

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

of the Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
October 26, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Avila at 6:11 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, Administrative Services and
Personnel Management

Gail Baxter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Graves Middle School principal, Mrs. Kathy Cardiff.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Graves Middle School leadership team students made a presentation reporting on the many positive and unique activities happening at Graves Middle School. Ms. Odelisa Orellana is the leadership team advisor as well as the student government teacher. She was joined by students Elena Rodriguez, Daija Virgil and Yaely Mendoza. The students individually reported on a few of the activities including the yearbook, the school newspaper, the promotion of Petey the Panther, encouraging healthy snacks such as the granola bars with a Halloween message, student dances and tutoring students. Ms. Orellana extended an invitation to the Board to visit the student government class.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Danyelle Spirlin, teacher at Monte Vista School was recognized as the district's Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011. Ms. Spirlin has taught in the South Whittier School District for the past 14 years. During this time, Ms. Spirlin has been a member of several school level committees and has supported Monte Vista's PTA. Ms. Spirlin is admired and respected by teachers, parents and students several of whom attended her recognition and presented her with flowers. Mrs. Laidemitt presented her with a plaque from the district honoring her for her dedication and the impact she has had on many students. Ms. Spirlin's family also attended the function. A reception was held following the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Roberta Ellis expressed heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kwek and the Board for providing the new special education curriculum. She said the students are thrilled, excited and feel successful with this new curriculum. Mrs. Ellis also said this particular curriculum will make a difference this year and in future years.

A few McKibben School parents voiced their concerns about a teacher and also commended several other teachers. The speaker was pleased with the manner in which Mr. Alarcon, McKibben School principal, has handled their complaint and is working to resolve the issue.

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Board members congratulated Ms. Spirlin for her selection as Teacher of the Year and thanked her for her dedication to South Whittier students. The Graves Middle School students and their teacher, Ms. Orellana, were thanked for their very informative presentation.

Trustee Hernandez reported he attended the Monte Vista School Parent Meeting. Mrs. Macias reported she attended a Wellness Committee meeting and the Community Advisory Committee meeting.

REPORTS

Dr. Kwek thanked the McKibben School parents who addressed the Board and administration and assured them that student welfare is of utmost importance to all administrators. Dr. Kwek thanked the Graves Middle School students and their teacher for the fine presentation. Dr. Kwek congratulated Ms. Spirlin on her selection as the district's Teacher of the Year. The district participated in the Great California Shake-Out with all schools participating in the simulated disaster and evacuation drill. Communication among the schools and the district office was tested successfully.

CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee Stys seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the consent portion of the agenda was approved after the removal of Purchase Order List no. 7 which was approved separately.

Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held October 12, 2010.

Travel and Conference Report No. 06

Approved travel and conference report no. 06.

Purchase Order List No. 07

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried purchase order list no. 07 for purchase submitted prior to October 12, 2010 was approved.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Educational Services Report

Gail Baxter, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services reported on recent activities and accomplishments conducted through the Educational Services Department. Mrs. Baxter's report included information about:

- The "Arts for All" program. The District received a \$20,000.00 grant to develop an art plan and to develop the Community Arts Team. The district is in the process of implementing the plan and organizing the team.
- Benchmark testing and which ones have been developed for certain classes. She reported that teachers from each grade level were involved in developing the pacing guides and determining which standards to test on each benchmark.
- The report included how DAIT will analyze grade level standards.
- The district is applying for a GEAR UP grant in conjunction with Rio Hondo College. GEAR UP promotes an "attending college culture."
- A district-wide professional development day was held on October 18, 2010. The professional development day activities were held at several schools accommodating different grade levels and topics.
- The district's Technology Plan is being updated. Mr. Jose Alarcon is chairing the Technology Committee.
- STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) career education is being explored and the possibility of developing partnerships with surrounding districts is being considered. The study of these subjects will be emphasized.
- Wellness Committee members met. The committee is made up of district members as well as representative from community agencies.

BUSINESS

Notice of Completion – Western States - Contract No. 10-11-03

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the Notice of Completion was approved. The retention payment of \$6,048.00 to Western States will be released. The contracted services were deemed completed on September 23, 2010.

Public Hearing – Resolution No. 10-11-06: Giving Notice of Intention to Grant an Easement (Right of Way) to T-Mobile (Telechron Elementary School)

A public hearing was held to consider resolution 10-11-06. The South Whittier School District desires to provide an easement to T-Mobile for the installation, operation, maintenance, alteration, upgrade, repair and access of Southern California Edison underground utility systems and necessary fixtures and appurtenances, as well as temporary access easement pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant of Easement.

BUSINESS

The hearing was open on a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried. There was no discussion on resolution no. 10-11-06. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Stys seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried.

Approval of Resolution No. 10-11-06: Notice of Intention to Grant an Easement (Right of Way) to T-Mobile (Telechron Elementary School)
On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Stys and unanimously carried resolution no. 10-11-06: Notice of Intention to Grant an Easement (Right of Way) to T-Mobile (Telechron Elementary School) was approved.

First Reading of Proposed Board Policy 6162.5 – Student Assessment
The Board conducted the first reading of proposed board policy 6162.5.

Public Hearing – Memorandum of Understanding Between the South Whittier School District and the South Whittier Teachers Association – October 12, 2010 – Waiver of Medical Insurance

A public hearing was in order for communication on the Memorandum of Understanding between the South Whittier School District and the South Whittier Teachers Association. It is being entered into in order to modify the ratified agreement by providing options to employees to waive medical insurance benefits. In lieu of medical benefits, participating employees will be allowed to enroll in family coverage dental and vision plans offered by the District. Should an employee elect this option, the District agrees to pay the full cost of dental and vision insurance. No further consideration or compensation will be provided to participating employees for waiving medical benefits.

The hearing was open on a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried. There was no discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried.

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the South Whittier School District and the South Whittier Teachers Association – October 12, 2010 – Waiver of Medical Insurance

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the Memorandum of Understanding Between the South Whittier School District and the South Whittier Teachers Association October 12, 2010 – Waiver of Medical Insurance 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 8:02 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees resumed open session at 9:15 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried Classified Personnel Report No.10-26-10-07 and Certificated Personnel Report No.10-26-10-07 were approved.

CLASSIFIED
PERSONNEL

Increase in Work Hours – Office/Health Clerk, Monte Vista School
Stephanie Gonzales, increased by 1.0 hours (from 3 hours to 4 hours), effective 11/01/2010

Rehire Substitute Instructional Aide – On Call As Needed – District Wide – Effective 10/27/2010

Rosalba Topete

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignments

Tenita Cordova, Noon Duty Supervisor, Supplemental Program/Title I, effective between 10/2010 through 06/2011

Maria Ankeney, Library Clerk, one alternate, Testing of EL Students Using the LAS/Title III, Loma Vista School, effective between 10/2010 through 06/2011

WACSEP (CPI) Crisis Prevention Intervention Training for Staff Working with Special Ed Students, effective 10/18/2010 through 01/19/2011.

Participants: Marisa Aparicio, Victoria Beas-Gonzalez, Kimberly Castellon, Christine Miovsky, Sheila Chavez, Marisa Hernandez, Flor Garcia, Mayra Melendrez, Lillian Garcia, Leo Melchor (sub), Marcia Rangel (sub)

2010-2011 Retirement

Ricardo Dimailig, Custodian, Graves Middle School, effective 12/10/2010

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Special Substitute Request – To Allow Teachers to Attend CPI Training – Special Education Teachers – District Wide – Two Dates Effective Between 10/19/2010 Through 01/19/2011 – Ratification
Five Substitutes Needed

2010-2011 Special Substitute Request – To Release Teachers to Visit School Sites To Observe Research Based Best Practices – Los Altos School Teachers – Effective Dates Between 11/2010 Through 06/2011
Seven Substitutes Needed

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – Supplemental Instructional Program
Enrichment Activities to Increase Student Achievement – Teachers – Los
Altos and Monte Vista School, Effective Dates Between 11/2010 Through
06/2011

Los Altos: Michi Tanimoto, Laura Stillman, Blaine Woodward,
2 alternates

Monte Vista: Danyelle Spirlin, 1 alternate

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – After School Supplemental
Instructional Program – Teachers – Lake Marie – Effective Dates Between
10/01/2010 Through 04/2011 – Ratification

Cristina Corrales, Denise Killackey, Elaine McNally, Denise Zazueta,
1 alternate

2010-2011 Extension to Medical Leave of Absence – Paid – Teacher –
Graves Middle School – Effective 10/15/2010 Through 11/10/2010 –
Ratification

Employee ID Number: CH 07 35258 – English/Language Arts Teacher

2010-2011 Medical Leave of Absence – Paid – Teacher – Loma Vista
School – Effective 11/30/2010 Through 02/28/2011

Employee ID Number: WJ 55 07713 – 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher

Approved Salary Schedules – Revision

Special Education Program Coordinator/Psychologist

Special Education Program School Psychologist

School Community Counselor

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.