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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

May 31, 2011

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on May 31, 2011, in the San Leandro Unified School District Office Conference Room 1, 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Mack-Rose.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Ron Carey
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, Senior Director II

PRESENTATION

- * Update on the Governor's May Revise and the Impact on San Leandro Unified School District

The Governor released his May Revise Budget. Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Song Chin-Bendib, provided a presentation to the Board regarding highlights of his budget and the specific impact to the San Leandro Unified School District. This information is critical as the District prepares for the 2011-2012 Adopted Budget which will include fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. The presentation included:

- State's Budget Process
- Proposition 98
- Financial Data

- Other Budget Items
 - Tier II Categorical Flexibility
 - Special Education
 - Federal Funding
 - GASB 54 – New Categories of Fund Balance

In addition, Assistant Superintendent Chin-Bendib provided charts illustrating the estimated costs for K-3 Class Size (net of penalties & increased/decreased FTEs), the cost of one furlough day, a sample of cuts that have been made in 2009-2010, 2010-2011, as well as those approved cuts for 2011-2012, and the General Fund Unrestricted (including Tier III “Swept” Funds).

The balanced budget, based on May Revise, must be adopted by the District prior to June 30, 2011, so the District’s Adopted Budget will be presented to the Board of Education at a Special Board meeting on June 28, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jon Sherr, San Leandro Teachers’ Association President, urged the Board to restore the budget cuts for 2011-2012, adding that he had not received an explanation from the District on why at least four rified teachers had not been recalled, in light of the impending retirements of four teachers at the end of the school year.
- Jeff Bruno addressed the Board in support of keeping the middle school counselors.
- Belen Magers, Principal at John Muir Middle School, spoke in support of the middle school counselors and vice principals, urging the Board to retain these very important and necessary positions.
- Geoff Landreau, District parent, commented on the importance of K-3 Class Size Reduction (CSR), urging the Board to spend the money to maintain CRS.
- Carol Delton, San Leandro Teachers’ Association, referring to one-time monies that have not been included in the budget, urged the Board to use those monies and restore the \$1.4 million in personnel cuts.
- Dan Martin, San Leandro Teachers’ Association, was concerned that the 3% reserve funds were not reflected in this evening’s

slide presentation. He felt that the District has been too prudent with regards to the budget, and while he remains optimistic about the future, he urged the Board to "Spend the money now!"

- Raleigh McLemore addressed the Board regarding the recent stolen emergency supplies from the storage container ("Ark") at Bancroft Middle School, bringing to mind his concern regarding the preparedness of the District in the face of an emergency requiring food, water, tools, shelter, safety and first aid.

CONSENT ITEMS

Educational Services

- 3.1-C Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the San Leandro Unified School District and Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) Mathematics Development Center for the San Leandro Mathematics Coaching Support Program for Grades 6 through Algebra I in the 2011-2012 School Year

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:32 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for Conference with Labor Negotiator, Public Employee Appointment – Title: Garfield Elementary School Principal; Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation – 1 case; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, 54957, 54956.9, and 54957.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:58 p.m. President Mack-Rose noted that the Board had been in closed session where the following action was taken: On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board appointed Lynda Hornada as Principal of Garfield Elementary School by a 7-0 vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Katz-Lacabe and seconded by Trustee James, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hermy Almonte', written over a horizontal line.

Hermy Almonte, Clerk