

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

**June 9, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dennis Curtis, President, in the District Board Room. Call to Order

Members present: Roll Call

Susan Andriacchi	Roger Bañuelos
Dennis Curtis	Nelson Martinez
Israel Mora	

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Shannon Tupper.

Wiseburn School District had six students that were recognized by the Senate 25<sup>th</sup> District Student Honors Recognition, two students from Juan de Anza, two students from Peter Burnett and two students from Dana Middle School. There were 91 schools and 182 students that were recognized. Of the 182 honorees, six students were selected as essay contest winners, including Camryn Marble from Juan de Anza School. Her essay was titled, "What Makes Our Community Special." Camryn read her essay and everyone liked it. Special Presentation

Ann Dobluer from the American Association of University Women presented the Tek Trek Scholarship to Dana Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Cymone Nance. Cymone will be going to Tek Trek Camp on July 11, 2011 at the University of California, San Diego.

The Board congratulated all of the students – the 25<sup>th</sup> District Student Honors Recognition and Cymone Nance. Cymone won an \$800 scholarship. She was nominated by her teachers and she had to write an essay and she was interviewed by two adults. In our local area there were six grants awarded and Cymone got one.

Mr. Doug Foster, Dana Middle School Science Teacher, introduced members of the two robotics teams. Brandon Jackson and Allura Jackson (no relation) shared their project titled "Building Life One Amino Acid At A Time" They won a competition at the Aerospace Corporation and Allura won a \$600 scholarship. The second team competed at Long Beach City College and the team was comprised of Darynn Dean, Destiny Jackson, Christian Franco, Anthony Stuart and Andrew Damian. Their project was entitled "Dana Spill Busters and More Incorporated." Their competition was an underwater competition related to the British Petroleum Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico. This team earned a second place out of nine teams and all of the other teams were high school students. The Board thanked the students and parents for all of their hard work and for representing Wiseburn and Dana Middle School very well. They also individually thanked Doug Foster for his hard work and dedication.

Liza Downer reminded the Board of the End-of-the-Year Wiseburn Faculty Association Event on June 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Jami Kae invited the Board to Juan Cabrillo School's Spring Fling Student Performance by all of the first grade classes. Ms. Kae also announced that the Juan Cabrillo PTA had assembled summer packets for all grade levels so the students could continue keeping their minds sharp over the summer. She thanked the Juan Cabrillo PTA for all of their help. From the Public

Laura Sullivan shared that the Peter Burnett fifth graders would be having Colonial Day on Friday, June 9, 2011, and invited the Board to stop by if their schedules permitted.

From the Public  
(Cont'd.)

Blake Silvers mentioned that for the first time in Dana Middle School history all 318 eighth graders are eligible for graduation.

Mr. Bañuelos thanked the Juan de Anza teaching staff for a fabulous Open House. He apologized for missing the Peter Burnett Open House but indicated that his family was well represented by his wife, Minerva.

From the Board

Mr. Bañuelos thanked the Dana Middle School Program and Nicole Jeffrey for the outstanding music recital at Dana Middle School on June 7, 2011.

In closing, Mr. Bañuelos shared that he was looking forward to the graduation ceremony at Dana Middle School on June 16, 2011.

Mr. Mora mentioned that he and representatives from Da Vinci, Tom Cox and Dr. Tom Johnstone would be meeting with Northrop Grumman on June 17, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Da Vinci School to discuss Northrop Grumman's support for the new Wiseburn High School.

Mr. Martinez reported that he was able to attend the Juan de Anza Open House, and he was extremely impressed with the quality of work and the dedication of Juan de Anza students and teachers. He apologized for missing the Peter Burnett Open House but complimented the Peter Burnett PTA on the beautiful job they did with the Peter Burnett Staff Lounge.

Mr. Martinez thanked the Juan Cabrillo staff and parents for a very successful Cabrillo Movie Night and he mentioned that the highlight of the evening was when the sprinklers came on.

Mr. Curtis reported that he had attended the Dana Retirement Celebration at the Lakes which was a wonderful tribute to Uma Soni, Carol Mitchell and Pam Spriggs. He indicated that he also attended Bev Mulligan's Retirement Celebration at Juan Cabrillo School. He thanked all four individuals for being cornerstones of the Wiseburn community.

