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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

December 14, 2010

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on December 14, 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 6:04 p.m. by President Mack-Rose.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Ron Carey (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
Trustee Lance James
Trustee Mike Katz-Lacabe
Trustee Carmen Sullivan
Trustee Hermy Almonte, Clerk
Trustee Diana Prola, Vice President
Trustee Morgan Mack-Rose, President

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Cindy Cathey, Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent
Debbie Wong, Interim Assistant Superintendent
John Thompson, Ed. D., Senior Director II

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:05 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for Conference with Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring, Conference with Labor Negotiator, Public Employee Appointment – Title: Director, Business Services, and Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – significant exposure to litigation – 1 case pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.6, 54956.9.

The Board returned to open session at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Mack-Rose noted that the Board had been in closed session where no reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Carol Delton, representing San Leandro Teachers' Association on issues of budget and finance, addressed the Board regarding the presentation given to the Board by Energy Education on December 7, 2010. She was pleased that the Board was considering looking at energy conservation as a potential budget savings. She urged the Board, as they consider their proposal, to look at the use of QSCB funding for solar energy, The California Solar Initiative that offers cash back for installing solar energy systems, and District resources for equipment and technology that saves energy in an on-going way.

PRESENTATION

- * Assistant Superintendent Song Chin-Bendib and Accounting Manager Marites Fermin presented the 1st Interim Report for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year, which includes fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13. The presentation included a draft budget timeline and other related budget documents.

Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib explained that approval of the 1st Interim Report is required 45 days after the close of the reporting period (October 31st) to determine whether or not the District is able to meet its financial obligations. In addition, she said that the District is certifying a positive certification, and that staff prepared the report, along with assumptions using the School Services of California (SSC) Inc. Dartboard, which provides school districts critical economic indicators for budget projections. The SSC Dartboard reflects the budget approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor on October 8, 2010. Highlights of the presentation included:

Major assumptions that have been used and applied toward the 2010-11 First Interim Report:

1. Restoration of the -0.39% COLA for 2010-11 only
2. Restoration of the 3.8% on-going cuts for 2010-11 and subsequent fiscal years
3. Elimination of the 1.70% COLA for 2011-12 per the Common Message from the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) and strong recommendation by SSC
4. Application of the Federal Jobs Bill per approval from the Board on October 26, 2010, which includes the restoration of one furlough day for impacted employee groups
5. Increase of K-3 CSR from 28:1 to 32:1 starting 2011-12

In addition, it was noted that advice from SSC is that "with the mounting budget shortfalls, there is no evidence that there will be any positive news for education," given the increasing budget deficit, it is possible that fund balance projections in this report may not materialize.

Potentially Critical Assumptions that are **NOT** included in the 2010-11 First Interim Report are:

- Elimination of the projected 1.9% for 2012-13 as suggested by the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT). FCMAT's rationale for suggesting a 0% COLA is that "the likelihood of the State funding is uncertain at best and therefore the need for fiscal caution cannot be over emphasized"; estimated loss of revenue is \$831,000
- Any mandated cost claims and/or balance of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) can only be included in the budget when received; estimated revenue for both program is \$670,000
- Assembly Bill (AB 3632) suspended funding for the County Mental Health services; estimated impact to San Leandro USD is \$800,000 beginning 2011-2012

Staff clarified questions and comments raised by the Board related to the reserve in excess of the required 3%, the looming uncertainties of the state funding, the growing state deficit and fund balance projections.

Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib drew the Board's attention to the proposed Budget Development timeline, highlighting the upcoming dates:

- January 10, 2011 New Governor's Proposed Budget
- January 14, 2010 Staff attends the SSC Workshop
- January 18, 2011 Press Release addressing the new Governor's proposed budget
- January 19, 2011 Joint meeting of the Board Finance Committee and Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) – 6:00 p.m.
- January 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting: Presentation to the Board and community regarding the new Governor's budget at John Muir Middle School
- February 1, 2011 Community Forum at Fred T. Korematsu Campus
- February 8, 2011 Regular Board meeting to receive information from Community Forum and provide direction to Finance Committee
- February 9, 2011 Board Finance Committee Meeting to develop recommendation for budget actions
- February 15, 2011 Tentative Special Board meeting to finalize budget reductions based on the New Governor's budget proposal and take

- February 21-25, 2011 action regarding certificated layoffs
- March 1, 2011 President's Week (Schools are closed)
- March 7, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- March 7, 2011 Proposed Board Finance Committee/BAC meeting for 2010-11 Second Interim Report
- March 8, 2011 Special Board meeting, if necessary
- March 15, 2011 Regular Board Meeting – present 2010-11 Second Interim Report to the Board
- June 2011 School Services May Revise (TBD)
- June 2011 Finance Committee/BAC meeting (TBD)
- June 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting – Approve the 2011-2012 Adopted Budget

ACTION ITEM

Business Operations

- 4.1-A A Positive Certification of the First Interim Report for 2010-11 Which Includes Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13 as Required by Assembly Bills 1200 and 2756

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Delton, San Leandro Teachers' Association (SLTA), commented that while details of the proposed budget will not be available until January 2011, she felt that the community, including teachers who are parents and residents of San Leandro, does not feel well-informed about the cuts for 2011-12 that were approved. She also expressed that SLTA is very concerned about further staffing cuts, class-size reduction, and restorations, adding that they want to work together to create a program that best benefits our students.

