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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

November 26, 2007

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on November 26, 2007, in the San Leandro Unified School District Office Conference Room 1, 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Richards.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Pauline Cutter
Mr. Ray Davis
Mrs. Lisa Hague
Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe
Ms. Linda Perry, Clerk
Mr. Stephen Cassidy, Vice President (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)
Mr. T.W. "Rick" Richards, President

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent
Cindy Cathey, Assistant Superintendent
Byron Isaac, Assistant Superintendent

CONFERENCE

Business Operations

4.1-CF National Football League Youth Fund (NFL-YFF) Grant

The Board discussed and considered approving one of two options to match the National Football League Youth Fund (NFL-YFF) Grant for Burrell Field improvements.

President Richards explained that the National Football League Youth Football Fund (NFL YFF) grant would provide funding to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields and that staff had met and discussed potential options regarding submitting an application under

this funding for Burrell Field and were proposing the following two options:

- Option I: Replace the Electric System – The electrical system is in need of repair and upgrades, including wiring, lighting gutters, and canisters. Estimated costs are between \$60,000-\$100,000. District match would be \$30,000-\$50,000.
- Option II: Renovate Team Room and Scoreboard – The team room is in need of significant repair, including replace siding, replace T-Bar ceiling, replace carpets, and fix exterior doors. Additionally, the scoreboard and goal posts need to be repainted and/or buffed. Costs are estimated to be \$38,000. District match would be \$19,000.

Superintendent Lim clarified that the District's matching funds would come from Fund 40 – Special Reserve Funds restricted for capital outlay. She also indicated that while the City was still considering plans for Burrell Field, this would most likely not occur for at least a couple of years, and that the identified projects being considered were critical, and needed immediate attention. In addition, the proposed options would address the identified projects and should not have any effect on future plans to Burrell Field. It was also noted that the grant application was due on November 30, 2007, and that if the District was successful, funding should be received by the fall of 2008.

The Board remained concerned that the bleachers were not being considered. Staff indicated that the bleachers were in pretty good condition and purchasing aluminum covers for them were being considered.

Regarding the extent of the work needed at Burrell, the Board felt that this short-term "fix" would only temporarily solve the issues, and would like see the money spent on substantial improvements which would be more efficient and provide the District with operational savings in the long run.

While the Board supported Option I, in the meantime, they would like additional information regarding possible upgrading rather than replacing. In addition, because of the estimated costs range for Option I, the Board shared different scenarios of possibly including repairs to the team room and scoreboard.

On a motion made by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board approved Option I: Replace Electric System to match the National Football League Youth Football Fund (NFL YFF) Grant for Burrell Field improvements by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:58 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session regarding Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

The Board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m. President Richards noted that the Board had been in closed session and that no action was taken.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mr. Cassidy reported that he, along with Ms. Perry, attended the memorial for Independent Study teacher Susan Wirth, noting that it made him realize and appreciate the dedication of some of the teachers and the impact they have on our students.
- Ms. Perry also reported attending the memorial for San Leandro High School classified employee Nancy Cutter, echoing the impact that she had on so many people and students.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Davis seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Perry, Clerk