regarding, “Untitled Message,” “Positive Variance in UGF Ending Balance,” and “Finance Committee Proposal for Spending”; from Dan Martin regarding, Finance Committee Proposal for Spending”; from Support @Cassidy for San Leandro regarding, “Cassidy Campaign Update: Significant New Endorsements”; from Jim Amato two emails regarding, “Beyond Question Student Response Grants Still Available”; from Tamara Johnson regarding, “Request for your help to Assist Our Youth”; from Ben Liao-CSBA regarding, “Invitation and offer from APAICS to attend CSBA Annual Conference”; from Jennifer Oliver regarding “SportsHopes Fall 2010”; and from Ebado Ismail regarding, “Bancroft November Newsletter.”
- 2) Student Board Member Report - Student Board Member Jeff Engler updated that Board on activities at the San Leandro High School main campus and the Fred T. Korematsu campus. Highlights included:
 - November 1-5 is Spirit Week. All the classes have been very busy with Homecoming events; the lobby has been decorated, floats are being constructed and the Homecoming court winners will be announced at the football game on Friday
 - The Homecoming game is November 5 against Bishop O’Dowd,

noting that if you go to KTVU.com home page under “What’s Your Choice for the KTVU High School Game of the Week,” you can vote for the San Leandro High School/Bishop O’Dowd game, adding that if selected, the game will be televised on Channel 2

- All the students are “crossing their fingers” for the passage of Measure M

- 3) Union Representative Reports – There were no reports.
- 4) Superintendent Report – Superintendent Cathey reported that the Education Summit for Equity, sponsored by the San Leandro High School Parents Equity Committee, will be November 6, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at San Leandro High School. The Fred T. Korematsu Campus community open house/tour will also be on November 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Superintendent will be making a presentation to the Rotary about our schools. She also reported that she attended a San Leandro Chamber retreat, where vision, government, membership, and next steps for the year were discussed. As she learns more, she will keep the Board informed.

- 5) Board Committee Reports

- Communication – Trustee Katz-Lacabe reported that the Committee met on October 21, 2010, and discussed the Measure B Newsletter, Measure M communications, October community letter article for the San Leandro Times focusing on Nutrition and Health; website priorities, SLHS Parent Equity Team Educational Summit on November 6; Fred T. Korematsu community open house/tour and future meeting dates.
- Facilities/Technology – Trustee Cutter reported that the committee met on October 21, 2010, and discussed and reviewed a physical layout of the orchestra pit in the Arts Education Center (AEC); and reviewed the preliminary process of naming the Student Center. Two items, 1) Change Order #1 to the construction contract with Cal-Bay Construction Inc. for the Port of Oakland Window Replacement project phase two and 2) Purchase of furniture for the San Leandro High School Arts Education Center were discussed and are being brought forward for Board consideration. The next meeting will be November 5, 2010.
- Finance – Trustee Mack-Rose reported that the committee had not met since the last report.

CONSENT ITEMS

General Services

- 1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – August 17, 2010
- 1.2-C Approval of Board Minutes – October 19, 2010
- 1.3-C Approval of Board Minutes – October 26, 2010

Human Resources

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Acceptance of Donations
- 3.2-C Discard of Old Textbooks at Lincoln High School
- 3.3-C Supplemental Educational Services Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and A+ Educational; Centers, to Provide Supplemental Educational Services for Eligible Students at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, Washington, and Wilson Elementary Schools
- 3.4-C Supplemental Educational Services Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and A & E Avila Enterprises, Inc. DBA the Learning Curve, to Provide Supplemental Educational Services for Eligible Students at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, Washington, and Wilson Elementary Schools
- 3.5-C Supplemental Educational Services Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and Professional Tutors of America Inc., to Provide Supplemental Educational Services for Eligible Students at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, Washington, and Wilson Elementary Schools
- 3.6-C Supplemental Educational Services Contract between San Leandro Unified School District and Bay Area Education Support Systems, DBA Sylvan Learning, to Provide Supplemental Educational Services for Eligible Students at Garfield, Jefferson, McKinley, Washington, and Wilson Elementary Schools
- 3.7-C Memorandum of Understanding between San Leandro Unified School District and Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) Mathematics Development Center for Mathematics Professional

Development Program

- 3.8-C Recommendation for Readmission from Expulsion for Student E10-08/09

Business Operations

- 4.1-C Resolution #10-63 to Declare Certain Equipment Surplus and/or Obsolete

Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Change Order #1 to the Construction Contract with Cal-Bay Construction Inc. for the Port of Oakland Window Replacement Project Phase Two
- 5.2-C Purchase of Furniture through the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) Contract and through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA Umbrella Contract for Classroom and other Furniture from Contrax for the San Leandro High Schol Arts Education Center
- 5.3-C Transferring .50 FTE Salary of the Administrative Assistant for Business Services from the General Fund to Measure B

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

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The Board was looking forward to the election results and expressed their excitement and hopefulness for a successful Measure M, thanking everyone for their help.

- Trustee Mack-Rose commented that she forwarded a copy to the Board of an “impressive” budget newsletter from the Superintendent at Castro Valley Unified, suggesting that the Communication Committee take a look at it.

She also raised the issue of considering reducing the number of trustees from seven to five now that the census has been completed. She would like to see the Board move forward with the process so that San Leandro Unified will be aligned with most other districts in the state.

As a side-note and response to Trustee Sullivan, Trustee Katz-Lacabe briefly explained that the Board of Education was originally comprised of five members who were elected at-large. Because the Trustees resided in the same area of town and tenurially held their seat for 10-20 years, a

measure was placed on the ballot in 1966 amending the City charter to increase the school board representation, based upon population growth and geographical location.

- Trustee Sullivan invited that Board and staff to the African American/Latino Educational Summit from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. There will be guest speakers, and breakout sessions relevant to both students and parents.
- Trustee Hague encouraged everyone to attend the Homecoming game, expressing, that hopefully after tonight there may be a “new and improved” Burrell Field in the future, which has always been so important to her over the years.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Future Board of Education Meetings

Regular Meeting – November 16, 2010
Regular Meeting – December 7, 2010
Special Meeting – December 14, 2010 - 1st Interim
Regular Meeting – January 11, 2011
Tentative Work Session – January 18, 2011
Regular Meeting – January 25, 2011
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 Cutter and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermy Almonte, Clerk