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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

October 26, 2010

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on October 26, 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 6:08 p.m. by Vice President Lisa Hague. Vice President Hague noted that Trustee Katz-Lacabe was participating via teleconference and the agenda had been posted at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2610 Prince William Parkway, Woodridge, Virginia, and was accessible to the public.

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 (via teleconference)

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:08 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation – 1 case; Public Employee Appointment: Cafeteria Manager B, and Director of Business Services; and Tort Claim pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9, 54957, and 54956.

The Board returned to open session at 8:18 p.m. Vice President Hague noted that the Board had been in closed session where the following action was taken:

- On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved Tort/Liability claim #4104-08-00018 in the amount of \$7,500, by a 7-0 vote with Trustee Katz-Lacabe participating via teleconference.
- On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board appointed Thomas Kim as Cafeteria Manager B at San Leandro High School, by a 7-0 vote with Trustee Katz-Lacabe participating via teleconference.

PRESENTATION

- * Assistant Superintendent Business Services Song Chin-Bendib provided a brief presentation to the Board summarizing the budget information that was discussed on October 19, 2010. Additionally, the Assistant Superintendent shared with the Board the Finance Committee recommendations and other pertinent budget information.

Highlights included:

- Status of the State Budget for 2011-12 and its impact to the San Leandro Unified School District
 - SSC's recommended and required by Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) to apply 0% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2011-12 has been confirmed by the County
 - Decline of 0.50% COLA (-0.39%) for 2010-11
 - Elimination of negative COLA -0.39% for 2010-11
 - Reversal of 3.85% cut for current and all outgoing fiscal years
 - Mandated cost claim reimbursements on a per ADA basis for oldest claims; and other reimbursement methods for current claims
- Senate Bill (SB) 847 Federal Jobs Bill (\$1,460,686 was received by the District on September 24, 2010)
- State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF)

General Highlights of recommendations from the Finance Committee:

- A. Apply approximately \$920,000 loss from the projected 0% COLA against the Federal Jobs Bill
- B. Spend the remaining \$544,686 estimated balance of the Federal Jobs Bill on:
 - i. Providing collaboration time for K-5 teachers

- (\$34,625/day for two days = \$69,250)
 - ii. Providing collaboration time for 6-9 grade teachers (\$20,000)
 - iii. Supporting site K-5 Tiered Intervention assessment (\$7,200)
 - C. Restore elementary schools library/media para-educators (the work calendar to be discussed further) = (\$66,000)
 - D. Provide a 1.0 FTE custodial position at the soon-to-be-open Arts Education Center/AEC (0.5 FTE since the projected opening is in Spring)= (\$25,000)
 - E. Restore partial Vice Principal positions (.1 FTE at each middle school and at Wilson Elementary (\$33,000)
 - F. Restoration of one furlough day in April 2011 (\$272,000)
 - G. Increase a campus supervisor position at the high school for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year (estimated at \$31,000)

Trustee Mack-Rose note that these recommendations (totaling approximately \$537,00) apply to the 2010-2011 school year only, and includes the purchase of Grades 1-5 Curriculum Associates Contact assessment books (\$13,600) that was approved by the Board at their October 5, 2010, Board meeting.

CONFERENCE ITEM

Business Operations

- 4.1-CF Discuss, Review, and Approve Budget Expenditure Modifications to be Incorporated in the 2010-11 First Interim Report which includes Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13

The Board discussed, reviewed, and considered approving the Budget Expenditure Modifications to be Incorporated in the 2010-11 First Interim Report which Includes Fiscal Year 2011-12 and 2012-13.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Delton, San Leandro Teachers' Association, reiterated two areas of concerns noted in a letter

that she sent to the Board:

1. Ensuring that all teachers, in the future, are made aware of when additional funding become available , and are consulted with regards to the use of those funds
2. Restoration of one furlough day and the impact to their unit

Prior to the vote Trustee Cutter stated that it was unfortunate that not all the teachers were consulted; however, she felt that the funding decision would benefit everyone.

Trustee Mack-Rose also reiterated that these funds were one-time only Jobs Bill funds for the 2010-2011 school year only.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board approved the Budget Expenditure Modifications to be Incorporated in the 2010-11 First Interim Report which Includes Fiscal Year 2011-12 and 2012-13, as presented by a 7-0 vote with Trustee Katz-Lacabe participating via teleconference.

CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Sullivan

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the San Leandro Unified School District and Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) to Provide SB 472 Houghton-Mifflin ELA Training to K-5 Teachers
- 3.2-C Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the San Leandro Unified School District and Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) to Provide SB 472 Holt ELA Training to High School English Teachers

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the remaining consent items by a 7-0 vote with Trustee Katz-Lacabe participating via teleconference.

Human Resources

- 2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Responding to Trustee Sullivan, John Thompson, Senior Director II of Human Resources, clarified that the Computer Tech Assistant (.50 FTE) and Library Media Center Assistant (.50 FTE) at the Fred T. Korematsu Campus were two positions, with one full-time person filling both roles.

On a motion made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board accepted the personnel report as presented by a 7-0 vote with Trustee Katz-Lacabe participating via teleconference.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Prola was pleased to hear that the City and District's joint Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant application for installing a traffic signal at the intersection of 136th and Bancroft Avenue had been approved for state funding.
- Trustee Cutter commented on the recent surge of "gas leaks" occurring in the Bay Area.

Superintendent Cathey explained with regards to today's gas leak near Jefferson Elementary School, parents were alerted by a teleparent message of the situation, that students would be fed, and that it was not necessary to pick up their child; however, parents could do so, if they wished. A follow-up message was sent that evening explaining that the leak occurred due to a construction error which punctured the pipe, and that the problem had been resolved and school would resume tomorrow. The Superintendent acknowledged PGE for their immediate response.

- Trustee Mack-Rose invited everyone to the "very scary" haunted house at Washington Elementary School on Friday, October 29, 5-8 p.m.

She drew the Board's attention to literature being distributed by mayoral candidate Joyce Starosciak, claiming that as a Councilmember she has identified funding to restore crossing guards permanently. The Superintendent said that she would look into this.

- Trustee Sullivan commented on a federal mandate currently being developed that each school must have a bullying program in place. She would like to see schools take time to address bullying in the classes.

Piggy-backing on Trustee Sullivan's comments, Trustee Katz-Lacabe stated that a recent survey indicated that half of all high school students say they have bullied someone and the other half say that they have been victims of bullying, adding that the District has and will continue to address this as "we emphasize our concern for the whole child and not just the academic portion." Trustee Hague commented that from her observation, students sometimes are both the bully and bullied.

In response, Superintendent Cathey noted that Interim Superintendent Debbie Wong would be convening a Safe Schools Support Team, comprised of K-12 teachers on November 18. The Superintendent also said that she would be convening a Policy Committee meeting to address bullying and she would be providing them with a recommendation and sample policies to consider.

- Trustee Almonte commended the District staff for the prompt response in emergencies and appreciated receiving the updates on today's gas leak. He also congratulated Superintendent Cathey for her leadership during the "Great California Shakeout."

At the conclusion of Board comments, the Board adjourned into closed session at 8:46 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. by a 7-0 vote with Trustee Katz-Lacabe participating via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermy Almonte, Clerk