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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

June 30, 2009

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on June 30, 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 5:34 p.m. by President Mike Katz-Lacabe.

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
Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe, President

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent
Cindy Cathey, Assistant Superintendent
Linda Pollard, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:34 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Superintendent's Evaluation; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring; and Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54956.9.

The Board returned to open session at 6:17 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe noted that the Board had been in closed session where no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board approved the agenda of the June 30, 2009, special board meeting by a 7-0 vote.

CONSENT ITMES

Trustee Mack-Rose asked that Consent Items 3.1-C, 2009-2010 Consolidated Application, Part I for Funding Categorical Aid Programs and 4.1-C, A Ten-Year Agreement beginning August 2009 with the City of San Leandro for Solid Waste, Recyclables and Green Waste Collection Services at School Facilities within the Alameda County Industries (ACI) Service Area, be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Human Resources

2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

Educational Services

3.2-C Memorandum of Understanding between Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, La Familia Counseling Service, and San Leandro Unified School District

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

Educational Services

3.1-C 2009-2010 Consolidated Application, Part I for Funding Categorical Aid Programs

Assistant Superintendent Cindy Cathey addressed questions that were emailed by Trustee Mack-Rose regarding claiming middle schools as Title I schools, options for school choice when both middle schools are identified as Title I schools, funding for 2010-2011, and the District's Program Improvement status.

Concerns were raised by the Board regarding the effectiveness and impact with regards to the District's decision to reduce funding from the elementary Title I schools, in order to expand Title I identification to the two middle schools, and class-size reduction.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee

Hague, the Board approved the 2009-2010 Consolidated Application, Part I for Funding Categorical Aid Programs by a 5-2 vote. Trustees Katz-Lacabe and Mack-Rose voting no.

Business Operations

4.1-C Resolution #09-36 Apply for Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)

Superintendent Lim provided further explanation noting at this time:

- The program is currently being administered by the Department of Education and the funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and are very competitive
- There is a \$25 million cap per District
- There are no restrictions on how the funding is spent
- Funds from the QSCB are to be repaid over 12-15 years as established by the US Department of Treasury
- Investors receive a federal tax credit rather than tax-exempt interest payments
- The net interest cost to the District is zero

The Superintendent suggested using the funding on something that would provide the District with a revenue stream to offset the general fund such as solar, Burrell Field, and the high school pool.

Superintendent Lim will be meeting with the contact person on Thursday, July 2 to discuss various repayment options so that it doesn't jeopardize the District's bond money and does not impact the tax payers, adding that this would not impact the District's promise to the citizens of San Leandro to not exceed the \$39/per \$100,000 per assessed value.

While at this time a Resolution is not required, this resolution will position the District to apply for funds and will be ahead of the competition if the application requires an approved resolution. Submitting the application by the July 15 deadline does not obligate the District by adopting this resolution.

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Cutter, the Board adopted Resolution #09-36 Apply for Qualified School Construction Bonds by a 7-0 vote.

Business Operations

4.1-A A Ten Year Agreement Beginning August 2009 with the City of San Leandro for Solid Waste, Recyclables and Green Waste Collection Services at School Facilities within the Alameda County Industries (ACI) Service Area

In response to a question raised by Trustee Mack-Rose, Superintendent Lim explained that the new Food Service Executive Manager would be overseeing the implementation of the Green Waste Program at the school sites, training school cafeteria workers and integrating the school curriculum to training students and teachers.

On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Hague, the Board approved the A Ten Year Agreement Beginning August 2009 with the City of San Leandro for Solid Waste, Recyclables and Green Waste Collection Services at School Facilities within the Alameda County Industries (ACI) Service Area by a 7-0 vote.

4.2-A Contract with Schoolwires, Inc. to Provide San Leandro Unified School District a Tool for Maintaining and Updating the Website

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Danny Hillman, Assistant Principal at San Leandro High addressed the Board in support of this new service which the high school has been using to revamp their website for about two months. With the elimination of the individual who maintained the District website, Mr. Hillman saw this as a way of decentralizing those who use and update the District website, highlighting features that help streamline costs and communication such as providing survey functionality, online form creation, mass email and email alerts of specific page update, calendaring, internet and user role security.

Staff explained that the initial setup fee for the District would be \$180 and then when all the sites are added it works out to be approximately \$70/\$75 per site, per year, which includes all support, web hosting and licensing fees. In addition, after

the first year, the District can apply for E-rate to discount the hosting portion which would reduce the annual cost to \$1,151 for every year thereafter.

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the Contract with Schoolwires, Inc. to Provide San Leandro Unified School District a Tool for Maintaining and Updating the Website by a 7-0 vote.

4.3-A Contract for Ulysses as the Grant Writer for the Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive Grant (EETT-C) for Five Eligible Schools

On a motion made by Trustee Mack-Rose and seconded by Trustee Almonte, the Board approved the contract for Ulysses as the Grant Writer for the Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive Grant (EETT-C) for Five Eligible Schools by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Carol Delton, Budget Advisory Committee and San Leandro Teachers' Association member, appreciated the Board's effort by including a letter of support in staff's pay check/direct deposit envelope this month. She addressed the Board regarding three outstanding budget questions regarding:
 1. Cost and the payment stream for improvements at the District Office
 2. Open positions
 3. Cash flow reports

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Mack-Rose reiterated the importance of sending documents in a single PDF format rather than individual documents when emailing attachments to the Board, making it easier to open them.
- Trustee Cutter shared her invitation to union members to attend Finance Committee meetings, in an effort to help clarify any questions and/or concerns that may arise.
- Trustee Prola shared a sample of a plaque that could be placed on the bench honoring District employee Billy Campbell. It was the consensus of the Board to forward to the Superintendent, with the Board suggesting that bargaining units are asked for input.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk