

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 22, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Others present: Dr. Erich Kwek, Superintendent
Cecilia Laidemitt, Associate Superintendent of Administrative
Services and Personnel Management
Gail Baxter, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services
Rick Holash, Associate Superintendent of Business Services

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by community member, Toby Chavez.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

McKibben School's presentation involved the extension of the core curriculum through projects based learning. Principal, Jose Alarcon, presented students from each grade level. Students made a brief presentation and showed their projects on the various topics they have learned. Some of the topics were ocean life, the butterfly life cycle, study of minerals, study of buffalo pelts, physics, geometric shapes, math, Greek and Latin root words, the scientific method and many other topics. Every grade level was represented. Students who participated were: Matthew Kuhn, William Mojica, Ziandra Romero, Alejandra Ramirez, Emily Lopez, Miguel Padilla, Kaylen Baruch, Manny Martinez, Grace Spurgeon, Valerie Martinez, Joseph Garcia, Zachary McDade, Madeline Morales, Elizabeth Vasquez, Andrea Rivera, Tyler Colocchio, Michaela Vasquez, Amanda Gomez, Angel Nevarez, Aubrey Brown, Brian Montaño, Emily Satti.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura Bribiescas, CSEA President, Chapter 348, announced Classified Employee Week and congratulated all classified employees for the jobs they do. Mrs. Bribiescas said the association was formed in 1927 and currently the membership totals over 220,000 members. Classified employees work in a wide range of essential positions and provide valuable services to the schools and students as reported by Mrs. Bribiescas. She recognized the contributions of all classified employees in the South Whittier School District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Carmela School parent shared her concerns about incidents at Carmela School with the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent.

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

All Board members expressed their delight with the McKibben School presentation. They thanked Mr. Alarcon, teachers and most of all the students for their wonderful and informative reports.

Trustees commented favorably on the Whittier Area Community Resource Fair and the useful information provided for the community. They hope to see the Fair increase in scope of available resources in the future.

The W.H.O. (We Honor Ours) recipient, Mr. Keith MacInnes, Graves Middle School teacher, was congratulated for receiving this honor.

Trustees Macias and Stys reported they had attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly meetings. The Governor's proposed initiatives and the state finances were a main topic of discussion at the Delegate Assembly meetings. Trustee Baird also attended the Delegate Assembly meetings.

REPORTS

Dr. Kwek thanked the McKibben School staff and the students for their excellent presentation. The Superintendent congratulated Laura Bribiescas, president of the CSEA and employees and recognized Classified Employee Week. Dr. Kwek also congratulated Keith MacInnes for his W.H.O. recognition.

The Superintendent attended the May Revise Conference and reported that due to what was reported the district will continue to plan for future reductions. There are no funds to use for transportation. As a result, next school year busing will be reduced.

Dr. Kwek thanked Gail Baxter, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, for her part in organizing the Whittier Area Community Resource Fair. He also thanked principals and all the district staff who took part in the Fair.

Commenting on the CSBA Delegate Assembly discussion on the initiatives, CSBA's decision to support both initiatives, Governor Brown's Tax Increase Initiative and Molly Munger's State Income Tax Increase to Support Education Initiative, is a political move.

The Second Annual GATE Olympiad will be held on June 2nd at Graves Middle School. The Superintendent invited all to attend.

CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the consent portion of the agenda was approved with a modification to Contract List No. 17. Contract number 11-12-085 was approved separately. Trustee Baird abstained from the vote for the approval of contract number 11-12-085, Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program

Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes the regular meeting held May 8, 2012.

Approval of Purchase Order List No. 18

Approved purchase order list no. 18 for purchases submitted prior to May 22, 2012.

Approval of Contract List No. 17

Approved contract list no. 17 for services provided prior to May 22, 2012. Contract is:

11-12-084: contractor – Rossier Park Elementary School, service – individual service agreement, duration – 05/01/2012 to 06/30/2012, amount – not to exceed \$6,026.02

Approval of Contract No. 11-12-085: Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Hernandez, on a vote of 4/1, with Trustee Baird abstaining from the vote, contract no. 11-12-085 was approved. The contractor is Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program, the service is to bring in additional unrestricted revenue, the duration is month to month, there is no cost involved.

CURRICULUM

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Progress Report Gail Baxter, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, gave a progress report on STEM. Mrs. Baxter presented an update in areas that have been extended at no increased cost to the district. Technology is the area that has seen the most expansion. In the area of math, in partnership with the Whittier Union High School District, accelerated Algebra will be offered at Pioneer High School for advanced Graves Middle School students this summer. Students successfully completing this class will be able to study Geometry in the 8th grade. In the area of Engineering, a program called Great Minds will be offered to GMS students. This will be a joint agreement with other area school districts. In the area of science, students have participated in science related field trips to a Planetarium and the Discovery Space Center. As announced earlier, the GATE Olympiad will be held. Competition is in science, technology and math in the Olympiad amongst the schools. Science fairs and/or projects based learning of science topics has been implemented at all schools.

BUSINESS

Budget Presentation. Rick Holash, Associate Superintendent of Business Services made a budget presentation based on information gleaned at a School Services May Revise Budget Conference he attended. Much is depended on the Governor's proposed tax initiatives. Even if these proposed tax initiatives are approved there will still be significant budget problems. Despite reports to the contrary, there will be no new funding for schools. The gain will be an absence of another budget reduction. The District is prepared with plans either if the Governor's tax initiatives pass or not.

Declaration of Indefinite Salaries – Certificated Employees

On a motion by Trustee Avila seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the Declaration of Indefinite Salaries for certificated employees was approved. As a result of financial uncertainties, negotiations, legislation and other factors, the Board declared that all certificated employee's salaries were declared indefinite for the 2012-2013 school year.

Declaration of Indefinite Salaries – Classified Employees

On a motion by Trustee Avila seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the Declaration of Indefinite Salaries for classified employees was approved. As a result of financial uncertainties, negotiations, legislation and other factors, the Board declared that all classified employee's salaries were declared indefinite for the 2012-2013 school year.

Declaration of Indefinite Salaries – Management, Confidential and other Unrepresented Employees

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Avila and unanimously carried the Declaration of Indefinite Salaries for management, confidential and unrepresented employees was approved. As a result of financial uncertainties, negotiations, legislation and other factors, the Board declared that all management, confidential and other unrepresented employee's salaries were declared indefinite for the 2012-2013 school year.

GENERAL

Los Angeles County Plan for Expelled Students

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried the Los Angeles County Plan for Expelled Students was approved. This approval is required by Education Code Section 48926.

Proposed Board Policy 6170.1: Transitional Kindergarten

The Board conducted and second reading and adoption of proposed Board Policy 6170.1. On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried proposed Board Policy 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no comments on closed session items.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees commenced closed session at 7:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees resumed open session at 8:12 p.m.
No action was taken in closed session.

PERSONNEL
CLASSIFIED

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Avila and unanimously carried, with a correction [one line was removed – Autism Focus (K-3)], Classified Personnel Report No. 05-22-12-18 was approved.

Summer Supplemental Program – Classified Personnel Positions,
Lake Marie School and Graves Middle School – Effective
06/18/2012 to 07/19/2012

Cafeteria Staff: Martha Rivas, Cafeteria Manager/GMS
Jill Wehner, Cafeteria Helper/LM/GMS
Alberta Yaun, Sub Cafeteria Helper
Adela Lomeli, Sub Cafeteria Helper

Secretary: Lorena Ruiz/GMS

Paraprofessional Instructional Aides:

Maria Quijano, SDC/LH (1-4)
Maria de la Torre, SDC/LH (4-7)
Marisa Aparicio, SDC/LH (7-8)
Maritza Dionisio, SDC/SH/Preschool
Carmen Hernandez, SDC/SH/Preschool
Victoria B. Gonzalez, SDC/SH/Preschool
Marisa Hernandez, SDC/SH/(K-3)
Armida Romero, SDC/SH/(K-3)
Sherri Womack, SDC/SH/(K-3)
Amor Hernandez, Autism Focus (K-2)
Xochitl Diaz, Autism Focus (K-2)
Marcia Rangel, Autism Focus (K-2)
Josie Tafoya, SDC/SH (2-5)
Christine Miovisky, SDC/SH (2-5)
Yolanda Brennan, SDC/SH (2-5)
Kimberly Castellon, SDC/SH (3-6)
Elizabeth Morris, SDC/SH (3-6)
Leslie Muñoz, SDC/SH (3-6)
Rosa Chavez, SDC/SH (7-8)
Kala Hamilton, SDC/SH (7-8)
Maria Kristina Cruz, SDC/SH (7-8)

Classified Substitutes On Call – On An As Needed Basis
Lorraine Jauregui, April Nelson, Ana Tonkin, Melody Gonzalez,
Joanne Jorgensen and alternates

Extra Pay Assignment – On 05/12/2012 The Custodians Listed
Below Worked During The Whittier Area Resource Fair At Graves
Middle School And Will Be Compensated
Participants: Robert Martinez, Oscar Gomez

Extra Pay Assignment – 2011-2012 Training for CELDT Test
Administration In The 2012-2013 School Year
From 05/30-31/2012 the participants listed below (plus two
alternates) will receive training on the administration of the CELDT
Test.

Participants: Angelica Alvarado, Maria Ankeney, Alma Perez
Yolanda Brennan, Dawn Camargo, Xochitl Diaz,
Maritza Dionisio, Asuncion Gomez, Stephanie Gonzales,
Marisa Hernandez, Christine Miovsky, Olivia Morquecho,
Mayra Rivera, Cynthia Rodriguez, Armida Romero,
Laura Tovar

Extra Pay Assignment – 2011-2012 CELDT Testing for 2012-2013
School Year

From 07/01/2012 through 06/15/2013, the participants listed below
(plus two alternates) will administer the CELDT test to identified
students as required.

Participants: Angelica Alvarado, Maria Ankeney, Dawn Camargo,
Yolanda Brennan, Xochitl Diaz, Maritza Dionisio,
Asuncion Gomez, Stephanie Gonzales, Marisa Hernandez,
Christine Miovsky, Olivia Morquecho, Alma Perez,
Mayra Rivera, Cynthia Rodriguez, Armida Romero,
Laura Tovar

2011-2012 Substitute List – Instructional Aide/SDC/SH and/or
Noon Duty Supervisors – District Wide – Custodian – District Wide
Ratification

Maria Maturino, Sub Instructional Aide and Breakfast/Noon Duty
Jose Herrera, Sub Custodian
Roderick Dimailig, Sub Custodian

2011-2012 Request for Early Retirement

Yolanda Kruse, School Secretary, Los Altos School, Effective
June 30, 2012

PERSONNEL
CLASSIFIED

2011-2012 Second Extension to Medical Leave of Absence – Paid
Melissa Gonzalez, Administrative Analyst, Business Office,
Effective 05/15/2012 to 06/01/2012

PERSONNEL
CERTIFICATED

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried Certificated Personnel Report No. 05-22-12-17 was approved.

2011-2012 Summer Supplemental Program Positions – Effective 06/18/2012 to 07/19/2012 – Pending Availability of Funds, Student Enrollment and Actual Student Attendance

Special Education – Graves Middle School

Roberta Ellis, SDC/LH (Mild to Moderate), 1-4
Joel Anderson, SDC/LH (Mild to Moderate) 4-7
Heather Brannan, SDC/LH (Mild to Moderate) 7-8
Michelle Grunwald, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe) K-2AF
Lorraine Lake, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe) K-3
Maria Westbrook, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe) 3-6
Tracey Boeltl, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe) 2-5
Carlos Rivera, SDC/SH (Moderate to Severe) 7-8

Special Education – Early Learning Center

Danyelle Spirlin, SDC/SH Preschool

Special Education – District Wide

Carolyn Wright, Speech/Language Itinerant Teacher
Debra Hebert, Speech/Language Itinerant Teacher
Melody Skaggs, Adapted P.E.

CAHSEE Instructional Support Teachers – Graves Middle School

Jeff Kearney, Math
George Palomino, Math
William McCoy, Math
Dale Chitwood, math
Amanda Riisager, English/Language Arts
Cheryl Jensen, English/Language Arts
Todd Banner, English/Language Arts/ELL
Daniel Honeycutt, Social Science
Guy Sardo, Social Science

2011-2012 Summer Supplemental Instructional Program Day-to-Day Substitute Teachers – Effective 06/18/2012 to 07/19/2012

Jean Beers, Julia Friedman

PERSONNEL
CERTIFICATED

2011-2012 Summer Supplemental Instructional Program Regular
Teacher Substitutes

Margaret Gardener, Rosanne Grago, Valerie Favrow,
Audrey Radley, Susanna Francia

2011-2012 Extra Pay Assignment – Supplemental Instructional
Program – 4th to 6th Instruction using Rosetta Stone and Rewards
Reading to Improve Band on CELDT Test – Loma Vista School –
Effective: Extend to 12/13/2011 Approved Period 04/12/2012 to
05/2012 - Ratification

Susanna Francia

2011-2012 Extra Pay Assignment - Supplemental Instructional
Program – Virtual Field Trips – (GATE) – McKibben School, Loma
Vista School, Graves Middle School – Effective 05/2012 –
Ratification

Susanna Francia

2011-2012 Extra Pay Assignment – CELDT Training and Testing
for 2012-2013 School Year – District Wide – Effective 05/30-
31/2012

Denise Killackey, Jean Beers, Tracy Boeltl, James Brannan,
Roberta Ellis, Valerie Favrow, Susanna Francia, Roxanne Grago,
Lucilla Gutierrez, Donald Hotz, Alicia Lizarzaburu, Christopher
Losoya, Brandon Mitsunaga, Cindy Murray, Lani Namahoe,
Ai-Minh Nguyen, Sarah Payne, Stacy Pentel, Audrey Radley,
Amanda Riisager, Elisabel Scott, Mary Szak, Christine Thornton,
Esther Vargas-Hollar, Patricia Vega-Jeter, Debra Wease, Maria
Westbrook, two alternates

2011-2012 Extra Pay Assignment – CELDT Training and Testing
Preparation for 2012-2013 School Year – District Wide – Effective
05/22/2012 to 05/29/2012

Tiffany Baides

2012-2013 Extra Pay Assignment - CELDT Training and Testing
for 2012-2013 School Year – District Wide – Effective 07/01/2012
to 06/01//2013

Denise Killackey, Tiffany Baides, Jean Beers, Tracy Boeltl, James
Brannan, Roberta Ellis, Valerie Favrow, Susanna Francia, Roxanne
Grago, Lucilla Gutierrez, Donald Hotz, Alicia Lizarzaburu,
Christopher Losyoa, Brandon Mitsunaga, Cindy Murray, Lani
Namahoe, Ai-Minh Nguyen, Sarah Payne, Stacy Pentel, Audrey
Radley, Amanda Riisager, Elisabel Scott, Mary Szak, Christine
Thornton, Esther Vargas-Hollar, Patricia Vega-Jeter, Debra Wease,
Maria Westbrook, two alternates

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2012-2013 Special Substitute Request – CELDT Training and Testing for 2012-2013 School Year – Effective 05/30/2012 to 06/30/2013

Michelle Ryan

2012-2013 New Hire – Principal

Elizabeth (Lisa) Martinez Wilson, Carmela School, effective 2012--2013 school year

Public Hearing: South Whittier School District Initial Contract Proposal for 2012-2013.

A public hearing was in order for the SWSD initial proposal as submitted to provide an opportunity for communication on the initial contract proposal.

The hearing was open on a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried. There was no communication on the matter. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Avila and unanimously carried.

South Whittier School District Teachers Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2012-2013

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the South Whittier School District Teachers Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2012-2013 was submitted to the South Whittier School District for action.

Public Hearing: South Whittier School District Teachers Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2012-2013

A public hearing was in order for the SWTA initial contract proposal as submitted to provide an opportunity for communication on the initial contract proposal.

The hearing was open on a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried. There was no communication on the matter. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.