



H.U.S.D. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Board Roll Call:

Present: Mr. William McGee, President
Dr. Annette Walker, Vice President
Mr. John Taylor, Clerk
Ms. Lisa Brunner, Member
Dr. Luis Reynoso, Member

In Closed Session the Board of Education approved the following:

- On a motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Brunner the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Helen Foster as Director II Certificated for Human Resources
- On a motion by Dr. Reynoso and seconded by Dr. Walker the Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Michael Ratkewicz as the Youth Intervention Specialist for Tyrrell School (Dr. Reynoso arrived to Closed Session in time for deliberation and vote for this position and then had to leave the meeting)

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **The Board Approved** – Establish Assistant Principal of Child Development Position (Human Resources)

Over the past year, under the guidance of Director Tina Adams, preschool enrollment has grown dramatically by almost doubling the number of students enrolled. This increase in enrollment brings additional funding that can support an Assistant Principal. The cost of the Assistant Principal will not come from the General Fund. Our State Preschool Program has also started to expand its Special Education Inclusion Program. This innovative program supports special education preschoolers in the regular classroom. The Assistant Principal will help support the growth of this program. The Children's Center Vice Principal is responsible to the Director of Child Development. He/she is responsible for providing educational leadership for staff, program and evaluation to measure the effectiveness of the program, provide in-service training in all areas of Early Childhood Development, assisting in hiring, assigning and evaluating staff.

2. **The Board Approved** – Establish Program Specialist Position (Human Resources)

HUSD has been found out of compliance in numerous areas of Special Education. The most recent report indicated that 479 IEPs will need to be corrected to be in compliance. Additionally, behavior intervention needs to be coordinated to address disproportional issues around students classified as Emotionally Disturbed and processes and protocols need to be established to address issues from the State's Annual Performance Report. While the additional three Psychologists will begin to mitigate these non-compliance issues, the corrective actions need to

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be coordinated to address the immediate compliance concerns. An additional Program Specialist will focus on ensuring that HUSD is in compliance with Special Education law. This Program Specialist will also work in general education to reduce referrals to special education, thus meeting the funding mandate of the Coordinated Intervention Services Plan. The Special Education Program Specialist consults and assists Special Education teachers in the assessment, planning and development of student programs, coordinates curricular resources, assesses program effectiveness, and participates in the planning and implementation of school and district staff development programs.

Future Board Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. (Open Session)
City Hall

Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. (Open Session)
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