

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

April 24, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Roger Bañuelos, President, in the District Board Room.

Call to Order

Members present:

Roger Bañuelos
Blanca Estrada

Dennis Curtis
Nelson Martinez

Israel Mora

Roll Call

Administrators present:

Dr. Thomas R. Johnstone, Superintendent
Dr. Chris Jones, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology
Mr. Vince Madsen, Director of Facilities Planning (absent)
David Wilson, Director of Budget and Accounting

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Dr. Chris Jones.

Patricia Raphael from the Caldwell Flores Winters Foundation presented Daisy Chavez the Caldwell Flores Winters Scholarship for \$1,000. Daisy is a senior at Da Vinci Science, and she will be attending Sacramento State. Daisy is an outstanding student at Da Vinci Science and richly deserves this honor. In attendance with Daisy were her father and her older sister.

Special Presentation

Bill Magoon from the Wiseburn Watch and the District Choice Blocks spoke to the Board, making a formal request that the Wiseburn Board of Trustees support the Choice Blocks in separating from the Lawndale Elementary School District and becoming a part of the Wiseburn School District. Mr. Magoon provided the Board with a brief history of how this issue had been resolved in the 1990s but was put on hold due to the Wiseburn Unification effort that started in 2001. Mr. Magoon made a request to the Board for their support in the form of a resolution. Each Board member indicated to Mr. Magoon that they support the Choice Blocks in their efforts and that the Board would be willing to approve a resolution of support at the May 8th meeting.

From the Public

John Koppelman from the Del Aire Neighborhood Association spoke in support of the Choice Blocks and also expressed some displeasure that some of the Del Aire residents have expressed to Mr. Koppelman that all five Board members on the Wiseburn Unified School District Board are from the Hollyglen neighborhood, and that the community would be better represented if there was at least one Board member from the Del Aire Neighborhood and one from the Wiseburn Neighborhood. The Board thanked Mr. Koppelman for sharing his views and agreed that while the Board is always looking for the best candidates to serve the community, the Board would be stronger with representation from each of the communities.

Ms. Estrada shared that she had been able to visit Da Vinci Science, Dana Middle School, Peter Burnett and Da Vinci Innovation Academy with Dr. Johnstone and she was extremely impressed with all of the programs. She shared that the range of diversity of programs and students is a perfect example of how we meet the needs of every student in a very caring environment. She indicated that she was very happy to be a part of it. She also shared that she still needs to visit Juan de Anza, Da Vinci Design and Da Vinci Communications.

From the Board

Mr. Martinez concurred with Ms. Estrada's comments about the community -- the fact that the community cares so much about its schools makes Wiseburn a very special place to educate children.

Mr. Bañuelos provided the Board with a LACSTA update. He is on the Executive Board Nominating Committee. Mr. Bañuelos shared he is elated that more local school districts are getting involved. Also on the Executive Board Nominating Committee are Dr. Eugene Krank from the Hawthorne School District and John Vargas from the El Camino College District. The elections will be on May 29, 2014.

From the Board
(Cont'd.)

Mr. Wilson shared with the Board that we had received a communication from Lisel Anne Wells from Nixon and Peabody, who are our bond counsel. The Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) is providing much closer oversight of continuing disclosure documents that are submitted by public entities on an annual basis regarding the sale and use of bond proceeds. The SEC is providing an to public entities that may have had some filing deficiencies in the past. Caldwell Flores Winters has been doing our continuing disclosure along with Lisel Wells. There will be no penalties attached to districts who file for amnesty, but the SEC may require additional training to make sure that all continuing disclosures in the future are submitted with complete and accurate information.

From the Director of
Budget and Accounting

Mr. Wilson talked about one of the components of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) needing to include deferred maintenance. These funds are legally necessary to comply with State requirements to maintain new facilities that are partially funded with State money.

Mr. Wilson shared that the State revenues were up over projection by 7% for the month of March and with these increased revenues it is expected that there will be more money for the implementation of Common Core in 2014-15.

Mr. Wilson shared the budget for the work this summer on completing the Peter Burnett Modernization. Mr. Wilson started this conversation and asked that Dr. Chris Jones provide more detail specific to the technology backbone at Peter Burnett that will eventually serve the whole district.

The Peter Burnett wireless switches were installed in 2004 and are now obsolete. All of our other district schools have been upgraded more recently either in 2007 or 2009. The upgrading of the wireless infrastructure districtwide will provide our students and staff with the necessary bandwidth and capability to handle a much greater degree of wireless traffic.

Dr. Jones shared that there is a philanthropic organization that is interested in funding a Growing Great Garden Project at Peter Burnett.

From the Director of
Curriculum, Instruction
& Technology

In closing, Dr. Jones shared that all the applications for CIF sports at the Da Vinci Schools have been completed and we expect to receive positive word from CIF on May 14, 2014.

Dr. Johnstone shared that the Rock Around the Block Committee has asked the Board to lead the walk at 10:00 a.m. on May 3rd, the Walk Around the Block.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone shared that the promotion ceremony for Dana Middle School this year will be on Friday, June 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. This is the first year that we have had a 2:00 p.m. graduation on a Friday.

Dr. Johnstone asked the Board to consider a fireworks stand for the Hawthorne-LAX-Lennox Rotary Club on District property at 135th and Aviation (not in the Farmers Market area) for the week before the 4th of July in 2015.

The Board shared that they would consider this but wanted to make sure that the stand does not interfere with the one that is run by Wiseburn Little League.

