

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING: February 1, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Education Service Center by the President, Mr. Winet.

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board members present: Baber, Duff, Halgren, Turner, Winet

Board members absent: None

Staff members present on assignment: Bender, Marshall, Martinez, Yoshihara, Walker

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2011, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

E-mail from Tina Sardina, Principal, Fletcher Hills Elementary School, commending Chris Benker, Director, Maintenance, Operations & Facilities; and Scott Leslie, Skilled Maintenance Worker, for facilitating carpet and tile installation and repair in their auditorium

Letter from South Bay Union School District announcing officers and meeting dates

Letters from the following districts supporting candidates for the CSBA Region 17 Delegate Assembly: Lakeside Union School District, Chula Vista Elementary School District, Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District, and Santee School District

Memo from Claudia Bender, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, regarding a correction to HR-1, Standard Recommendations

Memo from Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support, regarding Spring Valley Middle School students participating in the Science Olympiad

Memo from Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support, regarding Bancroft Elementary School Subgroups

Letter from San Diego County Office of Education regarding the 2010-11 First Interim Report

Invitation to a reception for elected officials at UC San Diego

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

MINUTES
Approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

T. Sardina, Principal, FLH
Commendation: C. Benker & S. Leslie, Maint. Dept.

So. Bay Union School District
Officers & meeting dates

Letters from Lakeside USD, Chula Vista ESD, Valley Center-Pauma USD & Santee SD supporting candidates for CSBA Delegate Assembly

C. Bender, Asst. Supt., HR
Correction to HR-1, Standard HR Recommendations

K. Walker, Asst. Supt., LS.
SVMS students participating in Science Olympiad

K. Walker, Asst. Supt., LS
Bancroft Subgroups

SDCOE letter regarding 2010-11 First Interim Report

Invitation from UCSD

AGENDA

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It was moved by Baber, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended, pulling Item HR-4, *Res.10-11-20, Elimination and/or Reduction of Classified Positions*; and adding a public hearing under New Business to discuss Highwood Park.

Approved as amended

HEARING SESSION

HEARING

The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board on any topic relating to public education.

Christina Hicks, parent of students at Kempton Elementary and La Presa Middle Schools, encouraged the Board to visit each site to see the different impacts the proposed reductions would have at each site.

C. Hicks, parent, KEM/LPM
Budget impacts

Pam Burns, Vice President, Teachers Association, requested an explanation of a travel item for non-employees. It was explained private schools using their Title I funds are required to go through their local education agency.

P. Burns, VP, Teachers Assn.
Travel clarification

Janice Gilmore-See, District Librarian, stated library restructuring would impact both students and teachers and that research shows library service is connected to student success.

J. Gilmore-See, Dist. Librarian
Library restructuring

Aaron Landau, Vice President, La Mesa Historical Society and member of the Centennial Committee, invited the Board to participate in La Mesa’s 100th Anniversary in 2012 in any way they may be able. He further stated that Jim Newland, La Mesa’s resident historian, is planning to write a book about La Mesa-Spring Valley School District using photo archives. The Committee is also planning an essay contest.

A. Landau, VP, La Mesa
Historical Society
La Mesa’s Centennial

Jay Steiger, District parent and PTA officer, stated libraries provide many benefits to all children. In an effort to foster more community awareness of the budget crisis, he invited any interested PTAs to sponsor parent education meetings.

J. Steiger, parent/PTA officer
Libraries/community budget
awareness

Lisa Stewart, parent of students at Murdock Elementary and Spring Valley Middle Schools, suggested the District develop non-state revenue streams and explore a model like Partners in Education.

L. Stewart, parent,
MUR/SVMS
Non-state revenue streams

REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

REPORTS

As a Year Four Program Improvement School, Kempton Elementary School is required to develop a plan for alternative governance or restructuring for next year. The overarching goal of the restructuring plan is to improve student achievement through a consistent, systematic approach in the following areas: Professional Learning Communities, Good First Instruction, Assessment, Intervention, Nonfiction Writing, and English Learners. Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support; Elisa Holston, Principal; and Guiding Coalition members, Kempton Elementary School, presented Kempton’s plan for restructuring and answered clarifying questions.

Kempton Restructuring

HEARING SESSION

Kathleen Brand, parent, provided a background on her proposed plans for Highland Park.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously, as amended, to endorse a study to create native habitat areas in Highwood Park. In addition, the Board encouraged the La Mesa City Council to work with Kathleen Brand, parent, and share the Highwood Park Development Plan with all interested parties, and directed the Joint Development Steering Committee to develop an MOU, if necessary. Superintendent to write letter informing the City of Board's action.

