

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

May 10, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Nelson Martinez, President, in the District Board Room.

Call to Order

Members present:

Roll Call

Susan Andriacchi		Roger Bañuelos	
Dennis Curtis	(absent)	Nelson Martinez	
	Israel Mora	(absent)	

Administrators present:

Dr. Thomas R. Johnstone, Superintendent
Thomas J. Cox, Chief Business Official

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

Mr. David Walrath, District Consultant on Unification, reviewed a time line for unification-related activities and next steps with the Board. He shared a time line on the legislation that is currently being carried by State Senator Roderick Wright. The time line ambitiously has the legislation being passed by August 31, 2012 and signed by the Governor by September 30, 2012. This legislation would become operative on January 1, 2013.

Special Presentation

Mr. Walrath discussed next steps after the legislation has passed, including working with the State Board of Education and the County Committee. Mr. Walrath also discussed high school operational issues after unification including participation in CIF sports and other high school activities with the Board. Mr. Walrath answered several questions from Board members and people in the audience.

Ms. Andriacchi shared that she attended the Peter Burnett Talent Show on May 4, 2012. The student performances were very impressive and were a wonderful display of the talent that the students of Peter Burnett have.

From the Board

Ms. Andriacchi also expressed how impressed she was with the Rock Around the Block event this year and all the great work of the volunteers. She thanked the Wiseburn Education Foundation leadership for their hard work and dedication to this annual event.

Mr. Bañuelos also shared that he attended the Peter Burnett Talent Show and that his favorite performance was the student who played the recorder through his nose.

Mr. Bañuelos also expressed his public thanks to Scott Morgan, and the Education Foundation leadership for the Rock Around the Block and for the Gourmet Food Truck events.

Mr. Bañuelos shared that he, Mr. Martinez and Dr. Johnstone participated in the Lennox School District Cinco de Mayo Parade and sat in the same truck with the feeder district superintendents from all four feeders to the Centinela Valley. This is the first time that all of the districts have participated in the Cinco de Mayo Parade and is indicative of the cooperation and collaboration that has gone on in the last several months. Mr. Bañuelos expressed that he hopes that we can continue to build on this positive relationship.

Mr. Martinez expressed that he had attended the Juan de Anza Variety Show and that this event was very well received by the Juan de Anza community and was a wonderful exhibition of the student talent at Juan de Anza School. Mr. Martinez thanked the Juan de Anza staff and

students for all of their hard work.

From the Board
(Cont'd.)

Mr. Martinez thanked Scott Morgan and the Education Foundation leadership for another wonderful Rock Around the Block event this year. He also reported that he had made a tour of the Sharefest events that were also occurring on April 28, 2012 at Da Vinci Science and Da Vinci Design. Mr. Martinez thanked Balfour Beatty Construction and the Sharefest leadership for the wonderful projects that greatly enhance the beauty and functionality of the high school campuses.

In closing Mr. Martinez shared that the Cinco de Mayo parade in Lennox was a wonderful community event and that it was a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and that he also is optimistic that we will be able to continue to build on this.

Mr. Cox gave an update on the May Revise which is scheduled to be released on May 14, 2012. Mr. Cox indicated that the growth in the economy is not occurring as optimistically as the Government leaders had hoped. Mr. Cox shared that State revenues were down by 3.5 billion since January, which is not good news and will probably lead to the need for further compromises in the budget that needs to be passed by both houses of the legislature by June 15, 2012. Wiseburn and all districts in the State face a 5th year of State cuts coming up. The School Services workshop will be held on May 21, 2012 and the School Innovations and Advocacy workshop is on May 24, 2012.

From the Chief Business
Official

Dr. Johnstone shared that on Sharefest Day, April 28, 2012, 5,000 volunteers met at 55 locations including 19 schools. There were 400 Balfour Beatty construction workers sharing their expertise from throughout the South Bay. At Da Vinci Science, they built a shade structure and garden boxes, and Sharefest also painted a space-aged mural in the main quad. At Da Vinci Design they worked on rain gutters, covered walkways, shelving in the classrooms, garden boxes and garden planters. Sharefest was a resounding success at both of the Da Vinci Schools.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone shared that he participated in SEAC which is the School Employers Association of California Board Meeting and Lobby Day on May 1, 2012 in Sacramento. Dr. Johnstone had the opportunity to meet with legislators and their chief consultants, including the chief consultants for Assembly Speaker, John Perez, and Senate Majority Leader, Darrell Steinberg. The issues discussed included budget issues, the weighted funding formula, pension reform and healthcare.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he and the superintendents from Hawthorne, Lawndale and Centinela Valley attended the County Committee Meeting on May 2, 2012. The County Committee is very impressed with the progress that the districts have made in working together and offered to send a letter of endorsement to the State Board and Senator Roderick Wright.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he, Ms. Margaret Lynch, and three Juan Cabrillo staff members -- Grace Houzvicka, Dianna Myer, and Karen Welker -- went to the California Distinguished School Presentation on May 3, 2012 in Industry Hills. Juan Cabrillo was only one of 9 schools in all of Los Angeles County that received awards for both California Distinguished School and Title I Achieving School.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he and Blake Silvers, Assistant Principal at Dana Middle School, had met with representatives from the Red Cross and that we would be entering into a formal agreement with Red Cross to use Wiseburn facilities in the event of a community emergency.

