

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

October 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Alicia Anderson in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount California.

Pledge of Allegiance Cindy DiPaola, Director–Maintenance & Operations, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Trustee Alicia Anderson Trustee Linda Garcia - ill
Trustee Tony Peña Trustee Vivian Hansen
Trustee Sonya Cuellar

Administrators Present David Verdugo, Superintendent
Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Stella Toibin, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Ranita Browning, Director-Business Services
Kim Cole, Director-Special Education
Patti Cummings, Director-Facilities
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations
Randy Gray, Director-Curriculum & Instruction
Rosemary Green, Director-Personnel
Troy Marshall, Director-Technology
Jim Monico, Director-Student Services
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Alternative Education
Deborah Stark, Director-K-12 Curriculum
Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West Campus
Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School
Jean Law, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Principal-Mokler School
Connie Toscano, Principal-Los Cerritos School
Teresa Kugler, Assistant Principal-Adult Education Center

Approve Agenda Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded the motion carried 4-0
October 13, 2010 to approve the Regular Meeting agenda of October 13, 2010.
1.301

Regular Meeting Minutes Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion
September 29, 2010 carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on
1.302 September 29, 2010.

REPORTS

Student Board Representatives

Ana Godoy-Paramount High School, Maria Rivera-Paramount High-West, Aquisha White-Buena Vista High School, and Teresa Leavenworth-Adult Education Center reported on school academics, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representative Reports

No CSEA representatives were present.

TAP President Deb Meyers expressed that there is a sense of relief that the State budget has been finally signed in Sacramento. The Association is looking forward to the start of negotiations. She has also visited Buena Vista and is delighted to see how compassionate and committed the staff is with students.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Cuellar had no report.

Trustee Hansen reported she feels good to be back from a recent road trip.

Trustee Peña visited Buena Vista High School and Adult School both being great visits. He attended the PHS Homecoming game and also a Target Reception held at the Long Beach Aquarium.

Trustee Anderson attended the Buena Vista High School Back to School night and the PHS Swim meet.

Superintendent's Report

Introductions:

Superintendent Verdugo welcomed and introduced Kay Cotter as the new Special Education Program Administrator. Kay Cotter has been in the field of Education for 17 years, 16 of those years have been in Special Education. Kay has previously worked as a Resource Teacher at Mokler and Collins for 8 years and 2 years as a Special Day Class Teacher at Lincoln. In addition to Kay's experience as a teacher in Special Education, Kay has been a Program Specialist, Teacher on Special Assignment for 7 years at the District level.

Superintendent Verdugo highlighted a variety of items:

- He attended the PHS Homecoming game vs. Whittier High School.
- He held the first TAC meeting of the school year and discussed a variety of initiatives.
- The Superintendent met with a few of City of South Gate Council members as they would like to provide support to Hollydale School.
- Dr. Verdugo also attended the retirement reception for Dr. Darline Robles, Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent.
- He attended the monthly Paramount Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- Superintendent Verdugo attended the Annual PTA Presidents' and Superintendents breakfast.

QEIA Sumer School

The purpose of the presentation was to provide a review of the School Improvement Grant, a review of the training provided by the Los Angeles Music Center and the Role in the Summer Enrichment Program, provide information regarding the Artist/Teacher Partnership for 2010-11 at Los Cerritos and Mokler Schools and to review the 2009-10 QEIA Summary Report from the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Principal-Mokler School reported that in preparation for the Summer Enrichment Program, there was a four-day training for teachers. During the morning session, teachers worked in whole groups and participated in stage terms and activities. During the second part of the day, teachers broke out in grade levels and worked on OCR units and activities to support instruction. In the afternoons, teachers participated in grade level planning.

Connie Toscano, Principal-Los Cerritos School presented an overview of the four-week Summer Enrichment Program. The program was for Kindergarten thru 5th grade classes. The day consisted of two hours for ELA/Performing Arts and two hours for Math/P.E. in which P.E. was in conjunction with the STAR program. There was also weekly artist/teacher partnerships.

