

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING: November 3, 2009**

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

CALL TO ORDER

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members present: Duff, Halgren, Turner, Winet

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board members absent: None

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

The President announced that Member Baber would arrive shortly.

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Winet, and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2009, as presented.

MINUTES
Approved as presented

Member Baber arrived at the session.

COMMUNICATIONS

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Representatives from the San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) recognized the District as an outstanding example of collaboration and partnership on behalf of safer, healthier students and presented a plaque.

District Commendation – S.D. County Health & Human Services Agency

“Ready..Set..Live Well Strategic Plan for Supporting Community Wellness

“Ready..Set..Live Well Strategic Plan

MOU with County of San Diego for Use of District Facilities for Distribution of H1N1 Vaccinations

MOU for H1N1 vaccination distribution

Memo from David Yoshihara, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, regarding a budget update

D. Yoshihara, Asst. Supt., Business Budget update

School Services of California Fiscal Report regarding the state budget

SSC Fiscal Report re state budget

Letter from the City of La Mesa Community Services Department commending Fred Butler, Substitute Custodian; and Ahmad Swinton, Custodian, for their assistance with the City of La Mesa’s Intergenerational Games at La Mesa Middle School

City of La Mesa, Community Services Dept. Commendation – F. Butler and A. Swinton

L.A. Times article regarding ‘Value Added’ Teacher Evaluations

L.A. Times article re teacher evals

Memo from Lori Wilcox, Teacher, Highlands Elementary School, commending Mark Whitley, Supervisor, Custodial Services; and Danny Bradley, Lead Groundskeeper, for their assistance at Highlands Elementary

L. Wilcox, teacher, HIG Commendation – M. Whitley and D. Bradley

Proposed school calendars for 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13

Proposed Calendars

Memo from Paul Schnaubelt, President, LMSV Teachers Association, announcing the Association’s ratification of the Tentative Agreement between the Board and the Association

P. Schnaubelt, Pres., Tchrs. Assn.
Ratification of Tentative Agrmt.

Program Improvement PowerPoint

PI PowerPoint

AGENDA

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

Approved as presented

The President noted she would combine the two hearings related to the calendar adoptions.

HEARING SESSIONS

HEARINGS

The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board regarding presentation of the proposed calendar revision for the 2009-10 school year and presentation of calendar proposals for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years. The President determined all speakers wishing to speak regarding the calendar would be able to do so during this hearing.

2009-10 Calendar Revision and
2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13
Calendar Proposals

Paul Schnaubelt, President, Teachers Assn., announced the Assn’s vote on the calendar was over 95% in favor. The removal of the last day (2009-10) will be made up with extra time during parent/teacher conferences to meet stakeholder needs. The Association requested the Board to consider a possible spring intersession if the budget allows.

P. Schnaubelt, Pres. Tchrs. Assn.
School calendars

Patti Herrera, Parent, Fletcher Hills Elementary/Parkway Middle, expressed opposition to the proposed calendars due to the disruption in children’s routines and non-family friendliness.

P. Herrera, Parent, FLH/PKM
School calendars

Doug Brower, Parent, Parkway Middle/Murray Manor Elementary, expressed opposition to the proposed calendars, citing difficulty finding daycare during breaks.

D. Browner, Parent, PKM/MUM
School calendars

Ernie Valdez, Parent, Murray Manor Elementary/Parkway Middle, expressed opposition to the proposed calendars, citing difficulty finding daycare and not the best schedule for children.

E. Valdez, Parent, MUM/PKM
School calendars

Laura Dawson, District parent and Grossmont Union HSD educator, expressed opposition to the proposed calendars, citing need for more discussion with parents of not just children who are struggling.

L. Dawson, Parent/
GUHSD educator
School calendars

Jada Martinez, Parent, Parkway Middle/Fletcher Hills Elementary (FLH); and FLH PTA President, stated she communicated to 250 FLH parents regarding this meeting. She requested the Board evaluate what is best for children.

J. Martinez, Parent, PKM/FLH
School calendars

Marybeth Meek, Parent, Parkway Middle, expressed opposition to the proposed calendars, citing a lack of cohesiveness with community

M. Meek, Parent, PKM
School calendars

Debbie Towne, Parent, Parkway Middle, expressed opposition to the proposed calendars, citing misalignment with other districts and the importance of routines and rigor for children.

D. Towne, Parent, PKM
School calendars

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.

General Hearing

REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

REPORTS

Beginning in the fall of 2008 the “Ready..Set..Live Well” Initiative, with The California Endowment funding, has been working with multiple partners to develop a strategic plan and begin to coordinate the actions of the initiative. Tina Sardina, Director, Learning Support, provided a background of the Initiative; and Consultant Thomas Herman and community members Dierdre Kleske, Susan Hall and Liberty Winn provided a summary of the Live Well Strategic Plan and responded to clarifying questions.

Live Well Initiative

AGENDA (cont.)

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It was moved by Baber, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to modify the agenda by moving Items LS-1 (*Approving the “Ready..Set..Live Well” Strategic Plan*), HR-2 (*Adoption of Calendar Revision for 2009-10 School Year*) and HR-3 (*Adoption of 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 School Calendars*) before R-2 (*District Program Improvement*), as there were a number of people in the audience for these items.

Agenda modified

NEW BUSINESS

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It was moved by Duff, seconded by Baber, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to approve the “Ready..Set..Live Well” Strategic Plan.

“Ready..Set..Live Well” Strategic Plan
Authorized

HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS

HR RECOMMENDATIONS

Member Winet read the following statement into the record:

Adoption of Calendar Revision for 2009-10 School Year
Adopted

Conducting the business of the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District requires the daily consideration of numerous issues. There are certain issues that draw significant public and media attention. Some examples of these issues include the placement of “cell towers” on school grounds, this calendar controversy, and the recent speech and lesson plans provided by the President. While these topics have garnered media coverage, raised emotions, and have produced speakers who largely do not attend regular school board meetings – these topics pale in comparison to the truly great achievements our district has realized by working together.

Five years of consistent growth in student test scores is not an accident. Real progress in closing the “achievement gap” is not the result of a few people “emoting” – it is the result of vision and hard work.

The “pinnacle achievement” for our school district took place four months ago. The La Mesa-Spring Valley School District came together like no other school district in the state. All bargaining units and all employees agreed to make a similar and shared sacrifice in compensation and benefits – this shared sacrifice by all employees was made for “the greater good” – this shared sacrifice saved jobs and saved the integrity of the public education program that is delivered to our children.

Where was the media coverage and the “single-issue-discontents” four months ago?

I remember the great accomplishments that we have achieved by working together. I remember the sacrifices that all of our employees have made...at times, agreeing to terms that they do not like.

As my fellow Board Members are well aware, I do not believe that these proposed calendars are the right calendars for our school district. I disagree (with) the significant lack of alignment with the high school district calendar.

However, in the tenor and spirit of the great sacrifices made by all of our employees and the subsequent accomplishments of our district, I will be voting in favor of the proposed calendars this evening.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to adopt the calendar revision for the 2009-10 school year

**Adoption of 2009-10
Calendar Revision**
Adopted

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to adopt the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 school calendars.

**Adoption of 2010-11, 2011-12 &
2012-13 School Calendars**
Adopted

REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (cont.)

REPORTS (cont.)

In Fall 2009 the District was identified as Program Improvement (PI) in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act, for failing to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. A District Site Liaison Team (DSLTL) was formed including stakeholder groups throughout the District, and the DSLTL created a Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan Addendum focusing on the Essential Program Components for Successful Schools and outlining steps for improvement. In addition to District PI, the following schools have been identified as PI: La Presa Middle, Bancroft, Kempton and La Presa Elementary Schools. There was discussion regarding lower math scores at Bancroft Elementary. Karen Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support, reviewed the implementation of the LEA Plan Addendum, the status of each school designated PI, and responded to clarifying questions.