Dr. Johnstone shared that Wiseburn is the successful recipient of a State grant entitled "Stellar" that will focus on long-term English Learners. Wiseburn will be participating in this grant along with the Culver City Unified School District, the Lennox School District and Loyola Marymount University.

Dr. Johnstone shared a copy of the cover story for the School News, which focuses on

Wiseburn Unification and the upcoming parcel tax.

From the Superintendent
(Cont'd.)

In closing, Dr. Johnstone reminded Board members about the Canine Dinner on Thursday, May 17 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hawthorne Memorial Center.

Ms. Amber Franco presented 15 of her outstanding English Language Development students at Juan de Anza School, including students from the primary grades and students in the upper grades. Students shared letters that they had written about their impressions of the ELD Program and their affection for their teacher, Ms. Amber Franco. Special Presentation

Ms. Dulce Stein and Hawthorne City Council Member, Nilo Michelin, recognized 8 of the 22 parent volunteers that helped out with the Los Angeles Marathon who were unable to participate in the City of Hawthorne's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in April. The volunteers spent 6-8 months of work driving, supporting the runners, providing food and First Aid and clapping for every single finisher of the marathon on March 18, 2012.

Dr. Nicole Tempel-Assisi, Principal of the Da Vinci Innovation Academy, introduced members of her staff who shared their successes in the first year of the academy. K-1 Teacher, Jose Arias, shared the group projects that his students work on together using morning meetings and extensive interaction with the goal of producing kind, caring and productive citizens. His program is characterized by continuous reflection, project-based learning, personalization and extensive interaction between the students.

One of his K-1 activities was a Da Vinci Job Fair where the students had to interview community helpers and where the students had to pitch their careers to the adults. The Career Fair was very successful in integrating all of the different subject areas.

Jeanette Kiso, K-1 Teacher, shared the home school connection and the wonderful relationship that the Innovation Academy has with their parents. In her 18 years of teaching she expressed that this is by far the best year she has ever had due mainly to the wonderful collaboration between families and staff members.

Heidi Ballard, a parent of two students at the academy shared her very positive impressions of the academy from a parent's perspective.

Michelle Rainey who has spent 14 years in high school education shared her perspectives based on the experience of her daughter who is a Kindergarten student at the Innovation Academy. She shared a wonderful story and learning experience about bee keeping.

Jennifer Hines and Darlene Wonggaew shared their activity which was a making a difference that focused on what the students can do to help their community to be a better place.

In closing, Nicole Tempel-Assisi gave a brief presentation on how they assess student growth at the academy.

The presentation was extremely well received by the Wiseburn Board and they expressed how much they value the relationship between the Charters and the District.

Ms. Renee Amaral, Juan de Anza 2nd Grade Teacher, expressed some frustrations to the Board that she feels -- after having served for 20 years at Juan de Anza School -- one of her biggest concerns is her observation that the enrollment has grown to be too big and as a result of this, there has been a deterioration of the school environment. She expressed her observation that the library, classrooms and playgrounds are crowded now, and the number of students on permit has grown too large as a percentage of the total school enrollment. She expressed that she has never seen the morale at Juan de Anza as low as it is right now. In an expression of optimism, she expressed that she would like to work hard to get Juan de Anza back to where it was several years ago. From the Public

In closing, Dr. Johnstone and the Board thanked Ms. Amaral for having the courage to express her feelings publically before the Board.	From the Public (Cont'd.)
A public hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. for the community and others to comment on the Increase of School Facilities (Developer) Fees. The hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m. with no comments offered.	Public Hearing
On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 26, 2012.	M11.332 Minutes
On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held May 4, 2012.	
On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 3-0 to adopt Resolution #11/12.41 – Implementing Certificated Layoff (Terminating Services of Certificated Employees), and Providing Direction to Issue Notifications to Employees Whose Services are Terminated.	M11.333 Resolution #11/12.41 – Implementing Certificated Layoff
On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to ratify a Tentative Agreement with the California School Employees Association (CSEA). The agreement was signed April 3, 2012 by the CSEA Negotiating Team.	M11.334 CSEA Tentative Agreement
On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint Mr. Nelson Martinez, Board President, as the District’s Representative to the Local Classrooms Funding Authority (JPA).	M11.335 Board Representative – JPA
On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 3-0 to adopt the following Board policies:	M11.336 Board Policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BP/AR 1330 – Use of School Facilities 	
On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to adopt Resolution #11/12.42, Increase of School Facilities (Developer) Fees:	M11.337 Resolution #11/12.42 – Increase School Facilities Fees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential – from \$2.97 to \$3.20 per square foot • Commercial – from \$0.47 to \$0.51 per square foot • Mini Storage – from \$0.13 to \$0.26 per square foot 	
On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which is seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to adopt Resolution #11/12.43 – Participation in TRANS Program. The roll call vote was as follows:	M11.338 Resolution #11/12.43 – Participation in TRANS Program by Roll Call
Approval: Susan Andriacchi, Roger Bañuelos, Nelson Martinez	
Dissenting: None	
Abstaining: None	
Absent: Dennis Curtis, Israel Mora	
On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Ms. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to ratify/approve attendance at the following meetings or conferences, including provision of substitute teachers as needed, and transportation by car at 40¢ per mile, or lowest reasonable air fare as appropriate:	M11.339 Conference Attendance
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jessica Aguilar at the Southwest SELPA’s “ERMHS Guidelines and Resources Training” in Redondo Beach on May 2, 2012 at no cost to the district. 2. Tom Johnstone, Margaret Lynch, Grace Houzvicka, Dianna Myers and Karen Welker at the California Distinguished School’s “California Distinguished School Conference” in the City of Industry on May 3, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$430 to be paid from 	

