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

July 14, 2009

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on July 14, 2009, in the San Leandro Unified School District Office Conference Room 1, 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Vice President Prola.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe, President

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mr. Mark Hamilton, on behalf of the San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA), addressed the Board regarding a recent email from Dan Martin, SLTA member and parent of two students in San Leandro Unified, asking that the Board continue to focus on maintaining and/or restoring class-size reduction, counselor positions, and other programs wherever and whenever possible as the first priorities that most directly affect the services we can provide to our students.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:10 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for Public Employee Appointment – Title: Assistant Principal, San Leandro High School pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

The Board returned to open session at 6:16 p.m. with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. Vice President Prola noted that the Board had been in closed session and the following action was taken:

- On a motion made by Trustee Cutter, and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board appointed Lori Watson as Assistant Principal at San Leandro High School by a 6-0 vote. Trustee Katz-Lacabe was absent.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Human Resources

2.1-A      New Job Description for Curriculum Specialist, New Teachers Support and Professional Development and Reinstatement of .4 FTE Position

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Mike Potmesil recapped that on March 12, 2009, the Board eliminated the position of Curriculum Specialist Visual and Performing Arts, Physical Education and New Teacher Support due to lack of funds. In the meantime, the East Bay Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Induction Consortium, which San Leandro Unified is a member, has been meeting regarding the best use of the funds. The LEA, Newark Unified, had an opportunity to “sweep” the funds into their general fund; instead, it was decided that funding should be distributed to the five participating districts (Alameda, Berkeley, Newark, San Leandro, and San Lorenzo). Thus, with the funding being restored, the District is in a position to reinstate, a portion (.4 FTE) of the former position. Per the Memorandum of Understanding, these funds may only be used to fund beginning teacher induction and professional development.

Staff responded to questions raised regarding how the other four districts were using their funding, and if reinstating the .4 FTE warrants the number of new teachers the District is expecting to serve.

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by

Trustee Hague, the Board approved the job description for Curriculum Specialist, New Teacher Support and Professional Development and reinstatement of that .4 FTE position by a 6-0 vote.

2.2-A Job Description for Student Outreach Coordinator and Authorization to Post the 1.0 FTE Position

Assistant Superintendent Mike Potmesil explained that through a variety of new funding sources including America's Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), McKenny-Vento Homeless Entitlement, City of San Leandro ASES refund, McKenny-Vento Homeless Grant and potential 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Program, support for student services in the areas of homelessness, student safety, after school programs and foster youth will be provided.

The Student Outreach Coordinator will provide oversight, hands-on involvement and coordination to ensure compliance with all state and federal mandates and legal requirements as well as providing on-going staff training and serving as a liaison and resource to our parents and the community. Mr. Potmesil also noted that the position would not be filled until the expected state and federal allocations have been received by the District.

Staff provided further clarification regarding maximizing the funds received, and the City ASES refund.

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board approved the job description for Student Outreach Coordinator and provide authorization to post the 1.0 FTE position by a 6-0 vote.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Trustee Mack-Rose commented that Superintendent and she attended the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Meeting on Monday, July 13. The Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation in an effort to educate the business community about the San Leandro schools, our challenges, needs and plans going forward in this difficult economy. John Gooding, who was instrumental in the success of Emeryville's two parcel

taxes, hosted the meeting, and is very interested in helping our community with a successful parcel.

- Trustee Cutter shared two thoughts regarding the upcoming community newsletter, such as highlighting that we rescinded those RIF teachers, and the Bond.
- Trustee Sullivan commented that she is looking forward to boosting our public image to the community regarding all the wonderful things happening at our schools.
- Trustee Almonte asked for input from the Board regarding a press release announcing the recent District administrative appointments as well as future communications to the community and District staff. Following the Board's suggestions, the Board agreed that Trustee Prola would craft a "Welcome Back" letter, have the Board review it and then have it distributed to each school site.
- Trustee Prola commented that in light of her concerns regarding budget uncertainties, she suggested that the District remain cautious as we look towards the future.
- Trustee Mack-Rose noted that a Policy Committee meeting needed to be scheduled to discuss a proposed policy regarding Donations/Pay to Play Fee. It was the hope of the Superintendent that this could be brought forward to the August 4 Board meeting for consideration and implementation in the fall
- Trustee Prola noted that she would be attending the San Leandro Sports Foundation meeting on July 15.

The Board adjourned to closed session for Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title: Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 at 6:53 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 8:19 p.m. Vice President Diana Prola said that the Board had been in closed session where no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. by a 6-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk