

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 28, 2013

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Stys at 6:02 p.m.

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

Member absent: Jorge Hernandez.

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

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Graves Middle School teacher, Mr. Keith MacInnes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Trustees Macias and Stys reported on the CSBA Delegate Assembly meetings they attended. A central topic of discussion was the Common Core Standards, their implementation and funding. Only 50% to 60% of Board members in attendance were familiar with Common Core Standards and said their districts were involved with the aforementioned standards on some level. Some were hearing about Common Core Standards for the first time. Both Trustees found the speaker, Rick Miller, to be an effective speaker. The Governor's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was also a critical topic of discussion. Both Board members reported they had learned a great deal in their discussions and meetings. Trustee Avila pointed out that in her employment one of the issues being discussed is the challenge of aligning teacher evaluation to the Common Core Standards. Trustees also reported on visiting Open House activities saying the parent participation was excellent. CSEA was thanked for the invitation to their annual Classified Employee Week pot luck.

REPORTS

In reference to Trustee Macias and Trustee Sty's comments about Common Core and its implementation, Dr. Kwek assured the Board that Mrs. Baxter, Mrs Mestanza-Rojas and the district team will keep the district on track. An extensive report was presented at the May 14th Board meeting where the two administrators named above explained the process to be undertaken with all teachers being involved and trained as well as the Instructional Coaches who will prepare administrators not yet trained.

At the Delegate Assembly meeting, Trustees Stys and Macias heard reports on Common Core and CORE. Dr. Kwek clarified these two proposed school improvement systems.

The implementation of Common Core State Standards was presented at the May 14th Board meeting and that is moving forward. A separate issue is CORE, (California Office to Reform Education). CORE is a group of seven districts who are presenting a waiver to the U.S. Government to be exempt from No Child Left Behind. The state of California had the opportunity to apply for a waiver and it did, but it was not granted because the state of California did not follow the rules. Seven districts have banded together and they are doing their own application. The U.S. Government allows them to apply separately. Applications from separate districts can be taken under very strict guidelines and no state has done that. But here in California we have seven districts that are applying and they call themselves CORE to be exempt from No Child Left Behind. That process is being considered in Washington. A group in Washington has read it and has made recommendations. Mr. Rick Miller is the person who is leading CORE in California. He is from the California group and he is being advised on what needs to be modified. Changes are returned to the Washington group. That is part of what Mrs. Stys talked about and it is hoped that it will be approved in June. If it is approved in June, part of the application is that other districts can join CORE after it is approved. Dr. Kwek has discussed this with the Board. The Board is in favor of the district being part of CORE. The district would be exempt from the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), be exempt from the requirement of having to set aside money for some of the things that have to be done related to NCLB and we would have a different system to operate under other than NCLB. More information will be forthcoming on CORE. Part of the process of joining CORE later is that there has to be open discussions of CORE at Board meetings and they must be included in the Board minutes as part of our process. There will be further discussions on this process if it does come to pass and whether or not the district will join in.

REPORTS

The Superintendent and the Business Office staff have attended several Budget Workshops including a May Revise workshop. The Governor is very firm on his position of having a base, a supplemental grant and then a concentration grant as Dr. Kwek has reported in the past. The Governor has added in more accountability procedures which are very cumbersome and are being debated. With the basic structure, he is adamant on getting his LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) passed. Many of the experts feel the Governor will be successful. There is considerable controversy going on with other groups. The State Senate has proposed a plan that has only a supplemental grant and not a concentration grant and they want to delay it a year. The State Assembly has proposed another plan with more money for preschools and higher base amounts for everybody. CSBA and ACSA have all come out with positions that there should be more money for education. We want to get back to the funding we had before and we need to be more competitive with other states. At the end of LCFF in seven years, we will then be back to the level of funding we had in 2007. Some groups are saying that is not enough and that is not right. One of the biggest issues going on with LCFF is among school districts. It has become like a Civil War. The suburban vs. the urban school districts. Urban school districts will do well because they have a larger concentration of lower income families and English Language Learners. Extra funds will be geared toward the urban school districts. The suburban districts do not get those concentration grants. For this reason, there is significant controversy going on among districts. There are some groups in suburban districts that are forming to pursue this and make an issue of it. Between now and June 15th there will be a series of debates, a lot of struggle, a lot of talk. The experts report there will be consensus by June 15th because if not, Legislators in Sacramento have their paychecks reduced daily until approved. The Governor has a lot of influence, confidence, momentum, and support. The LCFF is going to be enacted this year, a few state groups may get their influence in, but the feeling is that it is going to happen.

The Superintendent invited all to the GATE Olympiad to be held at Graves Middle School on June 1st. He had some worthy news about the Lake Marie School canopy project being approved to receive \$137,000.00 from the bond sale. A special Board meeting will be held June 6th to approve the contract and proceed with the Lake Marie School project. Dr. Kwek was happy to announce that the GMS API score is now 764, an increase of over 104 points over the last two years. API scores were adjusted due to the manner the state calculated eighth grade math.

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 May 14, 2013.

Approval of Purchase Order List No. 18

Approved purchase order list no. 18 for purchases submitted prior to May 28, 2013.

Contract List No. 14

Approved contract list no. 14 for services provided prior to May 28, 2013. Contracts include:

12-13-074: contractor – Carol Dale, service – provide services to district students, duration – 05/17/2013 to 06/30/2013, amount – not to exceed \$6,300.00;

12-13-075: contractor – University of Phoenix, service – mentoring teachers, duration – 05/01/2013 – open, amount – no cost;

12-13-076: contractor – Marjani Builders, service – Carmela School project, duration – 05/29/2013 to 12/01/2013, amount - \$299,000.00;

12-13-077: contractor – Jergensen Construction, service – McKibben School project, duration – 05/29/2013 to 12/01/2013, amount – not to exceed \$499,800.00;

12-13-078: contractor – GDL Best Contractors, Inc., service – Los Altos School HVAC project, duration – 05/29/2013 to 12/01/2013, amount – not to exceed \$490,000.00;

12-13-079: contractor – WCCR Construction, service – Loma Vista School project, duration – 05/29/2013 to 12/01/2013, amount – not to exceed \$314,375.00;

12-13-080: contractor – Silver Creek Industries, Inc., service – Carmela School project, duration – 05/29/2013 to 12/01/2013, amount – not to exceed \$417,733.00;

Amendment 12-13-062: contractor – PCH Architects, LLP, service – architectural services, duration – 01/11/2012 to completion, amount - \$12,000.00

Travel and Conference Report No. 16

Approved travel and conference report no. 16.

GENERAL

Proposed Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials – Second Reading and Adoption

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried Board Bylaw 9322 – Agenda/Meeting Materials was adopted.

GENERAL

Proposed Board Bylaw 9323.2 – Actions by the Board – Second Reading and Adoption

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried Board Bylaw 9323.2 – Actions by the Board was adopted.

Proposed Board Policy 3260 – Fees and Charges – First Reading

The Board of Trustees conducted the first reading of proposed Board policy 3260 – Fees and Charges.

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 6:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees resumed open session at 6:49 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Trustee Avila seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried Classified Personnel Report No. 05-28-13-18 and Certificated Personnel Report No. 05-28-13-18 were approved.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

2012-2013 Summer Program Food Service Staff/Graves Middle School – Effective 06/17/2013 to 07/12/2013

Jill Wehner, Cafeteria Manager, 3 hours/day

Alberta Yaun, Cafeteria Helper, 2 hours/day

Substitutes as needed: Gloria Torres, Terry Sperry, Adela Lomeli

2012-2013 Extra Pay Assignment

From 06/01/2013 to 06/30/2014 the participants listed below will train and provide CELDT Testing for school year 2013-2014.

Participants will be compensated at their regular rate of pay plus benefits.

Participants: Jamelyn Alvarado, Angelica Alvarado, Maria Ankeney, Teresa Barto, Kimberly Castellon, Dawn Camargo, Maritza Dionisio, Asuncion Gomez, Stephanie Gonzales, Amor Hernandez, Marisa Hernandez, Cintia Mejia, Olivia Morquecho, Alma Perez, Maria Quijano, Mayra Rivera, Cindi Rodriguez, Josie Tafoya, Laura Tovar, plus 10 alternates

From 05/06/2013 to 06/13/2013 the participants listed below will provide supervision of special education students during bus pick-up/drop off at Los Altos School. Participants will be compensated at her regular rate of pay plus benefits.

Participant: Marisa Hernandez, plus one alternate

CLASSIFIED
PERSONNEL

2012-2013 Medical Leave of Absence/Paid– Cafeteria Helper – Graves Middle School – Effective 05/13/2013 to 05/27/2013 – Ratification
Employee ID # KD 265 50 87

2012-2013 Medical Leave of Absence/Paid – Instructional Aide – Los Altos School – Effective 05/20/2013 to 05/29/2013 – Ratification
Employee ID # AZ 488 16 15

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2013-2014 New Assignment – Instructional Coach – District Wide – Effective 08/01/2013 to 05/28/014
Tamara Keiser – from 1st grade teacher, Lake Marie School to Instructional Coach – district wide

2012-2013 Revisions to Assignments for Summer Supplemental Program Positions – Graves Middle School – Effective 06/17/2013 to 07/19/2013 – Pending availability of funds, student enrollment and actual student attendance. The daily rate of pay shall be .03 of the last year's salary in the South Whittier School District for regular teachers.

