

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING: October 2, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Education Service Center by the President, Mr. Baber.

CALL TO ORDER

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
QUORUM**

Board members absent: None

Staff members present on assignment: Bender, Marshall, Walker

CLOSED SESSION

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At 6:36 p.m. the President called for a closed session to discuss public employee appointment – Assistant Superintendent, Business Services.

Board members Baber, Duff, Halgren, and Winet; the Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents Human Resources and Learning Support; and Jerry Gross, Hazard, Young, Attea & Assoc., Ltd., adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

The President adjourned the closed session at 7:04 p.m.

The President reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
QUORUM**

Board members absent: None

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

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2012, as presented.

MINUTES
Approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS

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Memo from the Superintendent regarding a CSBA Facilitated Workshop on *Student Health and Wellness – Link to Learning*

B. Marshall, Superintendent
CSBA facilitated Workshop

Memorandum of Agreement for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program

ASES MOU

PowerPoint for Magnet School Conversation

Magnet School PowerPoint

Memo from Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support, regarding Spring Valley Middle School Band Performances

K. Walker, Asst. Supt., LS
SVMS Band Performances

Memo from Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support, regarding a La Mesa Middle School Study Trip

K. Walker, Asst. Supt., LS
LMMS Study Trip

President Baber announced he had flyers for the “Sustain La Mesa” Environmental Festival on October 27, 10:00 a.m. at Harry Griffen Park.

B. Baber, Board President
Sustain La Mesa Festival

Misty Thompson, Coordinator, Safe Routes to School Program, showed a brief video and updated the Board on the program and announced National Walk to School Day on October 3. La Mesa Kids Walk & Roll to School is a federally funded Safe Routes to School Program that supports the City of La Mesa and the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District’s “Live Well” Community Wellness Initiative. The program operates at eight schools within La Mesa and encourages children and families to walk or bike to school.

M. Thompson, Coordinator
Safe Routes to School

AGENDA

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It was moved by , seconded by , 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.

Jerry Lecko, former District parent, heard about the possibility of magnet schools and believes this discussion is necessary and vital to the future of the District.

J. Lecko, former District parent
Magnet schools

Nicole Demuth, a long-term substitute who has worked at five different District schools and has been laid off several times, suggested that creative solutions are needed in difficult times so others can realize their dreams of being teachers.

N. Demuth, long-term sub
Creative solutions needed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

REPORTS

In April 2007 Competitive Edge Research & Communication conducted a phone survey of District residents with children under the age of 14 to gauge interest in a potential school within a school or magnet school. At the September 18, 2012 Board meeting, the Board expressed a desire to re-visit this data. The most strongly supported concepts were technology and performing arts, followed by foreign language and community service. Location between Highways 8 and 94 was preferred, and safety was a priority. After-school sports programs and improved sports facilities were popular, and free bus transportation was an incentive.

Discussion re Magnet Schools

There was discussion among the Board regarding the following issues: member Duff stated magnets attract students and, in many cases, transportation issues can be overcome. Member Turner expressed an interest in a Science, Technology, & Engineering Magnet (STEM) and a performing arts program and stated the Board shouldn't be closed minded about the budget – we can repurpose existing resources. President Baber expressed an interest in placing a performing arts program at La Mesa Middle School and stated that we have a performing arts program already in Peter Pan Jr. Theater. Dr. Turner suggested La Presa Middle for a STEM program, and President Baber mentioned that Spring Valley Middle could be considered as more of a central location for a STEM program. Mr. Winet stated he was interested in both programs and member Halgren suggested including part of elementary and middle school grades for continuity. The Superintendent suggested a school within a school could be created on any middle school campus with 4th-8th grades.

Jerry Lecko, former District parent, stated that 10 years ago, when the Superintendent was a Principal at La Mesa Middle School, he participated as a parent rep on a Middle School Restructuring Design Team. The team was directed to think in terms of concepts rather than definite ideas. He encouraged the Board give the Superintendent and any subcommittee(s) flexibility to explore various concepts.

Beth Thomas, Principal, La Mesa Middle School, expressed appreciation, on behalf of the middle schools, for the Board's interest in this opportunity and said the schools are enthusiastic to begin studying the magnet concept.

