

U N A D O P T E D M I N U T E S

of the Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
May 24, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Avila at 6:03 p.m.

Governing Board of Trustees present: Layla Avila, Jan Baird, Jorge Hernandez, Sylvia Macias, Sharon Stys.

Others present: Dr. Erich Kwek, Superintendent
Cecilia Laidemitt, Associate Superintendent of Administrative
Services and Personnel Services
Gail Baxter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Loma Vista School student, Esmeralda Llerenas.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Loma Vista School – Lobo Learning Club. Rosa Pope, Loma Vista School principal, explained the Lobo Learning Club membership is made up of GATE students who serve as tutors for kindergarten and first grade students. Literacy Coach, Kaylene Merrill gave a historical overview of the Learning Club. A video presentation was given showing the tutors helping students with reading. Tutors receive extensive training to prepare them for this assignment. Present at the Board meeting were student tutors Nicole Murillo, Andrew Cabral and Esmeralda Llerenas who talked about the tutoring program, answered questions about their role and duties as tutors and expressed how beneficial tutoring is for the kindergarten and first grade students as well as for themselves.

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Board members thanked Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Merrill and the students for their excellent presentation. The families of the students were also thanked for their support.

The family of Barbara Haley, a retired McKibben School teacher, was extended sympathy in the passing away of Mrs. Haley.

Trustee Hernandez attended the Fiscal Advisory Committee meeting, the last meeting for this school year. He was appreciative of the budget information he received.

Several Board members participated in the Wellness Walk which was organized by Adapted P.E. teacher, Jennette Diamond. This was a very successful and well organized event. Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Gail Baxter, participated in planning the health and wellness awareness event. Students, parents, district staff and community members walked from their neighborhood school to Graves Middle School.

Trustee Macias attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting. The theme at this assembly was "take time to honor greatness in our children." Mrs. Macias remarked that this theme exemplified the greatness of the Loma Vista School tutoring program presented this evening.

Trustee Stys also attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly and Legislative Action Conference in Sacramento. Mrs. Stys is a CSBA Director. Trustee Stys reported that CSBA is modifying its training schedules to include more training via webinars and holding meetings regionally to prevent high costs for attending CSBA functions. CSBA plans to help Board members, parents and community members to learn how to solicit and discuss issues with their legislators. It is important that legislators be aware of the effects reductions make on school districts. Mrs. Stys found that legislators are being more receptive to receiving their constituents and being more cognizant and understanding about how reductions to education negatively affect school districts.

Trustee Avila reported she attended a session regarding district finances and how to insure district budgets are aligned to student achievement conducted by experts from the University of Washington. Mrs. Avila forwarded the information she received at this session to her fellow Board members as it presents a look at school budgets through a different lens. Trustee Avila also reported she had been asked to participate in a teacher evaluation panel with the Los Angeles Unified School District. This panel, who discussed revising and reforming the teacher evaluation tool, included a senator, assemblyman and superintendents. This discussion took place in Sacramento and Dr. Kwek was able to participate in this session.

REPORTS

Superintendent Kwek thanked Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Merrill and the students from Loma Vista School for their fine presentation. He also commended Jennette Diamond and Gail Baxter for the well organized and well attended Wellness Walk. Dr. Kwek was pleased to announce the completion of sale of Bonds, purchased by Capitol One. This will mean a savings of \$490,000 to taxpayers and \$345,000 to the district. This money will be used for facility improvements.

REPORTS

Dr. Kwek, Mr. Rivera and Ms. Huntenburg attended the School Services of California May Revision Workshop. Attendees received analyzed budget information and advised districts on how to plan district budgets. Districts were advised to utilize a conservative approach. Good news to report is that the state and national economy is improving. The state expects increased tax revenue. School Services of California advised districts to expect flat funding which means that there will be no more revenue reductions to education. The district anticipates the same amount received last year. This will not be a certainty until the state budget is finalized and approved. The state is hopeful that this will be an “on time” budget. The district must continue to deal with enrollment decline, increases in operating expenses, increases in health benefits and TRANS interest. Governor Brown’s budget proposal protects education. If the Governor’s tax extension proposal is not approved there are options and there are tax extensions built into the Governor’s budget. The information reported at the School Services workshop is positive and the best news for education in quite some time.