Mr. Curtis mentioned that he had been able to attend all four Open Houses. All four were extremely impressive and he thanked the teaching staffs of all four schools for their outstanding work.

Mr. Curtis recognized Kathy Pittluck for receiving an award from the Juan de Anza PTA.

He mentioned how impressed he is with the wonderful work that Wiseburn Watch is doing in bringing the Wiseburn neighborhood together. He reminded everyone that Wiseburn Watch's National Night Out is August 2, 2011.

In Tom Cox's absence, David Wilson gave the report from the Business Office.

From the Chief Business  
Official

Mr. Wilson mentioned that the Government Agency Standards Board (GASB) had issued GASB 54 that will have the goal of making budgets more comprehensible and transparent in reporting fund balances. GASB 54 will go into effect for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Wilson are working on the 2011-12 Wiseburn School District budget and the budget will be built on the assumption that all teachers will be retained and class sizes will remain at the same level as 2010-11. These assumptions are contingent upon the State legislature passing a balanced budget that keeps education funding at the same level as the 2010-11 school year.

Dr. Johnstone echoed the comments of the Board and shared that the Open Houses at Juan de Anza and Peter Burnett were extremely well-attended and they both did an outstanding job of showcasing the excellent work that goes on in Wiseburn classrooms.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone shared the election timeline for the November 8, 2011 election. Dennis Curtis and Susan Andriacchi both face re-election this year.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he, Alyssa Feely and Ted Okasinski met with Dr. Shelly Harrell from Pepperdine University to discuss the placement of six doctoral level counseling interns in the Wiseburn School District in 2011-12. Each intern will provide 10-12 hours a week. This will be an outstanding enhancement to the counseling services at Dana Middle School and all of our elementary schools.

Dr. Johnstone congratulated Nicole Jeffrey and the Wiseburn Music Program for the outstanding concert on June 7, 2011 featuring the elementary school bands, the Dana Middle School Concert Band and the Dana Symphonic Band. The excellent progression of music beginning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade validates the Board's and District's commitment to music and the arts.

Dr. Johnstone mentioned that the Parent ESL classes had their End of the Year Celebrations this week and Aileen Harbeck presented diplomas to the morning class and that Dr. Johnstone presented the diplomas to the evening class. The ESL parents were very excited and enthusiastic about continuing their learning in English in 2011-12.

In closing, Dr. Johnstone shared that he had been able to attend the Presentations of Learning of two Da Vinci students. The POLs are very rigorous and Daily Breeze Reporter, Rob Kuznia, spent three and a half hours at Da Vinci on June 9, 2011, and Mr. Kuznia indicated that the story would appear in the Daily Breeze on June 10, 2011. Dr. Johnstone expressed his gratitude to the Da Vinci Staff, Dr. Matthew Wunder and Steve Wallis for the outstanding work that they did this year.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held May 20, 2011.

M10.364  
Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held May 26, 2011.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract SELPA for participation in a full service, district-county-local plan for implementation and operation of the local plan for special education, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. This agreement reflects no financial change to the standard agreement.

M10.365  
Amendment No. 1 –  
Contract SELPA

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution #10/11.37 – Notice of Exemption from CEQA, finding the Peter Burnett School Multipurpose Room Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the filing and recordation of a Notice of Exemption.

M10.366  
Resolution #10/11.37 –  
Notice of Exemption  
from CEQA

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted unanimously to approve staff to enter into an agreement with The Planning Center to prepare CEQA documentation for the Wiseburn High School and other related environmental studies, and to increase the payment for work performed not to exceed \$230,000. This does not include DTSC or geo-hazard environmental work.