A Fall Artist/Teacher Planning took place in September with another being planned to take place in January. There will be 10 Artist visits throughout the year. Teachers will also incorporate strategies in to their lessons throughout the year.

Dr. Randy Gray, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, shared that the 2009-10 QEIA Summary Report showed that Los Cerritos, Mokler and Zamboni schools have substantially met the QEIA requirements in CSR, Teacher Experience Index, Highly Qualified Teachers at all levels, professional development, Williams that consist of instructional materials, facilities, and teacher assignments, and also Academic Performance Index.

STAR After-School Program

Vince Torres, Community Service & Recreation Director provided the Board with an update on the STAR After School Program. Mr. Torres reported that studies show that students who participate in after school programs exhibit better behavior in school, they improve social skills and self-control, improve self-confidence, improve their eating and fitness habits and also have better school attendance.

Mr. Torres shared that at the elementary school program, the program is averaging 100 students per site, students are provided with healthy snacks, literacy enrichment, physical fitness, homework assistance, offer reading incentives, math facts and there are also clubs that students can be a part of such as Home Economics, Art Appreciation, Technology, Theater/Drama, Science and Sports. STAR Sports are open to students in grades 2nd-5th grade.

At the middle school program, sites are averaging 100 students as well. Students receive homework assistance, there is a Tiger Woods Learning Center, sports participation is growing and there are a variety of clubs available for students to join such as Fashion, Party Planning, Cooking, Science, Video Tech, Dance, Art, Cheer and Drama. Sports at the middle school level are open to students in 6-8th grade.

Mr. Torres wished to thank the Board for their continued support and added that the success of the program is a testament of the wonderful collaboration between the City Council, the Board of Education and District.

State & Education Budget Update

Dr. Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services reported that the State now has a signed budget. With the budget now signed, changes to the budget fully restores the revenue limit, it holds school agencies harmless from negative COLA, \$300 million in one-time mandate funds, of which \$100 million is for 2010-11 claims and \$200 million is for prior-year claims allocated on a per DA basis, funding is fully restored for licensed care providers and there is no suspension of mandate to county mental health.

The Budget agreement did not include the \$1.5 billion revenue limit reduction, estimated to be 3.85% on the total undeficitated base revenue limit and it eliminated the effect of the negative COLA with the lower deficit factor. The 2009-10 revenue limits were reduced by the 18.355% deficit and the \$253 per ADA one-time reduction.

Depending on the program, current law only allows for flexibility through 2011-12 or 2012-13. As LEAs work through the multiyear projections, this question comes up because much has shifted from restricted uses. What we do know is that the LAO has made recommendations about continued flexibility and additional Tier III programs. Many LEAs would be hard pressed to revert to previous programs rules and uses.

The ongoing gap between revenues and expenditures has gotten worse with the 2010-11 Budget. There is a greater reliance on one-time revenues, such as apportionment deferrals, fund shifts, and federal funds. The deferral of the corporate tax reduction is for two-years only, resulting in a loss of \$1.2 billion beginning in 2012-13. The temporary revenue increases from 2009-10 expire in 2011-12.

The first interim reporting period closes October 31 and will be provided to the Board at the December 8 Board meeting. Adjustments to the budget will be made accordingly based on the revised State Budget. The District will continue to watch Sacramento closely and will continue to provide the Board with updates on changes.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes in the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

There were no speakers for the Hearing Section.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.304

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Items.

Human Resources

Personnel Report
10-05
2.304

Accept Personnel Report 10-05, as submitted. The report includes details, assignments, terminations, and employment of personnel. Certain assignments listed in this report may be contingent upon allocation of funding in the 2010-11 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contracted
Services
3.304

Approve the request for Consultant and Contract Services authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Overnight and/or Out-of-
County Study Trips
3.304

Approve the overnight and/or out-of-county study trips for students consistent with District policies and instructional programs.