The Board directed the Superintendent to explore a magnet school concept using a broad-based working group, and report back to the Board in Spring 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Purchase Orders G40890 through G41104 totaling \$547,625.97

Warrants September 10 through September 19 totaling \$686,350.83

Expenditures in the amount of \$3,028.00

Travel of the people listed as attached.

J. Lecko, former District parent
Magnet School concept
flexibility

B. Thomas, Principal, LMMS
Appreciation for Board's
interest in concept

**Supt. to explore magnet
school concept and report
back to Board in Spring 2013**

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Calendar
Approved

Purchase Orders

Warrants

Revolving Cash Fund
Reimbursements from the
General Fund

Travel

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to accept the following gifts with thanks: \$1000.00 from Fletcher Hills Elementary School PTA to Fletcher Hills Elementary for the purchase of iPods; \$881.14 from Target through the *Take Charge of Education* program, to Fletcher Hills Elementary for instructional supplies; \$1846.00 from Murdock Elementary School PTA to Murdock Elementary for study trip buses; and \$940.00 from the U.S.S. Midway Museum to Murdock Elementary for 5th-grade classes to attend *On Board with Weather*.

Gifts – FLH and MUR
Accepted with thanks

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to approve Agreements for Private Vehicle Transportation In-Lieu of Transportation.

**Private Vehicle
Transportation**
Approved

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

**Expanded Sp.Ed. Master
Contract w/Aseltine School**
Authorized

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Unified School District to Provide Title I Services to St. Martin of Tours Academy and St. Michael's Academy.

**MOU with SDCOE for Title I
services**
Authorized

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to participate in the Natural Helpers Program Training.

Natural Helpers Training
Authorized

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to accept the Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report with zero complaints for the quarter ending 9/30/12.

**Uniform Complaint
Quarterly Report**
Accepted

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 12-13-13, Participation in Drug Awareness/Red Ribbon Week.

**Res. 13, Drug Awareness/Red
Ribbon Week**
Adopted

It was moved by Halgren, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program.

MOA with ASES Program
Authorized

HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS

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

**Human Resources
Recommendations**
Approved as amended

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 12-13-14, Elimination and/or Reduction of Classified Positions.

**Res. 14, Elim. and/or Reduc.
of Classified Positions**
Adopted

SUPERINTENDENT

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously for the Board to meet in a Study Session on November 7, 2012, 5:00-6:30 p.m., regarding wellness with Luan Rivera, a consultant with the California School Boards Association.

Discussion re Student Health & Wellness—CSBA facilitated Board Study Session
Scheduled for 11/7/12

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Duff announced the La Mesa Intergenerational Games will be held at La Mesa Middle School October 11 from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 Noon.

Mr. Duff additionally announced he attended the retirement event for Yvonne Silverman, School Office Manager at Fletcher Hills Elementary School and stated her departure will be a loss to the District.

President Baber announced the “Sustain La Mesa” Environmental Festival on October 27, 10:00 a.m. at Harry Griffen Park and distributed flyers for the event.

Mr. Winet announced an exciting meeting with Bill Walton and Jerry Fazio of the Boys & Girls Clubs of East County regarding Mr. Walton possibly becoming the chair of the fund-raising committee for the Boys & Girls Clubs to construct a gymnasium on the campus of La Mesa Middle School. Construction for the \$7-10 million project is anticipated to begin in three years, and Mr. Winet stated there is a lot of community support.

President Baber announced the District/City Steering Committee will meet on October 3 and will discuss plans for the gymnasium. He requested that plans be brought to the Board. The Superintendent will coordinate.

Dr. Turner announced she visited La Mesa Dale and La Presa Elementary and La Presa Middle Schools. She spoke with Mike Allmann, La Presa Middle School Principal, who stated he was excited for the students to work with technology, and she found students engaged.

At 8:16 p.m. the President announced a recess.

CLOSED SESSION

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At 8:22 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 (1 case). The Superintendent; Board; and Assistant Superintendents Business, Human Resources and Learning Support adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

At 8:35 p.m. the President reconvened the meeting and announced the Board, in closed session, took the following action:

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously, to settle a claim (File 10-2-12-1) in the amount of \$107,500.00.

**Settlement of Claim in the
amount of \$107,500.00**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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 November 7, 2012.

Penny Halgren, Clerk of the Board of Education