M10.367  
The Planning Center

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to approve warrants and miscellaneous receipts as submitted. M10.368  
Warrants and  
Miscellaneous Receipts

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, 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 40¢ per mile, or lowest reasonable air fare as appropriate: M10.369  
Conference Attendance

1. Ana Montes at CalPERS’ “ILT – 03 Health Enrollment for Public Agency and School Employers” in Orange on July 14, 2011 at no cost to the district except for use of personal vehicle on school business.
2. Sammie Alvarado, Ana Montes and David Wilson at LACOE’s “Workshop Schedules Regarding Changes to Stipend Reporting” in Downey on June 1, 2011 at no cost to the district except for use of personal vehicle on school business.
3. Dr. Tom Johnstone, Dr. Chris Jones, Laura Sullivan, Margaret Lynch, Aileen Harbeck and Blake Silvers at Talking Teaching Network’s “First Annual Talking Teaching Conference” in Oxnard on July 11-12, 2011 at an approximate cost of \$900.00, plus an additional \$1,164 for lodging, to be paid from the General Fund.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to ratify five additional hours for Evelyn Andrade for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Preparation, effective June 2010 through October 2010 at a rate of \$30 per hour to be paid from the Dana Donation Account. M10.370  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp  
Preparation

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Math Committee as follows, effective June 22, 2011 through August 30, 2011 to be paid at \$30 per hour for three hours each day for a total of two days, not to exceed 6 total hours each from the General Fund. \*Two teachers from Juan Cabrillo will be paid from Juan Cabrillo Site Funds: M10.371  
Math Committee

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| Juan de Anza School:  | Renee Amaral<br>Stacy Bellante<br>Glafira Carr | Terry Johnstone<br>Sarah Nitsos      |
| Peter Burnett School: | Naomi Johnson<br>Amanda Steen                  | Keith Pittluck                       |
| Juan Cabrillo School: | Kathy Espana<br>Liza Hough-Skovron             | *Melissa Craig<br>*Jennifer Williams |

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following participants in the Juan de Anza School Wide Values Committee Meeting on June 23, 2011, not to exceed 3 hours each, to be paid at \$30 per hour from the Juan de Anza Donation Account: M10.372  
Anza Wide Values  
Committee Meeting

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| Stacy Bellante<br>Liza Downer<br>Laura Givens<br>Suzanne Guidi | Terry Johnstone<br>Heidi Obermeyer<br>Tanya Wilson |
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On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Associated Student Body Funded Activity Stipends for the 2010-11 school year. These stipends are to be paid through the Associated Student Body Fund: M10.373  
ASB Activity Stipends

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Art Rodriguez	Dana DVD Yearbook	\$500	M10.373
Art Rodriguez	Audio Support	\$500	ASB Activity Stipends (Cont'd.)
Elanya Thompson	Play Production	\$500	
Elizabeth Snider	MathCounts	\$500	
Doug Foster	MATE Team	\$500	
MaryEllen Murphy- Jackson	Yearbook	\$500	

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to ratify additional funds for Consultant's Agreement #773.11 with Margaret Faust to provide early morning calling for substitutes, effective September 2010 through June 2011, not to exceed an additional \$385 to be paid from the General Fund. M10.374  
Additional Funds for  
Consultant's Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve additional funds for the following Southwest SELPA Consultant for 2010-11: M10.375  
Southwest SELPA  
Consultant

- Blair Landon, to provide psychological services, effective October 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, to be paid \$45 per hour not to exceed an additional \$15,000 to be paid from SELPA Funds. Ms. Landon was approved for \$30,000 on October 14, 2010. Her hours have exceeded that amount and require an increase to complete her services to the Southwest SELPA.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following field trip for Peter Burnett School: M10.376  
Field Trip &  
Transportation

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & SDC – Enter Stage Right  
Rooms 15, 16 & 18  
June 6, 2011

The Board entered closed session at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m. Closed Session

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Uma Soni, Instructional Aide, effective June 17, 2011. M10.377  
Resignation - Classified

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #10/11.38 to honor the retirement of Dana Middle School Teacher, Mrs. Pamelyn Spriggs. M10.378  
Resolution #10/11.38 –  
Pamelyn Spriggs

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #10/11.39 to honor the retirement of Dana Middle School Employee, Mrs. Carol Mitchell. M10.379  
Resolution #10/11.39 –  
Carol Mitchell

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #10/11.40 to honor the retirement of Dana Middle School Employee, Mrs. Uma Soni. M10.380  
Resolution #10/11.40 –  
Uma Soni

Mr. Mora moved and Mr. Martinez seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

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Nelson Martinez  
Clerk of the Board

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Tom Johnstone  
Secretary of the Board