Interdistrict Attendance
Agreement
3.304

Approve the Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with Charter Oak Unified School District beginning October 14, 2010 and continuing until terminated by either district.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
10-05
4.304

Approve Purchase Order Report 10-05 as submitted, authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Consultant and Contracted
Services
4.304

Approve the consultant and contracted services request authorizing contracts with consultants or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Donations
4.304

Accept donations as presented on behalf of the District of any bequests or gifts of money or property for a purpose deemed to be suitable by the District.

ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

Reduction in Workday for
Nutrition Services Manager at
Jackson School
2.305

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the reduction in workday to 6 hours per day for the vacant Nutrition Services Manager position at Jackson School.

Approve the Establishment of, and Employment Authorization for, Staffing for the Los Angeles Universal Preschool Grant
2.306

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the establishment of, and employment authorization for, one 10-month preschool teacher and two 10 month/3.5 hour per day Instructional Assistant-Early Childhood Education positions.

Educational Services

Funds from Los Angeles Universal Preschool Grant
3.307

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept funds from Los Angeles Universal Preschool Grant to provide funds for a preschool class for a minimum of two years.

Nonpublic School Placements for Special Education Students
3.308

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the placements for special education students in nonpublic schools, as determined by the student's Individual Education Plan for the 2010-11 school year.

Proposed Change in Criteria for Reclassification of English Learners
3.309

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the modification to the District's reclassification criteria for English Learners.

Business Services

Measure AA – Change Orders for Paramount High School Field House
4.310

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept the change order for a credit of \$258,312, decrease the guaranteed maximum price to \$12,407,433 and authorize the Superintendent or designee to review and execute all necessary documents for payments.

Contract Authorization for Measures AA – Keppel Two-Story Classroom/Library Project with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.
4.311

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to authorize the Superintendent or designee to enter into a Construction Services Agreement, Site Lease and Sublease Agreement with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., for the Keppel Two-Story Classroom/Library Building.

Public Self-Insurer's Annual Report 2009-10
4.312

Trustee Hansen moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept the Self-Insurer's Annual Report for 2009-10 with total liabilities reported and funding of such liabilities in compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board Publication and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

Facilities Use Agreement – Addendum No. 1
4.313

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Addendum No. 1 to the Facilities Use Agreement with the City of Paramount and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Facilities Use Agreement –
Addendum No. 2
4.314

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve Addendum No. 2 to the Facilities Use Agreement with the City of Paramount and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Measure AA – Change
Orders for Alondra and
Zamboni School Gymnasiums
4.315

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept the change order for a credit of \$214,918, decrease the guaranteed maximum price to \$9,453,338 and authorize the Superintendent or designee to review and execute all necessary documents for payments.

Notice of Completion – E-
Rate Funded Network Cabling
Projects at Keppel and Mokler
4.316

Trustee Peña moved, Trustee Hansen seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to accept as completed the network cabling work at Keppel and Mokler and authorize the Superintendent or designee to file the Notice of Completion and make payment to all contracted parties upon expiration of the lien period and determination that no liens are outstanding.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Revised Board Policy 1330 –
Use of Facilities

Accept for first reading the proposed revised Board Policy 1330 – Use of Facilities, which was revised to include current information related to State requirements.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Educational Services

Williams Settlement Quarterly
Uniform Complaint Summary

The Board received as information the required Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary for the first quarter July-September 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Anderson reported that the next Regular Meeting would be October 27, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Student Discipline and Governance Team Items.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 8:21 p.m. President Anderson reported that the Board had discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Student Discipline and Governance Team Items.

The following action was taken in Closed Session:

Educational Services

Student Discipline
Student E-2
3.317

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to expel Student E-2 for the first and second semester of the 2010-11 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 13, 2010, at 8:22 p.m.

David Verdugo, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk