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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

April 13, 2010

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on April 13, 2010, in the San Leandro Unified School District Office Conference Room 1, 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Mike Katz-Lacabe.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Pauline Cutter
Trustee Morgan Mack-Rose
Trustee Diana Prola
Trustee Carmen Sullivan (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
Trustee Hermy Almonte, Clerk
Trustee Lisa Hague, Vice President
Trustee Katz-Lacabe, President

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Cindy Cathey, Interim Superintendent
Michael Potmesil, Assistant Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent
Debbie Wong, Interim Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments concerning items on the closed session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:35 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Interim Superintendent and Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation

The Board returned to open session at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe said that the Board had been in closed session where no action was taken.

CONSENT

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Grant Application for Garfield Elementary School

Facilities and Construction

- 5.1-C Construction Contract with Ralph Larsen & Son, Inc. for the San Leandro High School Restroom Renovation Project
- 5.2-C Construction Contract with D.L. Falk Construction, Inc. for the San Leandro High School Career Technical Education Center Project
- 5.3-C Construction Contract with L.C. Engineering, Inc. for the San Leandro High School Business Academy and Open Space Project
- 5.4-C Construction Contract with A&E Emaar, Inc. for the Garfield and Monroe Elementary Schools Restroom Renovation Project
- 5.5-C Amendment to AEDIS Architects Design Services Contract to Add Extended Construction Administration (CA) for the CTE Building Trades & Construction (Wood Shop) Project
- 5.6-C Amendment to AEDIS Architects Design Services Contract to Add Extended Contract Administration (CA) for the CTE Manufacturing & Machining (Metal Shop) Project
- 5.7-C Amendment to AEDIS Architects Design Services Contract to Add Extended Contract Administration (CA) for the CTE Transportation (Auto Shop) Project
- 5.8-C Fred Korematsu Campus Monument Wording at Bancroft Avenue & 138th Avenue

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

PRESENTATION

The Board of Education received a two-part presentation regarding facilities needs in the District.

The first presentation was given by Martin Capron and Geno Yun, who shared the work that the San Leandro Sports Foundation (SLSF) has done to formulate a vision for District's sports facilities, such as Burrell Field and the high school swimming pool. They also shared the results of a sports' facility needs survey that was conducted at all school sites. Survey results from the school sites included:

- Shade structures/all weather outdoor classrooms (Garfield, Wilson Elementary Schools, and San Leandro High School)
- New all weather track & field (Washington, Wilson Elementary Schools, Muir Middle School, and San Leandro High School)
- Renovated blacktop/play areas with new markings (Garfield, Madison, Roosevelt Elementary Schools, Muir Middle School, and San Leandro High School)
- Renovated playing & sports fields (Garfield Elementary School, Muir Middle school, and San Leandro High School)
- Walking path/track around existing field (McKinley Elementary school)
- New pool complex (San Leandro High School)
- New Burrell football stadium & all weather soccer fields (San Leandro High School)
- New gym (Wilson Elementary School and San Leandro High School)

Mr. Capron offered, on behalf of the SLSF, their commitment to help with events and fundraisers, stating that "The modernization of our aging athletic facilities show that we value the educational experience of our students, and will lead to greater health and fitness opportunities for our entire community improving the quality of life for all our citizens."

The second part of the presentation, *Exploration of a Future Bond Measure for San Leandro Unified* was given by Interim Superintendent Cindy Cathey, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Song Chin-Bendib, Director Measure B & Bond Projects Michael Murphy, and Ruth Alahydoian of KNN Public Finance. The presentation included:

- Highlights of the Measure A and Measure B bond projects, including successful and projected matching funds leveraged by the District:

Measure A - 1997 voter approved \$53.8 M bond

- Initial 12-year schedule was accomplished in 7 years
- Leveraged state grants in excess of \$33M
- All promised projects were completed such as the new SLHS science and technology wing, New John Muir Middle School Academic Wing, Bancroft Middle School Shop renovation & expansion, modernization

of nine school sites, District-wide seismic upgrades, the completion of the new Jefferson Elementary School K-5 facility in the winter of 2004

Measure B – \$109M facilities bond

- Passed with a 67.77% “yes” vote in 2006 to address overcrowding at San Leandro High School by creating a new 9th grade campus, creating an Arts Education Center with a 550 seat theatre, expanding the San Leandro High School Library, renovating the Career Technical Education facility, and modernizing all school restrooms and other improvements at each site
- To date, the District has received \$9,528,514 in matching funds for the 9th Grade Campus from a Overcrowding Relief Grant (ORG), and the 1st installment of the total \$2,170,760 from City of San Leandro Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funds
- Remaining installments from RDA funds will be received in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013; as well as a New Construction Grant estimated to be received by July 2010
- Required Timelines for a November 2010 Election and Various tax rate scenarios

