

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING: March 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Service Center by the Vice President, Mr. Winet.

CALL TO ORDER

The Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

It was announced President Turner was not able to attend this evening's meeting, as she is in Washington, D.C. representing the California School Board's Association. Vice President Winet chaired the meeting.

Board members present: Baber, Duff, Halgren, Winet

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
QUORUM**

Board members absent: Turner

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

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2010, as presented.

**MINUTES
Approved as presented**

COMMUNICATIONS

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Announcement of the *Honoring Our Own Awards Dinner* to be held Thursday, April 29.

Honoring Our Own Awards
Dinner

E-mail from Chris Benker, Director, Maintenance & Operations, regarding excellent customer service by the Grounds crew.

C. Benker, Director, M&O
Grounds crew customer service

Memo from Claudia Bender, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, regarding the Classified Leave Bank application

C. Bender, Asst. Supt., HR
Classified Leave Bank

PowerPoint for the Early Admission Kindergarten presentation

EAK PowerPoint

Education Week article regarding the Elementary & Secondary Education Act Renewal Blueprint

Article re Elem. & Secondary
Ed. Act Renewal Blueprint

AGENDA

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It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Approved as presented

HEARING SESSION

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The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board on any topic relating to public education. There being no one wishing to address the Board, the session was closed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

REPORTS

The District opened four Early Admission Kindergarten (EAK) classes in January 2010 at La Mesa Dale, Northmont, Rancho, and Sweetwater Springs Elementary Schools. EAK is a state-approved program open to students who turn five after the December 2 deadline for admission to kindergarten and before March 1. EAK students generate ADA funding from the state once they turn five years of age. Students participating in the program attend EAK for approximately one-half of the school year and are enrolled in kindergarten the following year. Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support; Rita Schwartz, Teacher on Special Assignment; and EAK teachers Nicole Shellman, Kellie Mills, Adrienne Korbel, and Sarah Bottomly presented an overview of the EAK program and responded to clarifying questions.

Early Admission Kindergarten

NEW BUSINESS

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It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to adopt Board Policy Updates as attached.

Board Policy Updates
Updated as noted

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

Consent Calendar
Approved

Purchase Orders D12517 through D12663 totaling \$152,541.27

Purchase Orders

Warrants February 17, 2010 through February 26, 2010 totaling \$487,174.54

Warrants

Expenditures in the amount of \$1,828.16

Revolving Cash Fund
Reimbursements from the
General Fund

There have been no travel requests since the last Board meeting.

Travel

Approval of Change Orders for Roof Replacement Project, Bid #FB6-08/09

Change Orders for Roof
Replacement Project

Acceptance of Work for the Completion of the Roof Replacement Project; and Authorization to File Notice of Completion

Acceptance of Work for
Completion of Roof
Replacement Project

Rejection of Claim – Student at Sweetwater Springs Elementary School

Claim rejection – Student at
Sweetwater Springs Elementary

Award of Contract for Purchase, Installation, and Maintenance of a Student Information System

Award of Contract for Student
Information System

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to conduct student excursion – La Presa Middle School Jazz Band to perform at the La Mesa Antique Street Faire.

**Student excursion – LPMS
Jazz Band**
Authorized

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to conduct student excursion – Spring Valley Middle School AVID students to the San Diego Opera.

**Student excursion – SVMS
AVID students
Authorized**

HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS

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

**Human Resources
Recommendations
Approved as amended**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Winet announced there would be a Budget Study Committee meeting on March 18 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 Noon.

Mr. Duff read the following comment into the record:

“Last week Education Secretary Arne Duncan was the guest on the “Situation Room.” I was highly disappointed by his disparaging remarks against teachers. His claim was that the nation’s children performed poorly when rated against other nations in the areas of math and language. This failure Arne attributed to poor teachers. He expressed that teachers need to be dismissed along with administrators for lack of performance.

He spoke this while claiming he was supported by the teachers association. I can’t accept the remark that “all teachers, poor ability and poor teaching are the reasons for students’ lack of performance. I take offense by Duncan’s ignorance of education.”

Mr. Duff further announced he has heard that parents of private and parochial school students are pulling them out of these schools due to the cost. Public schools, therefore, may see an increase of students for this reason.

Mr. Baber confirmed the District is working with the City of La Mesa to turn a vacant lot across from Maryland Avenue Elementary School into a community garden.

At 8:13 p.m. the President announced a recess.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:21 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; and negotiations update – non-represented employee groups. 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 8:57 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 April 20, 2010.

Bill Baber, Clerk of the Board of Education