Dr. Johnstone gave the Board an update of the Small School Districts Association (SSDA) Conference in Sacramento and the School Employers Association of California (SEAC) Board meeting in Sacramento. Dr. Johnstone spent 6 days in Sacramento and had the chance to work with legislators and superintendents from other districts on issues that impact the Wiseburn

School District and districts all over the State of California.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone shared that he met with the Director of the UCLA School of Education and former Wiseburn Principal, Dr. Eugene Tucker, on April 23, 2014, to discuss how the UCLA School of Education might be able to support superintendents and school districts in the South Bay and throughout Los Angeles County.

In closing, Dr. Johnstone shared that he and Dr. Jones had made a presentation on April 24, 2014 at the El Segundo Rotary Club about Wiseburn Da Vinci High School. This meeting attended by more than 40 Rotarians and business people from El Segundo was extremely well received.

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 8, 2014.

M13.375
Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to receive the following Board Policies for second reading and adoption:

M13.376
Board Policies – Second Reading

- BP 3513.3 – Tobacco Free Schools
- BP 6020 – Parent Involvement
- AR 6020 – Parent Involvement
- AR 6171 – Title I Programs

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted unanimously to ratify a lease agreement with Haul-Away Storage Containers to provide temporary storage facilities for Peter Burnett School site for 18 classrooms to complete the summer project in an amount not to exceed \$2,370 to be paid from Bond Fund 21.3, Measure A.

M13.377
Haul-Away Storage

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted unanimously to approve Piggy Back Bid #3 Part 1 Pool Shell Only to A & T Europe Spa Myrtha Pools USA and Part 2 Heavy Pool Equipment to Knorr Systems, Inc., as the responsive and responsible low bidders according to the requirements in the Piggy Back Bid #3 Documents and the Basis of Award. The Piggy Back clause is accepted by the bidder and will allow the District to use all products and services in this document for the New High School as needed. This proposal is to be paid from Bond Funds.

M13.378
Piggy Back Bid #3

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Ms. Estrada, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Settlement Agreement with Two Brothers Construction Corporation. This settlement agreement will represent a Final Settlement Agreement between the District and the Contractor in an amount not to exceed \$810,000, which increases the original contract amount from the original Board-approve amount of \$774,000 by an amount not to exceed \$36,000. This agreement was made to mitigate any future claims arising from this project. This agreement will be paid from Bond Fund 21.4.

M13.379
Settlement Agreement – Two Brothers

The item related to the Mutual Benefit Agreement was tabled for further discussion and will be brought back to a future meeting.

M13.380
Item tabled.

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted unanimously to approve purchase orders #102739-102980, warrants and miscellaneous receipts as submitted.

M13.381
Purchase Orders,
Warrants &
Miscellaneous Receipts

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Ms. Estrada, the Board voted unanimously to ratify/approve attendance at the following meetings or conferences, including provision of substitute teachers as needed, and transportation by car at 50¢ per mile, or lowest reasonable air fare as appropriate:

M13.382
Conference Attendance

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mark Sarni at the Solano SELPA’s “2013-14 Annual Statewide SELPA Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference” in Sacramento on March 4-5, 2014 at an approximate cost of \$814 to be paid from Southwest SELPA Funds, ADR Training #34. 2. Elizabeth “Dee Dee” Zirbel at PVPUSD’s “BTSA” in Palos Verdes on April 29, 2014 at an approximate cost of \$115 to be paid from BTSA Funds. 3. Vince Madsen, David Wilson and Tom Johnstone at C.A.S.H.’s “Local School Financing Emporium” in Ontario on May 30, 2014 at an approximate cost of \$55 to be paid from Bond Fund 21.4. 4. Vince Madsen at LACOE’s “Facilities Network Meeting” in Downey on May 8, 2014 at an approximate cost of \$20 to be paid from the General Fund. | <p>M13.382
Conference Attendance
(Cont’d.)</p> |
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<p>On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Ms. Estrada, the Board voted unanimously to approve/ratify the following classified employment/additional hours to be paid from the Classified Salary Schedule unless otherwise noted:</p>	<p>M13.383 Additional Hours – Classified</p>
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1. Ruben Diaz, Custodian/Groundskeeper, approve one (1) hour of overtime to provide custodial support during a Board meeting at Peter Burnett School, effective April 8, 2014, to be paid at his appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.
2. Devon Cervantes and Shannon Tupper, Instructional Aide and Computer Aide, approve up to 20 hours for Ms. Cervantes and up to 30 hours for Ms. Tupper to provide support for SBAC testing, effective March 26, 2014 through May 30, 2014 to be paid at their appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.

<p>On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Ms. Estrada, the Board voted unanimously to ratify additional hours for Elizabeth Zirbel as a BTSA Consortium Reflections Reader, effective April 1, 2014 through June 25, 2014 to be paid at \$40 per hour, plus benefits and to be reimbursed to the District for all related benefit costs from the BTSA Consortium.</p>	<p>M13.384 BTSA Reflections Reader Hours</p>
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<p>The Board entered closed session at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened at 10:13 p.m.</p>	<p>Closed Session</p>
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<p>On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the termination of employment of Jamil Al Mansour, Part-Time Classified Employee, effective April 15, 2014.</p>	<p>M13.385 Termination</p>
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<p>On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Kesaia Maumalanga, Instructional Aide, effective April 22, 2014.</p>	<p>M13.386 Resignation – Classified</p>
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<p>On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following as On-Call Substitute Teachers, per their effective dates, to be paid at \$115 per day from the General Fund:</p>	<p>M13.387 On-Call Substitute Teacher</p>
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<u>Substitute Teacher</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nora L. Jimenez	April 8, 2014
Dean Aizpuru-Bartlett	April 22, 2014

<p>Mr. Curtis moved and Ms. Estrada seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:14 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Mary Cox. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>
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The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Israel Mora
Clerk of the Board

Tom Johnstone
Secretary of the Board