District Program Improvement

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

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It was moved by Turner, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to schedule the Board’s 2009 annual organization meeting on December 8, 2009.

Organizational meeting
Scheduled for 12/8/09

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to adopt the policy updates as noted.

Policy Updates

Adopted

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

Consent Calendar

Approved

Purchase Orders D11109 through D11344 totaling \$505,842.14

Purchase Orders

Warrants 9/24/09 through 10/24/09 totaling \$879,774.83

Warrants

Expenditures in the amount of \$1,244.58

Revolving Cash Fund
Reimbursements from the General
Fund

Travel as attached

Travel

Acceptance of SB 564 Financial Disclosure

SB 564 Financial Disclosure

Authorization to enter into a Facility Use Agreement with Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District for Conducting Classes

Facility Use Agrmt. with
Grossmont-Cuyamaca College
District for Conducting Classes

Award of Bid for Pizza – Middle Schools

Pizza Bid – Middle Schools

Approval of Change Order for Shade Shelter Project

Change Order for Shade Shelters

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to appoint Robert Vendeland as Senior Citizen's Organization representative and Steve Babbitt as the Parent/Guardian of a Child in the District representative to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

CBOC Members

Appointed

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into an Agreement with Demsey, Filliger & Associates to Provide Actuarial Valuation Services.

**Agrmt. with Demsey, Filliger &
Assoc. for valuation services**

Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to accept the following gifts with thanks: Teacher supplies valued at \$1500 from WalMart to Northmont Elementary School teachers; a Cox Kids Foundation Fund grant for \$3842.00 from the San Diego Foundations' Board of Governors to Parkway Middle teacher Bruce Chase for his Electronic Responders project; and 12 pallets of assorted paper with an estimated value of \$1000.00 from B. Gail Bordeaux to the District.

Gifts – NOR, PKMS & District

Accepted with thanks

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Medicine.

**MOU w/S.D. Hospice & Inst. For
Palliative Medicine**

Authorized

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Halgren, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Health and Human Services Agency for the use of District facilities for distribution of H1N1 Vaccinations.

**MOU w/S.D. Health/Human
Services for Use of District Facil.
for H1N1 Distribution**

Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to partner with San Diego Youth Services.

Partner with San Diego Youth Services
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to enter into a Special Education Master Contract with Training Education & Research Institute.

Sp. Ed. Master Contract with Training Ed. & Research Inst.
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to approve AVID student excursions to Qualcomm Stadium – La Presa Middle School.

Student excursion – LPMS AVID students to Qualcomm
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into an expanded Special Education Master Contract with Educational Based Services.

Expanded Sp.Ed. Master Contract w/Educational Based Services
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to approval Agreement for Private Vehicle Transportation In-Lieu of Transportation.

Private Vehicle Transportation In-Lieu of Transp. Agreement
Approved

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into an Agreement with School Services of California to Audit Special Education Program.

School Services of CA Agrmt. to Audit Sp. Ed. Program
Authorized

HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS (Cont.)

HR RECOMMENDATIONS-cont

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Turner, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Duff announced the recent Intergenerational Games event at La Mesa Middle School was a success.

The Superintendent announced an update regarding La Mesa Middle School, with 96 6th-grade students out ill. The District contacted the County Health Department, the San Diego County Office of Education, provided a call to parents and sanitized the school.

Mr. Winet thanked Dr. Turner for the CSBA Newsletter and the mention of fellow Board members regarding their work related to closing the achievement gap.

At 9:55 p.m. the President announced a recess.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:10 p.m. the President called for a closed session to discuss negotiations update – Teachers Association and California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 419. 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 10:25 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 December 8, 2009.

Rick Winet, Clerk of the Board of Education