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

September 21, 2010

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in regular session on September 21, 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 (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)  
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 Student Expulsions, 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), and Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918(c), and Government Code Sections 54957,

54957.6, 54956.9(b), 54956.8, and 54956.9. The closed session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:05 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 September 21, 2010, by a 7-0 vote.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### \* Data-Part II: 2010 Accountability Program Report (APR)

Daniel Chaja, Assistant Director of Assessment and Program Evaluation, presented information related to the 2010 Accountability Progress Report (APR) recently released by the California State Department of Education. The APR contains the state's Academic Performance Index (API), the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Program Improvement (PI). The data contained District level, site specific and subgroup specific results. This presentation reflected Part II of a multi-part District data presentation.

Highlights included:

- SLUSD 2010 API:
  - ✓ 11 of 12 schools grew in their API scores
  - ✓ 11 of 12 schools are now at or above an API of 700
  - ✓ The average increase in District/School API was 15 points
  - ✓ Latino and African American Students Subgroups show a faster API growth over a 4-year period than their counterparts
  - ✓ Increased percent change in student racial subgroup growth ranking compared to local similar school districts
- SLUSD 2010 AYP:
  - ✓ If we continued on with the work as normal for 2009-10, San Leandro Unified could have expected 26 overall student groups would make AYP; however, business was not as usual and 74 overall student groups made AYP
- SLUSD 2010-11 PI:
  - ✓ The District did not make AYP so we are now in Program Improvement Year 2
  - ✓ One out of 5 Program Improvement (PI) Schools made AYP:

- McKinley remained at PI Year 3 and needs to make AYP for 2010-11 in order to exit Program Improvement
- Washington advanced to PI Year 2
- Garfield and Wilson advanced to PI Year 3
- Jefferson advanced to PI Year 5

Looking ahead:

- The District will continue to review and analyze data to identify areas of strengths and needs across the District
- Site administrators are reviewing data with leadership teams, staffs, and parent groups to identify strengths, weaknesses, and next steps
- The District Office continues to provide leadership to our two middle schools on how to most effectively utilize their newly allocated Title I funds to address low income, lowest performing student needs
- Convened Teachers Taskforces in ELA and math to identify key standards and develop new pacing guides and benchmark assessments at grade K-9 for ELA and grade 6-9 for math
- Implementing Systematic Tiered Intervention in grades K-9
- Will implement Secondary Math Professional Development/Coaching from Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) this year
- Applied for a \$1M math grant with ACOE for grades 3-5 to improve core math instruction for higher levels of math proficiency

Comments and concerns raised by the Board included:

- Screening assessment for K-5 ELA
- Increase in Students with Disabilities (SWD)
- How “two or more races” subgroup is calculated into the data
- African American subgroup API growth trends at Roosevelt
- Lack of improvement at Monroe compared to the other schools,
- Tiered intervention seems to be the key for success at the elementary level; however, not happy with math scores
- Differences between the two middle schools including demographics, structures and data results.

The Board thanked staff for the very thorough and clear manner the information was presented.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

\* Lincoln High School Mural Project

Principal Alex Harp and 2010 Lincoln High School graduate Raquel Larios, who was instrumental in the creation of the mural provided a brief presentation about the school's mural project. Lincoln High School was fortunate enough to be awarded a \$165,000/year 21<sup>st</sup> Century ASSETs Grant to offer extended learning opportunities to students after the traditional 1:30 p.m. student release time. One of the needs and desires of Lincoln's students and their families was to offer an art class. During the 2009-2010 school year, Lincoln hired an artist, Joaquin Newman, as an outside contractor. Beginning in January, Mr. Newman worked with students after school on myriad of art projects, ranging from the practice of using different media on small pieces of paper to large canvas paintings. The culminating project was a mural representing key elements of the Lincoln community. The mural design was shared as part of the presentation.

Raquel commented that the after school art class provided students and herself as way of coming together, and encouraged their creativity and ability to express themselves in a positive manner.

