

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING: September 1, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Education Service Center by the President, Mrs. Halgren.

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board members present: Duff, Halgren, Turner, Winet

Board members absent: Baber

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

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2009, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Note of appreciation from Pamela Brandy, parent of a student in a residential program in Texas

PowerPoint for the Quest Academy Presentation

Memo from Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support, regarding instructional materials

Letter from Joseph Rodriguez, Volunteer, in appreciation for returning Mrs. Harker Reid, Counselor, to Kempton Elementary.

Letter from Art Madrid, Mayor, City of La Mesa, regarding repairs at Jr. Seau Field.

Letter from Laurence Baldauf, Jr. regarding science curriculum

Additional Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms

AGENDA

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as modified, removing the closed session item to discuss the Superintendent's contract noting it would be more appropriate to discuss this matter with all Board members present.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

MINUTES

Approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

P. Brandy, District Parent
Note of appreciation

Quest Academy PowerPoint

K. Walker, Asst. Supt., LS
Instructional materials

J. Rodriguez, Volunteer
Letter of appreciation

A. Madrid, Mayor,
City of La Mesa
Repairs at Jr. Seau Field

L. Baldauf, Jr.
Science curriculum

Lecturer/Presenter forms

AGENDA

Approved as modified

HEARING SESSION

HEARING

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

Manny Aceves, Teacher, Bancroft Elementary School, noting that a report on Quest Academy will be presented, announced it has been a pleasure working with Quest students on the Bancroft campus.

M. Aceves, Teacher, BAN
Quest Academy

REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

REPORTS

Students are referred to Quest Academy, a community day school located on the campus of Bancroft Elementary School, through the School Attendance Review Team (SART), School Attendance Review Board (SARB), Administrative Review Panel (ARP) and by school staff concerned with academic achievement levels. Referred students have a history of low grades, attendance, behavior and social problems. Teachers in this program develop individual plans for academic, social and behavioral growth for each student. Rachel Guera and Barbara Montfort, teachers at Quest Academy, presented a program overview and data collected over this program's two years of operation and responded to clarifying questions.

Quest Academy Update

NEW BUSINESS

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

Consent Calendar
Approved

Purchase Orders D10465 through D10616 totaling \$720,662.23

Purchase Orders

Warrants August 7, 2009 through August 17, 2009 totaling \$312,820.79

Warrants

Zero (0) checks have been processed since the last Board meeting

Revolving Cash Fund
Reimbursements from the
General Fund

There have been no travel requests since the last Board meeting

Travel

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into an Expanded Special Education Master Contract with Pioneer Day School.

Expanded Sp. Ed. Contract
w/Pioneer Day School

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into an Expanded Special Education Master Contract with Shiloh Treatment Center.

Expanded Sp. Ed. Contract
w/Shiloh Treatment Center

HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to approve standard Human Resources recommendations as amended to include 11 additional Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms.

**Human Resources
Recommendations**
Approved as amended

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS
FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Duff announced that he and Tina Sardina, Director, Learning Support, met with the Strategic Plan for Supporting Community Wellness in La Mesa and Spring Valley Team. An 18-page Vision Statement was reviewed to determine wording for the community plan. There are eight specific key success measures with action pathways to increase the capacity of the schools and after-school programs designed to promote healthy behavior among students at all grade levels. Mr. Duff stated he requested that Mrs. Sardina confer with principals and program directors to determine the viability and probability of their success. Upon completion, the plan will be docketed for acceptance at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Winet referenced Mayor Madrid's letter regarding Jr. Seau Field and encouraged the community to voice support of the repair of this field to the Mayor.

The Superintendent reported that he met with the City regarding this matter and believes the only short-term solution is to repair the field. The City is looking into various funding avenues, and this topic will be brought to the La Mesa Parks and Recreation Foundation next week. A joint report will be prepared by the task force for presentation to the City and the District.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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 September 15, 2009.

Rick Winet, Clerk of the Board of Education