Dr. Kwek went to Sacramento to attend the CSBA Superintendents Advisory Council meeting. Superintendents are given the opportunity to give input related to staff development. CSBA will conduct a survey on staff development. Superintendents and Board members are urged to complete the survey and return it to CSBA.

CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the consent portion of the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held May 10, 2011.

Purchase Order List No. 20

Approved purchase order list no. 20 for purchases submitted prior to May 24, 2011.

Contract List No. 18

Approved contract list no. 18 for services provided prior to May 24, 2011. Contract includes:

10-11-071: contractor – Action Learning Systems, service – training and consultation for teachers and students, amount – not to exceed \$4,000.00;

10-11-072: contractor – Action Learning Systems, service – instructional materials training, amount – not to exceed \$79,000.00;

10-11-073: contractor – Assistance League of Whittier, service – performances for kindergarten through fifth grade students, amount – n/c.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 School Year

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried authorization to advertise for bids during the 2011-2011 and 2011-2012 school year was approved. The authorization is to advertise for bids to replace and/or repair roofs at Carmela School, Loma Vista School, Los Altos School, Lake Marie School, Monte Vista School and Grave Middle School.

Facility Improvement – Early Learning Center

David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented a report on the required improvements at the Early Learning Center located at Carmela School. There is a need for classroom repair and it is expected the repairs will be completed during the summer months. Stimulus funds will be used to make these repairs. Purchase orders for these improvement proposals will be presented at a future meeting.

Report on Waste Disposal Services

David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services reported the district solicited three proposals for waste disposal services. Considerable savings will be generated by utilizing the services of WARE Disposal Co., Inc. The district proposes a five year contract with WARE Disposal Co., Inc. The five year contract will protect the district from rate increases.

Authorization to Approve an Agreement with the WARE Disposal Co.

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried a five year agreement with the WARE Disposal Co., Inc. for waste disposal services was approved. The effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016. A correction will be made on "Attachment A", page 2, paragraph 5 titled "Contract Period" to correct the word "three years" to "five years."

Real Property Advisory Committee

David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services gave a report on the four Real Property Advisory Committee meetings that have been held. Included in this schedule were two public hearings as required by the bylaws. An attorney attended the first meeting of this committee to establish parameters, legal requirements and outline the committee responsibilities. Also at this initial meeting, a chair and a vice chair were elected by the committee members. The group has been given information to assist them in declaring certain South Whittier School District property as surplus. Two more meetings will be held and a report will be generated by this committee that will be presented to the Board of Trustees for their acceptance and action on the possible recommendations.

BUSINESS

External Funding for Facility Projects

David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services gave a report on possible external funding for facility projects. The district has the opportunity to pursue state bond funding that would possibly provide 50% of funding for district improvement projects. Ray Coco, the new Working Director of Maintenance Operations and Transportation, made the district aware of this funding opportunity as Mr. Coco has worked closely with similar projects and with the Department of State Architects in the past. There are guidelines to follow in soliciting these funds and a report must be drafted by a structural engineer or an architect. A grant writer will then be sought to assist the district with the grant application. Mr. Coco is acquainted with persons in these professions who are able to assist the district in these two areas. Mr. Rivera reported he believes the district will qualify for this bond funding.

GENERAL

Interdistrict Attendance Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried an interdistrict agreement with the Alhambra Unified School District was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments on closed session items.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees commenced closed session at 7:35 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees resumed open session at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried Classified Personnel Report No. 05-24-11-19 and Certificated Personnel Report No. 05-24-11-20 were approved.

CLASSIFIED
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Summer Supplemental Program – Effective 06/27/2011 through 07/28/2011 – Held at McKibben School and Graves Middle School

Cafeteria Staff: Martha Rivas, Cafeteria Manager, GMS
Jill Wehner, Cafeteria Helper, GMS and McKibben
Alberta Yaun, Sub Cafeteria Helper, on an as needed basis

Summer School Secretary: Lorena Ruiz, GMS

Paraprofessional Instructional Aides – Monday through Thursday

Maria Quijano, SDC/LH (K-2nd)
Maria de la Torre, SDC/LH (3rd – 6th)
Marisa Aparicio, SDC/LH (7th – 8th)
Maritza Dionisio, SDC/SH Preschool
Carmen Hernandez, SDC/SH Preschool
Kimberly Castellon, SCD/SH Preschool
Marisa Hernandez, SDC/SH (K-2nd)