Mr. Harp provided a brief description of the mural which is painted on six four foot by eight foot (4' x 8') particle boards depicting several components, the key being a central cherry tree (San Leandro's tree) dropping ripened fruit in the form of high school graduates. Also depicted are images of students (including Raquel) engaged in artistic endeavors, yoga poses and academic tutoring, representing the creativity, differentiated experience and cooperation witnessed in the after school program. The Lincoln eagle is seen soaring in the sky, along with various cultural images representing the students' heritage. Blazoned across the mural are the words, "Lincoln High School – Learning to Make a Difference." It was also noted that the mural was completed and was on display for two end-of-the-year events, including the Lincoln graduation ceremony.

Trustee Cutter, Chair of the Facilities & Technology Committee, added that the District's maintenance department will assist by collaborating with the Principal on the most effective way of mounting and securing the mural to the outside wall of portable 6. The mural will also be spray-coated with an anti-graffiti material that also provides UV protections.

Trustee Prola felt that this was very productive way of channeling the students' artwork into something meaningful.

**CONFERENCE ITEM**

Facilities and Construction

5.1-CF      Lincoln High School Mural

On a motion Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board approved the Lincoln High School Mural project, as presented, by a 7-0 vote.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**REPORTS**

- 1) Correspondence – Clerk Almonte reported receipt of the following emails from September 8, 2001 through September 20, 2010: From the San Leandro Education Foundation regarding “Buck-A-Month”; from Robin Michel regarding “Reminder: Please join us”; from Divya Bhakta regarding “FW: San Leandro High School”; from Myrna Hernandez regarding “FW: Newsletter September 8<sup>th</sup>”; from Stephen Cassidy regarding “API Results” and “East Bay Newspaper Endorsement of Measure M”; from Sheila Jordan regarding “Alameda County Board of Education Area 2 Trustee Vacancy”; from Tamara Johnson regarding “Hello to All, San Lorenzo Jr. Rebels Football Schedule”; from Deborah and Kevin Cox regarding “Pre-Screen of the documentary film “Race to Nowhere,” and Director of Race to Nowhere Interviewed on CNN”; from Hendy Wijaja and Tony Santos regarding “2010 API Scores have been released”; from San Leandro Education Foundation regarding “Documentary Race to Nowhere,” and “Race to Nowhere Tonight”; from Geoff Landreau regarding “Measure M”; from Victoria Wang regarding “2010 API Scores have been released”; from Sally Capituo-Ramon regarding “Garfield Newsletter”; from Jason Overman regarding “I am moving on”; and from Robin Michel regarding “Reminder: Dedication ceremony this Friday, not too late to RSVP.”
  
- 2) Student Board Member Report - Student Board member Jeff Engler updated the Board on the activities at San Leandro High School including:
  - Students are enjoying games, music, and dancing, etc. during lunch in the quad
  - Representatives from the various school clubs met with students recently at the main campus as well as the FTK campus and the meetings were very well attended
  - Freshmen elections were completed last week
  - ASB officers have been visiting the FTK campus regularly to help out with activities and to involve students as much as possible so they feel like they are part the San Leandro High School campus
  - Students are volunteering their time in support of Measure M

Trustee Katz-Lacabe offered kudos to the students for their help building the Toyan Park playground structure.

- 3) Union Representative Reports – There were not any reports
- 4) Superintendent Report – Superintendent Cathey reported on the successful elementary back to school night, where she heard explanations about the reading academy, standards, class-size reduction and the impact to teachers, as well as recommendations to parents on how they can help.

Back-to-School night for the middle schools is Thursday, September 23, 6:00 p.m. Representatives from Measure M and the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) will be in attendance to share information.

The Fred T. Korematsu (FTK) Campus dedication ceremony will be on Friday, September 24, 3:30 p.m. The City has made available the Senior Center for parking. Superintendent Cathey also noted that California Governor Schwarzenegger was invited to the FTK dedication; however, while he is aware of our new campus, he will not be able to attend.

The Superintendent attended last night's screening of "Race to Nowhere" describing it as a "thought-provoking film, where many national issues emerged."

The Superintendent will be providing information on Measure M to the San Leandro Breakfast Club tomorrow.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe noted that there is a bill on the Governor's desk establishing January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution of California.

- 5) Board Committee Reports
  - Facilities/Technology – Trustee Pauline Cutter reported that the committee met on September 10, 2010, and received a presentation on alternative energy (wind turbines) for the District, including Burrell Field. The committee also received a presentation regarding the Lincoln High School Mural Project.

The committee discussed Change Order #9 to the Jeff Luchetti Construction for the San Leandro High School Fred T. Korematsu Campus, Change Order #1 to the DL Falk Contract for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space Project, Change Order #4 to the Zolman Construction Contract for the Arts

Education Center, and Amendment #1 to the Inspector of Record (IOR) Contract with Shelley Coleman for the San Leandro High School Fred T. Korematsu Campus, all of which are being brought forward for action tonight. Planning on Arts Education Center operations and an update on the Fred T. Korematsu Dedication Ceremony on September 24, 2010, were also discussed.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### General Services

1.1-C Approval of Board Minutes – July 20, 2010

1.2-C Approval of Board Minutes – August 3, 2010

### Educational Services

3.1-C Acceptance of Donations

3.3-C Recommendation to Continue the Expulsion Order for those Students E08-09/10, E09-09/10, E14-0910, E=09/10 who have left the San Leandro Unified School District and We Are Unable to Verify the Success of Their Expulsion Order

3.4-C Recommendation to Terminate Expulsion Order for students E04-09/10 and E06-09/10 who have successfully graduated from the District's Home Instruction Program or the ACOE Community Day School Program

3.5-C Contract Agreement Between the San Leandro Unified School District and Johnna Brooks, Cooking Instructor, for the 2010-2011 School Year at Lincoln High School

3.7-C Contract Agreement Between San Leandro Unified School District and Pacific Educational Group for Principal Leadership Development for 2010-2011

### Business Operations

4.1-C Ratification of Payroll for August 2010

4.2-C Approval of Bill Warrants

- 4.3-C Intra-Budget Transfers and Budget Revisions for August 2010
- 4-C Resolution #10-54 to Declare Certain Equipment Surplus and/or Obsolete

#### Facilities and Construction

- 5.2-C Change Order #4 to the Zolman Construction Contract for the Arts Education Center in the amount of \$108,741
- 5.3-C Amendment #1 to the Inspector of Record (IOR) Contract with Shelley Coleman for the Fred T. Korematsu Campus in the amount of \$30,000

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

#### Human Resources

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Trustee Prola asked for clarification regarding the .933 FTE music position at Madison & Jefferson, which was addressed by staff.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the Acceptance of Personnel Report by a 7-0 vote.

#### Educational Services

- 3.2-C Non-Public School/Agency Contracts

Responding to Trustee Mack-Rose's question regarding when it become cost effective to provide services in-house, Interim Superintendent Wong stated that the District continually evaluates program services and student needs on a case by case basis to determine if and when appropriate programs can be offered with the District.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board approved the non-public school/agency contracts, by a 7-0 vote.

- 3.6-C Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the San Leandro Unified School District and TeachBar for the 2010-2011 School Year at San Leandro High School

Trustee Sullivan noted that on the second page of the contract under 2.1.1, the second sentence should read, "The site coordinator will maintain ongoing communication with "TeachBar" (not "Opera Piccola.")"

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Leandro Unified School District and TeachBar for the 2010-2011 school year at San Leandro High School, as amended, by a 7-0 vote.

