

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

of the Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
June 23, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Stys at 6:00 p.m.

Governing Board of Trustees present: Sharon Stys, Sylvia Macias, Francisco “Javi” Santana, Jan Baird, Deborah Pacheco

Others present:

Gail Baxter, Superintendent

Cecilia Laidemitt, Associate Superintendent of
Administrative Services and Personnel Management

Mark Keriakous, Associate Superintendent of Business Services

Absent: Martha Mestanza – Rojas, Associate Superintendent of
Educational Services

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Laura Bribiescas, Secretary at Lake Marie School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

There were no comments from Trustees.

REPORTS

Mrs. Gail Baxter, Superintendent reported on the following:

Carmela School Lease – Negotiations to lease the portables at the Carmela School Early Learning Center site have been going on for the past 2-3 months with Mary Kay Gallagher /Gallagher Pediatric Therapy. Mary Kay Ghallagher and her attorney have reviewed the lease agreement and agreed to the lease terms. Mary Kay Ghallagher has asked if she can move in to the location on July 1st, 2015. There will be official lease documents included on the agenda for the board meeting on July 28, 2015 for review. In order to not lose a month’s rent Mary Kay Ghallagher will start to move into the location on July 1st if there are no major objections. There were no objections.

Eric Hall & Associates – Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Keriakous & Mr. Coco had a meeting with Mr. Eric Hall and two of his associates today to discuss the SWSD Facilities Master Plan which was approved by the board about month and a half ago. This plan will help identify all the needs throughout the district and it will also provide information that will help determine if the District will want to move forward to apply for a bond in 2016 for the next set of upgrades to our

buildings. A Superintendents' Facilities Advisory Committee to oversee the progress of the Facilities Master Plan will begin meeting in August. The committee will meet once a month from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The committee will consist of a teacher, a classified employee, a parent, a principal from all sites, and the Superintendent, Mrs. Baxter, a representative from SWTA & CSEA and an invitation is extended to 2 Board Members so that they may be able to report publicly at the board meetings on the progress the committee has made. The committee will be able to make recommendations from the information gathered but, the Board will be making the decisions on how the dollars will be spent and setting the priorities. Throughout the school district there is a rough estimated amount of at least \$100 to \$150 million dollars in repairs that our buildings and infrastructures need. The need for new roofs, electrical systems, new air conditioners, pipes throughout that need to be replaced and repaired, as well as modernizing the classrooms to serve the needs of students learning 21st Century skills are just a few items that will be discussed. Our bonding capacity is probably between \$15 or \$30 million dollars. So, there are many decision that will need to be made moving forward.

Evaluation System –

Mrs. Baxter reflected on the district wide accomplishments for the year. She pointed out that the Board is always striving for a model of continual improvement that is in the best interest for our students. Mrs. Baxter is pleased to see that this year there is a strong evaluation system in place that is fully aligned with the District goals. All district employees have been evaluated by their managers, all based on standards for their profession. Mrs. Baxter is excited about all the enthusiasm and progress that the new Principals have brought to their school sites. Mrs. Baxter met with all Principals for the purpose of evaluations and they were very good professional conversations. An important part of the evaluation is looking at how standards were met and what are the next steps to be taken to continue improving. The District is evaluated from the students all the way through to the Superintendent and the Board. The students are evaluated in a form of a report card. The Board of Trustees completes a self – evaluation. This self-evaluation of the Board Members helps the Board identify areas that they may feel there is a need for improvement and what would be the next steps to take to achieve it or what areas to keep in place. The Superintendent also receives an evaluation that is based on District goals, Board goals, and the progress of school sites.

CSBA Golden Bell Award –

Mrs. Baxter with great happiness announced that Dr. Fraijo has

nominated Graves Middle School and the South Whittier School District Board of Trustees for the Golden Bell Award for the Boards support and commitment to Graves Middle School and for the implementation for the school wide intervention program. The application for the CSBA Golden Bell

Award has been received. The deadline is Friday and Dr. Fraijo has been working on the application. Dr. Fraijo has done a great job with the application and the feeling is positive that the District will be awarded the Golden Bell Award. In anticipation of the event, Mrs. Baxter has reserved a table for the Golden Bell Award ceremony. The ceremony will be held on the last day of the CSBA Annual Education Conference in December 2015. If for some reason the South Whittier School District is not selected as a recipient for the Golden Bell Award the reservation can be cancelled.

Loma Vista Performance – Mrs. Baxter extended a warm invitation to Board Members and all that are available to attend the Loma Vista Performance that will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2015 8:30 am to 10:15 am & Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:30 am to 10:45 am.at the Loma Vista multi-purpose room. The dress rehearsals have been going very well and it is believed that it will be an outstanding performance.

Aida's Progress – Mrs. Baxter gave an update on Aida's recovery from heart surgery.

Aida appreciates and wants to say thank you to those who dropped by to visit, called and sent her cards. Happy to report that Aida is doing well.

CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee Macias 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 June 9, 2015.

Purchase Order List No. 21

Approved Purchase Order List No. 21

Travel and Conference Report No. 20

Approved the Travel and Conference Report No. 20

GENERAL

Proposed Board Policy 3350: Travel Expenses (Second Reading)

This is the second reading and possible approval of the Proposed Board Policy 3350: Travel Expenses

There was no vote for Proposed Board Policy 3350: Travel Expenses (Second Reading). There will be a Third Reading at the Regular Board Meeting July 28, 2015. There are questions of the wording used in paragraph 1 and paragraph 5 of the proposed Board Policy 3350: Travel Expenses.

Consideration of cancelling July Board Meeting Dates/Modifying July Board Meeting Date.

On a motion by Trustee Santana seconded by Trustee and Macias unanimously carried the July 14, 2015 Board meeting was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 28, 2015.

GENERAL

Resolution 14-15-30: Authorization to Provide Board Member Salary Payment

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Santana and unanimously carried – Resolution No. 14-15-30 for hardship absence of Trustee Deborah Pacheco was approved.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Adoption of South Whittier School District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

On a motion by Trustee Pacheco seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the South Whittier School District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) was adopted.

BUSINESS

Adoption of the South Whittier School District 2015-2016 Budget
On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Santana and unanimously carried the South Whittier School District 2015-2016 Budget was adopted.

Public Hearing - Resolution No. 15-16-02 : Education Protection Account

A public hearing on Resolution No.15-16-02 – Education Protection Account was provided for opportunity for discussion. The hearing was open on a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Pacheco and unanimously carried. There was no discussion on the matter. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Santana seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried.

Approval of Resolution No. 15-16-02 – Education Protection Account

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Pacheco and unanimously carried Resolution No. 15-16-02 - Education Protection Account was approved.