- Cabrillo Donation Funds. M11.339
3. Jessica Aguilar at the Southwest SELPA and GLASS's "Children's & Adolescent Needs & Strengths (CANS) Training in Downey on May 10, 2012 at no cost to the district except for use of personal vehicle on district business. Conference Attendance (Cont'd.)
 4. Jesus Rodriguez at the Southwest SELPA's "Applied Behavior Analysis in the Classroom" in Redondo Beach on May 16, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$70 to be paid from Special Education Funds.

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to approve/ratify the following classified employment/additional hours to be paid from the Classified Salary Schedule unless otherwise noted: M11.340
Additional Hours –
Classified

District

1. Marco Chavez, Custodian/Groundskeeper, approve up to five (5) hours of overtime to provide support to the Food Truck Sponsored Event for the Wiseburn Education Foundation, effective April 27, 2012 to be paid at his appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.

Anza

2. D'Ann Ika, Helen Legaspi, Irene Umbarger, Instructional Aides, approve four (4) temporary extra hours to assist teachers and supervise students during Anza's Annual Variety Show, effective April 27, 2012 to be paid at their appropriate Range/Step from Anza's Donation Fund.

Burnett

3. Devon Cervantes, Library Sub, approve up to 8.25 temporary hours to assist in the library for Shannon Tupper, effective March 1, 2012 through April 6, 2012 to be paid at her appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.
4. Eden Mederos & Devon Cervantes, Instructional Aides, approve up to 16 temporary hours per week, per split schedule, to support teachers in the library as coverage for Shannon Tupper, effective March 17, 2012 through June 16, 2012 to be paid at their appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.

Cabrillo

5. Christopher Young, SDC Instructional Aide, approve an additional 12.5 temporary hours per week until a replacement can be hired to fill position, effective April 24, 2012 through June 14, 2012 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step A from Special Education Funds.

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Banuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to ratify the following Dana Middle School teachers as part of the Common Core English Language Arts Team, effective February 27, 2012 through May 14, 2012, to be paid at \$30 per hour, not to exceed 2.5 hours each to be paid from Title II Funds: M11.341
Common Core Team -
Dana

Vincent Barnett	Brian Jaffe
Kiana Brede	Diane Kridner
Christine Carpenter	Cynthia Mendoza
Susan Coulbourne	Jennifer Suh
Lori Croft	Catherine Svorinich
	Lisa Wilberg

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Banuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to ratify the Master & Individual Agreement with Speech and Language Development Center in the amount not to exceed \$13,000, effective May 7, 2012 through July 20, 2012 to be paid from Special Education Funds. A special needs student will be attending this program per a Settlement Agreement dated January 30, 2012. M11.342
Speech and Language
Development Center

The Board entered closed session at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 p.m. Closed Session
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On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to approve an unpaid leave of absence under Family Medical Leave for Kimberly Feldman for the 2011-12 school year, effective May 10, 2012 through August 10, 2012. District health/welfare benefits will continue up to the District maximum contribution.

M11.343
Unpaid Leave of
Absence

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to approve a 40% unpaid leave of absence for tenured certificated staff member, Deanna Ableser, for the 2012-13 school year, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Principal has approved at site level.

M11.344
Unpaid Leave of
Absence

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to ratify the following On-Call Substitute Teachers per their effective dates:

M11.345
On-Call Substitute
Teachers

<u>Substitute Teacher</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Diana Botica	May 2, 2012
Katherine Newbaker	April 30, 2012

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 3-0 to ratify Carol Glass as an On-Call Substitute Food Services Worker, effective April 23, 2012.

M11.346
On-Call Substitute Food
Services Worker

Mr. Bañuelos moved and Ms. Andriacchi seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Juan Cabrillo School Performing Arts Center.

Roger Bañuelos
Clerk of the Board

Tom Johnstone
Secretary of the Board