3.8-C Contract Agreement Between San Leandro Unified School District and Soul Shoppe Elementary Peace Program for Washington Elementary School for 2010-2011 School Year

Trustee Mack-Rose was concerned that Washington Elementary opted to not include the peacemaking training component as part of their Peace Program, which focuses on training students in grades 3-5 as campus peacemakers, yard duty support, and playground intervention. Staff explained that cost played an integral part in the decision, adding that as the District begins their behavior intervention those areas will be addressed.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the contract agreement between San Leandro Unified School District and Soul Shoppe Elementary Peace Program for Washington Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year, by a 7-0 vote.

3.9-C Memorandum of Understanding Between the San Leandro Unified School District and Girls Incorporated of Alameda County for the 2010-2011 School Year at Lincoln High School

Trustee Prola asked if it might be possible to give social studies credit to the girls who are in the pregnancy and parenting classes at Lincoln High School. Staff will explore this idea.

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 Girls Incorporated of Alameda County for the 2010-2011 school year at Lincoln High School, by a 7-0 vote.

Facilities and Construction

5.1-C Change Order #9 to the Jeff Luchetti Construction Contract for the

Fred T.Korematsu Campus in the amount of \$235,140

Construction management staff provided clarification and a detailed explanation in response to concerns raised by Trustee Prola regarding a number of proposed changes, particularly those related to leaking windows and by Trustee Mack-Rose regarding the cost of revising the landscape design to meet updated water conservation requirements to further reduce turf areas and increase low water plants.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved Change Order #9 to the Jeff Luchetti Construction Contract for the Fred T.Korematsu Campus in the amount of \$235,140, by a 7-0 vote.

5.4-C Change Order #1 to the DL Falk Construction Contract for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space Project in the amount of \$74,073

Trustee Katz-Lacabe, pulled this item on behalf of the Student Board member, who asked if landscaping was part of the project list with regards to the open space, and if so, when would that be addressed.

Construction management staff explained that the project was initially identified as the Open Space Project; however the Career Technical Education (CTE) grants enabled the creation of a Business Academy, at which time, the project was expanded and the sequence was flipped. This year the focus will be the Business Academy with the open space phase beginning this summer or next.

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board approved Change Order #1 to the DL Falk Construction Contract for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space project in the amount of \$74, 073 by a 7-0 vote.

**ACTION**

Facilities and Construction

5.1-A Increase Hours of the Measure B Communications Outreach Specialist by One Day a Week, for a Total of 12 Additional Days

Trustee Cutter explained that with the impending opening of the Arts Education Center, there is much work that needs to be done. Currently the District has a Communications Outreach Specialist

who is working 30% for the Measure B Bond (1.5 days per week). It is estimated that an additional day each week, for a total of 12 days, would be needed to ensure that the theater will be fully functioning once it opens. Staff checked with Bond Counsel, who said that this would be a legitimate Measure B expense.

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board approved increasing the hours of the Measure B Communications Outreach Specialist by one day for a total of 12 additional days, by a 7-0 vote.

## **CONFERENCE**

### General Services

#### 1.1-CF      Resolution#10-55 in Support of the City of San Leandro Measure Z Temporary Emergency Funding

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jim Prola, San Leandro City Councilmember, addressed the Board on the events of their September 20 Council meeting where the City Council was expected to endorse Measure M; however, the Measure was pulled from the consent calendar due to a May 2004 guideline that made it policy not to take a stand on items that the city has not co-authored or co-sponsored and that until the guideline was reviewed by the city's Rules Committee, the Council did not want to take an official position. Mr. Prola noted that the Rule's Committee (of which he is a member) is scheduled to meet on September 28. On October 4, the resolution is scheduled to be brought back for consideration by the Council.

Mr. Prola also spoke in support of the City's Measure, and shared the Measure Z Talking Points, stating that if the measure does not pass, the school District will lose one Security Resource Officer (SRO), and funds that protect and maintain essential City services and programs such as fire and 911 emergency response times, neighborhood police patrols, library hours and programs, youth after school and senior programs, and other general City services that would be in jeopardy of being cut.

