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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

September 22, 2009

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on September 22, 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 6:05 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
Mike Potmesil, Assistant Superintendent
Song Chin-Bendib, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments concerning items on the closed session agenda; however, Mark Hamilton, on behalf of Student Board member Steven Mills, delivered donation envelopes for the upcoming San Leandro High School Walkathon, Team Challenge and Fitness Fair on October 25, enlisting the Board's help to raise money for sports at the high school.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:06 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring and Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6.

The Board returned to open session at 6:39 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Katz-Lacabe noted that the Board had been in closed session where the following action was taken:

- On a motion made by Trustee Cutter and seconded by Trustee Mack-Rose, the Board approved to release temporary employee #4724 immediately per Education Coder 44954 by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Almonte, Cutter, Hague, Katz-Lacabe,
Mack Rose, Prola
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Trustee Sullivan.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

General Services

1.1-CF Contract with All City Management Services for Crossing Guard Program

The Board discussed and considered approving the contract with All City Management Services for Crossing Guard Program, and seek to share costs (50/50) with the City of San Leandro for February 11-June 17, 2010.

The Superintendent explained that the program will not begin until September 28 rather than the first of the month as originally recommended. Responding to Trustee Katz-Lacabe, Superintendent Lim stated that City employees will be given first choice in being re-hired under this plan and that the City is aware that the District is going forward with the proposal. Once the Board has come to a decision, she would notify the City by email.

The Board posed the following comments, concerns, and questions which were addressed by staff:

- While the City was very positive and supportive at the City/District Liaison Committee meeting, there needs to be clear language in writing from the City regarding their intent
- This is a temporary fix. The District should seriously consider recruiting parents to volunteer which would be a good way to engage parent involvement
- Concerned that approving this may set a precedent, when in reality, crossing guards is a public safety issue, not a school issue and should be City-funded
- Fingerprinting and background check procedures need to be outlined in the contract

- #16 of the contract regarding the cost for services rendered should indicate that the District agrees to only pay the agreement sum for the period of September 28 to February 11, 2010, not per year.
- Will ACMS cover three crossing guard shifts currently in place at the eight elementary schools?
- Parent volunteers can be problematic i.e. raining days and sick children at home; enlisting parents to volunteer to supplement this program is appropriate
- Form a Crossing Guard Committee comprised of all the stakeholders to continue the discussion with the City for a long-term solution
- This service needs to be considered at the secondary levels as well
- Important to educate all students on crossing the street safely
- Does the District assume liability once they enter into this contract?
- Where will the crossing guards be placed at each site?

Trustee Cutter stated that the Crossing Guard Program has been under the leadership of the City for many years, and has been very successful. She would like the board to consider subsidizing the City, so that the program can continue under their direction, thus eliminating the liability issue for the District.

On a substitute motion by Trustee Cutter, and seconded by Trustee Hague the Board directed the Superintendent, by a 6-1 vote, with Trustee Prola voting no, to discuss with City Manager Steve Hollister the possibility of continuing to manage the Crossing Guard Program, at which time San Leandro Unified School District would consider subsidizing the City's program, so that it can continue under their direction, thus eliminating the liability for the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mark Hamilton, on behalf of the San Leandro Teachers' Association, shared their concerns for the crossing guard issue, adding that it was the hope of SLTA that the District and City can come to an agreement as soon as possible; however, SLTA is prepared to make a donation of \$100 to each of the eight elementary schools to help defray the costs of providing crossing guards.

Facilities and Construction

5.1-CF Process for Naming of the 9th Grade Campus

The Board discussed and considered approving the process for the naming of the 9th Grade Campus.

Information regarding naming of the 9th grade campus was distributed to the members. Trustee Cutter explained that the single-sided document was the information shared at the September 11, 2009, Facilities and Technology Committee for discussion. The two-sided document included an extension of the first document with a timeline and application for naming the 9th grade campus added.

The discussion focused on the application, rationale, and the proposed timeline. Board suggestions for the application included:

- Limit explanation to 200 words or less
- Change “Why I chose this name” to “Why this person was chosen”
- Add Board policy guidelines regarding naming of facilities, District logo, contact and email/mail in response information

Trustee Mack-Rose will refine the application with the noted suggestions and have it ready by the October 6 Board meeting.

The following Board contact and timeline task assignments were agreed upon:

By September 30

Trustee Katz-Lacabe

- Communication Committee will develop a PowerPoint presentation (including the District’s recently being awarded \$25 million share of the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) tax credit program) to be used staff and Board when meeting with stakeholders

By October 2

Trustees Prola and Almonte:

- Board members submit their top four names of groups i.e. Homeowners’ Association, PTOs, civic organizations
- Compile a list, contact groups, develop and circulate a schedule to Board members who will sign up to make a presentation

Trustee Sullivan

- Press Release (once the presentation is placed on the website)

By October 14

Trustee Cutter

- Schedule times to speak to student groups at the middle and high schools

Trustee Hague

- Will prepare an appropriate presentation such as lesson plans for the elementary students

By November 18

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE

November 19*

Facilities & Technology Committee will meet to select 10 names to bring forward to the entire Board

meet two days the week, (Nov. 22, 23,

* It was suggested by Trustee Cutter that the Board could following Thanksgiving week) to continue the discussion and selection

December 1
(Board Meeting)

The Board will discuss and consider selecting a name for the 9th Grade Campus. If more time is needed, the item will be tabled to the December 15 Board meeting.

On a motion made by Trustee Prola and seconded by Trustee Sullivan, the Board approved the timeline as amended and process for the Naming of the 9th Grade Campus by a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Mack-Rose commented that other than Trustee Almonte, she had received feedback from the Board with regards to her email regarding members adopting a school for the semester. It was suggested that the Board could focus on the elementary schools and share their visits at the secondary schools.

Listed below are the elementary school selected by the Board:

Trustee Almonte	Monroe
Trustee Cutter	Roosevelt
Trustee Hague	Madison
Trustee Katz-Lacabe	McKinley

Trustee Mack-Rose	Washington
Trustee Prola	Garfield/Wilson
Trustee Sullivan	Jefferson

In January the Board will rotate to other sites (other than where they have children attending.)

Trustees Hague and Almonte will be attending the open house at Muir Middle School and Trustee Katz-Lacabe will be attending Bancroft Middle School on Thursday, September 24. Trustee Mack-Rose also noted that San Leandro High School Open House is scheduled for October 1.

Trustee Mack-Rose asked for consensus for the Board Policy Committee to revisit the Board Bylaw 9100 which states, *“prior to serving as Board President, he/she shall have completed the California School Board Association’s (CSBA) Board Presidents’ Workshop.”* While she agreed that the workshop was necessary, she was concerned that the class was only offered two times a year and was within the timeline of the annual organizational meeting prescribed by law (Education Code 35143).

It was noted however, that looking at the Board policy at this time would not be effective because pursuant to Ed. Code, *“annual organizational meetings must be held within 15 days of the date which an elected governing board member takes office, or in years in which no regular election for governing board members is conducted, during the same 15-day calendar period.”* It also states that this organization meeting is deemed a regular meeting.

- Trustee Prola commented that the bench honoring Billing Campbell is complete. She will meet with the Superintendent to finalize the details of the unveiling by the end of the week.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Hague and seconded by Trustee Prola, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. by a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Cutter, Clerk