CLASSIFIED
PERSONNEL

Alexandria Guerrero, SDC/SH (K-2nd)
Jeannette Barraza, SDC/SH (K-2nd)
Amor Hernandez, Autism Focus (K-3rd)
Kala Hamilton, Autism Focus (K-3rd)
Elizabeth Morris, Autism Focus (K-3rd)
April Nelson, Autism Focus (K-3rd)
Rosa Chavez, Autism Focus (K-3rd)
Leslie Muñoz, Autism Focus (K-3rd)
Josie Tafoya, SDC/SH (3rd-6th)
Yolanda Brennan, SDC/SH (3rd-6th)
Christine Miovsky, SDC/SH (3rd-6th)

Classified Substitute Employees On Call As Needed

Sherri Womack
Kristina Cruz
Maria Flores
Alternates

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignments – Between 05/31/2011 to 06/01/2011 the Participants Listed Below Will Be Trained in CELDT Testing For The 2011-2012 School Year

Participants: Cindi Rodriguez, Timothy Rodriguez, Dawn Camargo, Asunción Gomez, Alma Perez, Flor Garcia, Josie Tafoya, Mayra Rivera, Yolanda Brennan, Laura Tovar, Maria Ankeney, Marisa Hernandez, one alternate

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – Between 06/27/2011 to 06/30/2012 the Participants Listed Below Will Administer CELDT Testing District Wide for the 2011-2012 School Year

Participants: Cindi Rodriguez, Timothy Rodriguez, Dawn Camargo, Asunción Gomez, Alma Perez, Flor Garcia, Josie Tafoya, Mayra Rivera, Yolanda Brennan, Laura Tovar, Maria Ankeney, Marisa Hernández, one alternate

2010-2011 Second Extension to Maternity Leave of Absence/Paid – Administrative Analyst – District Office – Effective 05/19/2011 to 06/02/2011 – Ratification

Melissa Gonzalez

2010-2011 Substitute List – Instructional Aides/SDC-SH and/or Noon Duty Supervisors – District Wide – Effective 05/25/2011

Anielia Tonkin, Joanne Jorgensen, Jannet Vasquez

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Summer Supplemental Instructional Program Positions - District Wide – Tentative Pending Board Approval, Availability of Funds, Student Enrollment and Actual Student Attendance – Effective 06/27/2011 to 07/28/2011 – Monday Through Thursday – Teachers Daily Rate of Pay is .003 of Previous Year Teachers' Salary Schedule

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

Special Education – McKibben and Graves Middle School

Roberta Ellis, SDC/LH (Mild to Moderate), K – 3rd, McKibben
Joel Anderson, SDC/LH (Mild to Moderate), 4th – 6th, McKibben
Heather Brannan, SDC/LH (Mild to Moderate), 7th -8th, McKibben
Lorrene Lake, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe), K – 3rd, McKibben
Michelle Grunwald, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe), K – 2nd AF,
McKibben
Maria Westbrook, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe), K – 3rd,
McKibben
Tracy Boeltl, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe), 3rd – 6th, ELC
Danyelle Spirlin, SDC/SH Preschool (Moderate to Severe), ELC
Debra Hebert, Speech/Language Itinerant Teacher, District Wide
Carolyn Wright, Speech/Language Itinerant Teacher, District Wide

District Wide Elementary Early Language Development Program,
McKibben School

Valerie Favrow, 4th grade
Irene Maehara, 4th grade
Patti Martin, 4th grade
Susanna Francia, 4th grade
Margaret Gardner, 5th grade
Roxanne Grago, 5th grade
Isabel Santos-Scott, 5th grade
Patricia Vega-Jeter, 6th grade
Audrey Radley, 6th grade
Christopher Losoya, 6th grade

Graves Middle School - CAHSEE Instructional Support Teacher

Lynda Saxe, Math
Dale Chitwood, Math
Keith MacInnes, Math
William McCoy, Math
George Palomino, Math
Jeff Kearney, Math
Amanda Riisager, English/Language Arts
Cheryl Jensen, English/Language Arts
Todd Banner, English/Language Arts
Kathryn Cardiff, English/Language Arts
Guy Sardo, Social Science
Donald Hotz, Social Science

2010-2011 Special Substitute Request – To Release Teachers to
Attend the Columbia Memorial Space Center – GATE Teachers –
McKibben School – Effective 06/07/2011

Two substitute teachers

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2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Extra Pay Assignment – CELDT
Training – District Wide – Effective 05/31/2011 to 06/01/2011

Participants: Kathleen Kivi (presenter), Ai-Minh Nguyen, James Brannan, Patti Martin, Cheryl Jensen, Roxanne Grago, Mary Szak, Lani Namahoe, Susanna Francia, Olegario Acosta, Alicia Lizarzaburu, Sarah Payne, Elisabel Santos-Scott, Debra Wease, Cindy Murray, Christine Barrera, Roberta Ellis, one alternate

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – CELDT Training – District Wide
– Effective 06/27/2011 to 06/20/2012

Participants: Kathleen Kivi (presenter), Ai-Minh Nguyen, James Brannan, Patti Martin, Cheryl Jensen, Roxanne Grago, Mary Szak, Lani Namahoe, Susanna Francia, Olegario Acosta, Alicia Lizarzaburu, Sarah Payne, Elisabel Santos-Scott, Debra Wease, Cindy Murray, Christine Barrera, Roberta Ellis, one alternate

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – Teacher Training – New
Elementary Reading Series – K-6th and Special Education – District
Wide – Effective 06/20/2011 to 06/24/2011

Participants: Olegario Acosta, Helia Adanto, Jennifer Aguirre, Lisa Allen, Teresa Almaraz, Linda Andersen, Joel Anderson, Yvette Arbisio-Wroe, Tiffany Baides, Christine Barrera, Greta Benavides, Gloria Berry, Silvia Bobluk, Tracy Boeltl, Heather Brannan, James Brannan, Carmen Cervantes, Cristina Corrales, Tonette Demoray, Jacqueline Dennis, Roberta Ellis, Valerie Favrow, Monica Fernandez, Susanna Francia, Luz Frias, Mark Fuentes, Karen Fuller, Margaret Gardner, Lorenda Gonzales, Roxanne Grago, Michelle Grunwald, Lucilla Gutierrez, Irene Hahn, Mary Hambright, Lucille Hase, Debra Hebert, Carolyn Howard, Ella Hurley, Kathryn Jones, Tamara Keiser, Elyse Kenney-Schiller, Denise Killackey, Wendy King, Kathleen Kivi, Lorrene Lake, Alicia Lizarzaburu, Christopher Losoya, Irene Maehara, Beatriz Malagon, Patti Martin, Maria Teresa Martinez, Loretta Martinez-Davis, Lorena Martinez-Zavala, Rose Matthews, Tamara McGarry, Patricia McNally, Gabriela Medina, Kaylene Merril, Karen Metcalfe, Cynthia Murray, Diana Muska, Allison Nakamura, Lorna Namahoe, Carmen Ornelas, Eileen Ouye, Sarah Payne, Stacy Pentel, Yolanda Perez, Michelle Pierce, Laurel Porro, Amy Powell, Audrey Radley, Terri Regalado, Gladys Richardson, Catherine Rohlfing, Myrna Salazar, Myrna Sanpascual, Elisabel Santos-Scott, Gina Shepherd, Karri Slaton, Danyelle Spirlin, Belinda Stevens-Bernal, Laura Stillman, Mary Szak, Michiko Tanimoto, Shari Tanimoto, Pamela Tomblin, Catherine Valdez, Esther Vargas-Hollar, Patricia Vega-Jeter, Sylvia Villaseñor, Carolyn Watters-Luis, Debra Wease, Maria Westbrook, Blaine Woodward, Jennifer Woodward, Carolyn Wright, Jennifer Yanagi

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Early Retirement – Per Article 32 of Agreement
Between the South Whittier School District and the South Whittier
Teachers Association – Effective at the End of the Day 06/15/2011
Myrna Salazar, Teacher, McKibben School

South Whittier School District Initial Contract Proposal for 2011-
2012 to the South Whittier Teachers Association

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and
unanimously carried the South Whittier School District Initial
Contract Proposal for 2011-2012 was approved to be presented to
the South Whittier Teachers Association.

Public Hearing – the South Whittier School District's Initial Contract
Proposal to the South Whittier Teachers Association

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and
unanimously carried the public hearing on the South Whittier
School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the South Whittier
Teachers Association was open. The public hearing was in order
to provide an opportunity for communication on the initial contract
by any interested person. There was no discussion on the
proposed initial contract. The hearing was closed on a motion by
Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously
carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.