The Board discussed and considered adopting Resolution #10-55 in Support of the City of San Leandro Measure Z Temporary Emergency Funding.

Comments shared by the Board included:

- The most important thing of this Resolution is that “Whereas, the San Leandro Board of Education will continue to partner with the City of San Leandro for the betterment of the whole community”
- This measure will maintain the quality of life in San Leandro
- It will maintain vital services for our students and City
- Without this measure, the District may lose the Crossing Guard Program
- We need to make sure that the safety of the citizens and visitors of San Leandro are our highest priority
- It’s important to offer solutions to the community and this is one way
- Our role as school board members is to consider what’s best for our schools and our community
- Our schools and our students will not succeed unless the schools and the City work together on measures like this

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board adopted Resolution#10-55 in Support of the City of San Leandro Measure Z Temporary Emergency Funding by a 7-0 vote.

3.2-CF

Resolution #10-59 In Support of “International Walk or Roll to School Week,” October 4-8, 2010

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mark Hamilton, San Leandro High School counselor, commented on the intersection of 136<sup>th</sup> and Bancroft. He encouraged the Board to partner with the City for some type of traffic signal now that students are traveling back and forth between the two campuses.
- Michael Gregory, City Councilmember, commended the Board for recognizing the importance of health and well-being of the District’s students by bringing forward this resolution. Referring to the City’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Master plan which has been the vehicle to receiving additional funding, Mr. Gregory encouraged the Board to consider developing a safe routes to school strategic plan, set goals, and key objectives outside of the grant cycles, and form an ongoing steering committee at each school site, until the schools are engaged at all levels.

Mr. Gregory thanked the Board for their efforts and support

for Measure Z and our youth.

Following public comments, the Board discussed and considered adopting Resolution #10-59 in Support of “International Walk or Roll to School Week,” October 4-8, 2010.

Trustee Prola recently learned from Superintendent Cathey that the program is not mandated and currently five schools participate. The Superintendent did indicate that there is currently a movement to encourage all schools (particularly at the elementary level) to get involved.

Trustee Mack-Rose commented that Washington Elementary has been involved in this program for several years. She was concerned, however, that there are certain areas on Bancroft Avenue where the bicycle lanes are not clearly marked.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board adopted Resolution #10-59 In Support of “International Walk or Roll to School Week,” October 4-8, 2010, by a 7-0 vote.

#### Human Resources

##### 2.1-CF      Resolution #10-57 Reduction or Elimination of Specially Funded Classified Services

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board adopted Resolution #10-57 Reduction or Elimination of Specially Funded Classified Services by a 7-0 vote.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### Business Operations

##### 4.1-I      Miscellaneous Receipts

Miscellaneous receipts in the amount of \$8,473,053.56 have been deposited in the Treasury of Alameda County.

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

- Trustee Hague was happy to hear that the elementary Back-To-School night was a success.

She shared concerns raised by the parents at the high school regarding the Wednesday bell schedule and the impact to the 1<sup>st</sup> period (formally A period) students who, once the period is completed are directed to the library or cafeteria until they can rejoin the campus (following the collaboration period), adding that the students are also unhappy with the schedule.

- Trustee Almonte commented on the dilapidated condition of the Wilson Elementary School marquee sign. Superintendent Cathey noted that at this point staff is in contact with the PTA and they are exploring the cost and options to replace that marquee; however, a timeline has not been established.

He commented that the Board recently agreed by consensus that the District would be participating in The Great California Shakeout Drill scheduled for October 21. The Superintendent will provide an update on how the District-wide drill will be conducted, adding that schools are currently in the process of registering.

- Trustee Sullivan commented that she is looking forward to the dedication of the Fred T. Korematsu Campus on September 24 and has been personally inviting some of the neighbors in her area.

She commented that she recently attended a retirement dinner for San Leandro Police Officer Tai Nguyen. Remembering when he was very active in the DARE program, Trustee Sullivan asked that the Board might recognize him for his dedication and service to our students.

- Trustee Mack-Rose Monday commented that she observed Coach Jack Nelson run into the San Leandro High School quad as part of his 60-mile walk/run from AT&T Park to the Oakland Coliseum, benefiting the sports programs, noting that over \$7,000 was raised.

In addition, Trustee Mack-Rose asked for a volunteer to attend the Budget Advisory Committee meeting, as an observer, tomorrow from 3:30-5:00 p.m. as Trustee Hague and she are not available. Trustee Katz-Lacabe stated that he would try to attend the meeting in their absence.

Trustee Mack-Rose received consensus to the following requests:

1. In light of a dress code issue that occurred at Muir Middle School recently, staff will review the dress code policy and then forward to the Policy Committee who will revisit the policy for consistency and reasonableness.
2. She attended the “Race to Nowhere” screening, and hosted a discussion group at her home afterwards. The Board will consider

using one of the tentative study sessions to address this movie and invite the public to have a serious discussion about the District's homework policy.

- Trustee Cutter attended the Measure M kickoff at Councilmember Michael Gregory's home.

She asked if it was the expectation that the rolling sign at the Arts Education Center would be for theater use only, would it include publicizing high school events, and if so, suggested Measure B funds could be used to replace the aging high school marquee.

- Trustee Prola remembered that earlier this year the Board received information from Girls' Inc. regarding their study of water fountains and water availability at the high school, noting that currently there is a bill mandating available drinking water for California students. She asked for consensus to have staff to evaluate the situation. Staff said they would include an update in the *Confidentially Speaking*.

On Saturday, September 18, she attended KaBoom!'s Toyan Park Build a Park Day from 8 a.m. to noon, commenting that around 250 people, including many high school students, volunteered their time to help with landscaping, a new picnic area, installation of a play structure and other minor renovations.

Trustee Prola echoed Trustee Cutter's comment regarding the Measure M campaign fundraiser hosted by Councilmember Gregory, reporting that approximately \$5,000 was raised.

She asked for consensus to consider moving the November 2 Board meeting (which is Election Day) to either the next day or to a tentative scheduled training session day the following week. Trustee Hague explained that traditionally, the Board met on election day; however, it was a limited agenda and adjourned early. Trustee Katz-Lacabe will discuss the agenda with the Superintendent.

Trustee Prola noted that she has asked Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib if there was funding available for registration to send Board members (including newly elected trustees) to the CSBA Conference in December, which will be in San Francisco.

- Trustee Katz-Lacabe asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Alameda County Board of Education member Felix Elizalde who recently passed away.

- Student Board member Engler agreed with comments made regarding the Wednesday bell schedule at the high school, and the need to address this, adding that he is one of those students who has a class at 7:15 a.m., and indicated that last week there were a number of students who did not go to the “herding areas.”

Responding to his question regarding the opening of the Arts Education Center, staff indicated that at this point a date had not been set, but construction is expected to be completed sometime in December or January, with occupation planned for the second semester.

- Trustee Cutter raised a question regarding the timeline for appointing a Board member to fill Trustee Area 6. There was some confusion regarding the interpretation of the Board policy and the information received from CSBA. Trustee Katz-Lacabe stated that he has been in discussions with the Superintendent about preparing for the vacancy sooner rather than later, so that the Board can begin taking pro-active measures so that seat only remains open for a short period of time.
- Trustee Katz-Lacabe thanked the Board for their support of the City’s tax measure.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

Regular Meeting – October 5, 2010

**Tentative Work Session – October 12, 2010**

Regular Meeting – October 19, 2010

Regular Meeting – November 2, 2010

**Tentative Work Session – November 9, 2010**

Regular Meeting – November 16, 2010

Regular Meeting – December 7, 2010

Special Meeting – December 14, 2010 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Hague and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m. in memory of Alameda County of Education Board Member Felix Elizalde, who recently passed away, by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermy Almonte, Clerk