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to approve the following:

Purchase Orders E21913 through E22088 totaling \$235,206.11

Warrants January 7, 2011 through January 19, 2011 totaling \$540,379.36

Expenditures in the amount of \$0

As attached.

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to accept the following gifts with thanks: A field trip grant in the amount of \$700.00 from Target Stores to Kempton Elementary School teacher Jana Wilson to be used for a study trip to the Children's Museum; a Steinway-Essex piano valued at \$6,000.00 from the Naomi L. Stein Music Education Foundation to Lemon Avenue Elementary; and \$1980.00 from Murray Manor Elementary School PTA to Murray Manor Elementary for 4th-grade classes to participate in the Marine Floating Sea Lab study trip.

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to ratify student excursion – Spring Valley Middle School to the San Diego Opera.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to conduct student excursion – Spring Valley Middle School Band to Disneyland.

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to conduct student excursion – Kempton Elementary School to San Diego Jr. Theater.

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to conduct student excursion – Murdock Elementary School to San Juan Capistrano.

HEARING SESSION

K. Brand, parent
Highland Park plans

NEW BUSINESS

Study for native habitat in Highwood Park
Approved as amended

Consent Calendar
Approved

Purchase Orders

Warrants

Revolving Cash Fund
Reimbursements from the
General Fund

Travel

Gifts – KEM, LEA and MUM
Accepted with thanks

Student excursion – SVMS
Ratified

Student excursion – SVMS Band
Authorized

Student excursion – KEM to San Diego Jr. Theater
Authorized

Student excursion – MUR to San Juan Capistrano
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a Special Education Master Contract with Sierra Academy.

**Special Education Master
Contract w/Sierra Academy**
Authorized

HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS

It was moved by Baber, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to approve standard Human Resources recommendations as amended to include five additional Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms.

**Human Resources
Recommendations**
Approved as amended

It was moved by Baber, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to approve Teacher Assignment per Education Code Section 44258.3 (Barbara Staufenbeil to teach one period of Physical Education, 6th grade, at Spring Valley Middle School).

Teacher Assignment
Approved

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a Contract with Professional Placement Resources for an Occupational Therapist.

**Contract with Professional
Placement Resources for OT**
Authorized

Resolution 10-11-20, Elimination and/or Reduction of Classified Positions.

Res. 10-11-20
PULLED FROM AGENDA

It was moved by Baber, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 10-11-21, Establish Criteria to Determine the Order of Lay Off and Re-employment for those Certificated Employees with the Same First Date of Paid Probationary Service.

**Res. 21, Criteria to
Determine Order of Lay
Off/Re-employment for
Certificated**
Adopted

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Baber, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to Establish Salary Schedule for Certificated Employees – School Nurses.

**Salary Schedule for
School Nurses**
Authorized

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Duff announced he attended a City of La Mesa community meeting, where much of the discussion involved the areas around the schools and *Safe Routes to School*.

Mr. Duff noted he was present at a meeting called by Supervisor Dianne Jacob at the Spring Valley Elementary site to discuss forced prostitution of girls ages 12-17. Several school boards and law enforcement also were present.

Mr. Duff stated that discussion at the last Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee centered on Prop M playgrounds at the elementary schools. All have been completed and closeout with DSA is pending. Contact with several media sources has been made for publicity. Amount to closeout Prop M is approximately \$1.4 million and it is anticipated funds will be exhausted by January 2012.

Mr. Duff additionally noted Superintendent Marshall presented the plaque with Resolution 10-11-16, Honoring Naomi Stein to the family on Saturday at Lemon Avenue Elementary. Many District teachers, administrators and students from generations back were in attendance.

Mr. Baber announced that, regrettably, a soils test on the land the City of La Mesa was looking at for a community garden across from Maryland Avenue Elementary found that was inappropriate. Other sites are being looked at.

Mr. Baber announced he, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support recently met with Congressman Duncan Hunter to discuss issues relating to education.

Dr. Turner announced the CSBA Board of Directors met in January regarding the Executive Director position. They expect to make a decision by the end of February.

At 8:50 p.m. the President announced a recess.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:06 p.m. the President called for a closed session to discuss Negotiations Update – LMSV Teachers Association; Negotiations Update – California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 419; Negotiations Update – Administrators Association and Other Unrepresented Bargaining Groups, and conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation (one case). The Superintendent; Board; and Assistant Superintendents Business, Human Resources and Learning Support adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06.p.m.

Brian Marshall, Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and ordered into the proceedings of the District at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education to be held February 15, 2011.

Bob Duff, Clerk of the Board of Education