General Obligation (G.O) Bond Basics

- Proposition 39 Election
 - 55% voter approval
 - Regularly scheduled election dates
 - Accountability requirements
 - Citizens Oversight Committee
 - Annual Performance and Financial Reports
 - Tax rate maximum (\$60 per \$100,000 Assessed Value)

Board Restrictions

- Once the resolution is passed, the District CANNOT advocate for a “Yes” vote on the bonds by:
 - Spending District resources to help the campaign
 - Allowing District staff to help with the campaign during working hours
 - Advocating during Board meetings
- The District CAN:
 - Provide information on the needs of District
 - Allow staff and Board members to work on the campaign on their own time

Required Timelines

- Should the Board decided to move forward with a bond measure in November 2010, they would have until August 6, 2010, to submit a resolution to Alameda County Registrar of Voters

- Costs associated with a bond election:
 - Estimated costs to cover a campaign by the committee would range from \$60,000 - \$70,000
 - Committee will fundraise and build their own budget
 - Some funds available from prior campaign

 - The election costs covered by the District estimated at up to \$60,000
 - Last November 7, 2006, General Election, cost to District - \$37,626.88
 - November elections are least costly, and District is billed for actual cost only
 - District is already paying for Board election in November 2010

- Alternative dates to November 2010
 - Proposition 39 elections must be held in even-numbered years
 - Next available dates: February 7, 2012, June 5, 2012, and November 6, 2012.

- Potential bond ideas, scope of work and *preliminary* costs associated with various project ideas include:
 - School modernization – District-wide (\$15,000,000)
 - Improvements to Burrell Field (\$13,000,000)
 - New swim center at San Leandro High School (\$6,000,000)
 - Sustainability/solar projects - District-wide (\$6,000,000)
 - Replace athletic field at Muir Middle School (\$2,500,000)
 - Replace athletic field Wilson Elementary School (\$2,500,000)
 - Improvements of athletic fields and playground improvements at the elementary schools (\$2,000,000)
 - Replace field irrigation systems at San Leandro High School (\$1,000,000)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The Board received comments from Richard Fishbaugh, San Leandro Councilmember Michael Gregory, Jerry Engler, and Stephen Cassidy, who spoke about how they and their organization would support a future bond measure to address aging and deteriorating sports facilities.

- Trina Dumas noted that, while searching the internet, she discovered that there were two other schools named after Fred Korematsu, one in Davis and one in Oakland. Ms. Dumas asked that the Board consider wording the plaque that would uniquely identify our 9th Grade Campus.

CONFERENCE

Facilities and Construction

5.1-CF Potential Future Bond Measure

The Board discussed and provided direction to staff regarding a future bond measure and thanked the public for their comments, as well as the San Leandro Sports Foundation for their hard work.

The Board unanimously expressed a strong interest in a potential bond measure and surfaced questions that will need to be researched such as: senior exemptions, tax rates, public use of the high school swimming pool, and the Sports Foundation's capabilities to raise campaign funds for the November 2010 election.

The Board directed staff to continue researching the matter and issues raised and to return with more information at an upcoming Board meeting.

It was also advised that, due to the tight timeline, the Board begin to lay the ground work for a November 2010 bond measure as soon as possible. Trustee Cutter suggested that the Board convene an Ad Hoc Committee to begin the process. Trustees Mack-Rose, Hague and Prola volunteered to be part of that Ad Hoc Committee with Trustee Hague appointed as chair of the committee.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Prola asked for and received consensus to have staff look into the use of metal bats due to the increased injuries caused to athletes by the use of non-wooden bats.

Trustee Prola also asked for consensus to schedule a discussion meeting to review the District's Mission and Vision Statements in preparation for setting Board goals. Trustee Katz-Lacabe noted that he has already been in discussions with Interim Superintendent Cathey regarding the process.

- Trustee Cutter clarified her comment regarding businesses' support of a bond, by stating, that she would pass on emails received, asking the Board to proceed with caution.
- Trustee Mack-Rose encouraged everyone to visit Zocola Coffee Shop, where wonderful art work, created by students at Bancroft Middle School, is currently and will continue to be on display for the month of April.
- Trustee Hague reminded the Board of the upcoming musicals at Bancroft and Muir Middle Schools, and San Leandro High School.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermy Almonte, Clerk