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the positive certification of the First Interim Report for 2010-11 which includes Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13 as required by Assembly Bills 1200 and 2756, by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

- An official public hearing was conducted regarding a Waiver Application to the State Board of Education for a 60-day extension of the SARC reporting deadline.

The California Department of Education will no longer provide the data components which districts are required to include in the School

Accountability Report Card (SARC) for our families and community. Districts will need to populate this data on every school's SARC. The District is requesting to apply for a 60-day extension waiver to the State Board of Education by January 7, 2011, from the statutorily required posting date of February 1 to April 1, in order to complete all the required data components. A Public Hearing is required to apply for this waiver.

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board opened the public hearing regarding a Waiver Application to the State Board of Education for a 60-day extension of the SARC reporting deadline by a 7-0 vote.

No comments were received from the audience.

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Carey, the Board closed the public hearing regarding a Waiver Application to the State Board of Education for a 60-day extension of the SARC reporting deadline by a 7-0 vote.

CONSENT ITEMS

Facilities & Construction

- 5.1-C Amendment #1 to the MWM Architects Design
- 5.2-C Amendment #2 to the AEDIS Architects Design Services Contract
- 5.3-C Notice of Completion (NOC) from the Wilson Elementary School Heating and Roofing Project
- 5.4-C Change Order#1 to the Construction Contract with A&E Emaar Construction, Inc. for the Garfield Elementary School Restroom Renovation Project
- 5.5-C Change Order#1 to the Construction Contract with A&E Emaar Construction, Inc. for the Roosevelt Elementary School Restroom Renovation Project
- 5.6-C Purchased of Furniture through The Cooperative Purchasing Network ((TCPN) for Classroom and other Furniture from Young Office Solutions for the San Leandro High School Business Academy

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee James thanked the Superintendent and staff for agreeing to meet and answer/clarify his budget questions and thanked his fellow Board members for all of their assistance.
- Trustee Katz-Lacabe thanked staff for compiling tonight's information and continuing their conservative assumptions that are needed to remain fiscally viable given the uncertainties in the state funding and growing deficit.

He reported that he enjoyed the Wilson Elementary School pancake breakfast. He also reported that Trustees Almonte, Superintendent Cathey, and he, along with San Lorenzo Superintendent Byas, attended the Mayor-Elect's Transition Team meeting on December 9.

- Trustee Carey offered kudos to staff for all of the information presented tonight and for taking the time to explain the budget.

He also attended the John Muir Middle Schools' Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) graduation, where seventy-five parents recently completed this program.

- Trustee Sullivan announced that the GEAR UP "I Am Here and Ready for College" Parent Education Program graduation ceremony will be on December 16 at the Fred T. Korematsu Campus. Interim Assistant Superintendent Debbie Wong added that at 6:00 p.m. parents and students will come together for the last session, followed by the ceremony at 7 p.m.

Trustee Sullivan also noted that she would be accepting the invitation to visit a classroom at Washington Elementary School tomorrow.

- Trustee Almonte attended the San Leandro Lion's Club Holiday event and reported that the members approved a scholarship program intended for San Leandro High School students.
- Trustee Prola also attended the Wilson Elementary School pancake breakfast and found it be a very uplifting event.
- Trustee Mack-Rose thanked the Board for attending the variety of school activities last week. She asked if any member would be interested in being the social coordinator, whose task would be to see that there was a least one Board member in attendance at every event.

Trustee Mack-Rose attended Washington Elementary School's first "Trimester Recognition Ceremony," where students were recognized for academic achievement, academic growth, attendance and citizenship. She

reported that the school experienced a 97% attendance rate the first four months of school, reflecting the good work that is going on, that parents recognize the importance of having their child at school, and that the kids realize the importance that they be there.

Trustee Mack-Rose announced the 2010-2011 Board committee assignments:

Communication/Advocacy/City/District Liaison Committee

- Mike Katz-Lacabe, Chair
Hermy Almonte
Morgan Mack-Rose
Diana Prola, alternate

Finance Committee

- Morgan Mack-Rose, Chair
Ron Carey
Lance James
Diana Prola, alternate

Facilities/Technology

- Diana Prola, Chair
Mike Katz-Lacabe
Carmen Sullivan
Morgan Mack-Rose, alternate

Curriculum/Policy

- Carmen Sullivan, Chair;
Hermy Almonte
Lance James
Ron Carey, alternate

President Mack-Rose commented that this was the last meeting of the year. She suggested that in the following weeks, Board members encourage the community to attend the several important upcoming Board meetings in January:

- January 11 – Discussion on the preliminary timeline for Measure M
- January 18 – Work session to discuss Homework Practices
- January 25 – Discussion on the impact of the Governor’s budget on the District

At 8:15 p.m., the Board adjourned to closed session. The Board returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. President Mack-Rose said that the Board had been in closed session where no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Carey, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermy Almonte, Clerk