Brandon Mitsunaga – change in assignment – from SDC/SH 6th – 8th to SDC/SH – K – 3rd

Danielle Rodriguez – replacement for Lorrene Lake – SDC/SH 6th to 8th

2012-2013 Summer Supplement Instructional Program – Day to Day Substitute Teachers – will be paid the daily rate of \$78.00 per day for a four-hour work day. Substitute teachers to be used on call on an as needed basis only – effective 06/17/2013 to 07/19/2013

Robert Arcadi, Esther Adams-Arvizu, Jeff Anaya, Violet Avelar-Romo, Nancy Boster, Arleen Dodson, Ivette Dryden, Ann Geib, Erika Hagans, Joanna Jiga, Marie Johnson, Maricela Sandoval, David Snobl, Maria Ubeda-Kim, Patricia Underwood

2012-2013 Extra Pay Assignment – Attend Management Retreat To assist in planning for the 2013-2014 school year – Loma Vista School – effective 06/24/2013

Kaylene Merrill

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2012-2013 Extra Pay Assignment – Teacher Training – Common Core Standards and Synced Solution – District Wide – Teachers – Effective 06/17/2013 to 06/20/2013

Helia Adanto, Tiffany Baides, Kelly Hernandez, Silvia Bobluk, Cristina Corrales, Tonette Demoray, Susanna Francia, Roxanne Grago, Daniel Honeycutt, Donald Hotz, William McCoy, Kathleen Kivi, Irene Maehara, Gabriela Medina, Kaylene Merrill, Karen Metcalfe, Audrey Radley, Catherine Rohlfing, Laura Stillman, Blaine Woodward

2012-2013 Extra Pay Assignment – Inclusion Specialist Assist teachers with IEP support and classroom management effective 01/17/2013 to 06/13/2013 – Ratification

Tonette Demoray

2012-2013 Extra Pay Assignment – Presenter Teachers for CELDT training – District Wide – Effective 06/01/2013 to 06/30/2013

Kathleen Kivi, Tiffany Baides

2012-2013 – Extra Pay Assignment – Teacher Training – CELDT Testing – District Wide – Effective 06/01/2013 to 06/30/2013

Tiffany Baides, Tracy Boeltl, James Brannan, Valerie Favrow, Susanna Francia, Roxanne Grago, Lucilla Gutierrez, Donald Hotz, Kathleen Kivi, Alicia Lizarzaburu, Ai-Minh Nguyen, Sarah Payne, Audrey Radley, Elisabel Santos-Scott, Esther Vargas-Hollar, Debra Wease, Jennifer Woodward, 6 alternates

2012-2013 Extra Pay Assignment – Training - Common Core Standards and Synced Solution - Administrator – Effective 06/17 – 20/2013

Martha Mestanza-Rojas

2012-2013 Extension to Medical Leave of Absence – Paid – Lake Marie School – Effective 05/16/2013 to 06/13/2013 – Ratification

Employee # QU 416 67 96

2012-2013 Retirement – Loma Vista School - Effective End of the Day 06/13/2013

Patricia Elaine McNally, Teacher

2012-2013 Resignation – Effective 05/24/2013- Ratification

Julie O'Connell, District Nurse

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

Job Description

On a motion by Trustee Avila seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the School Psychologist Intern Job Description was approved.

Public Hearing: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators For the 2013-2014 School Year, Title V Regulations

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the hearing on the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2013-2014 School Year, Title V Regulations was open. There were no comments on the matter. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried.

Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators For the 2013-2014 School Year, Title V Regulations

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Avila and unanimously carried the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators For the 2013-2014 School Year, Title V Regulations was approved.

Public Hearing: Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request – Speech, Language Pathologist Services Credential – Elise Contreras

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the public hearing on Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request – Speech, Language Pathologist Services Credential – Elise Contreras was open. There were no comments on the matter. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Avila and unanimously carried.

Approval of Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request – Speech, Language Pathologist Services Credential – Elise Contreras

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request – Speech, Language Pathologist Services Credential – Elise Contreras was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.