

# U N A D O P T E D M I N U T E S

of the Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 26, 2011

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## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Avila at 6:00 p.m.

Governing Board of Trustees present: Layla Avila, Jan Baird, Jorge Hernandez, Sylvia Macias, Sharon Stys.

Others present: Dr. Erich Kwek, Superintendent  
Cecilia Laidemitt, Associate Superintendent of Administrative  
Services and Personnel Services  
Gail Baxter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Administrator absent: David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of  
Business Services

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Ms. Luz Maria Frias, Teacher at Los Altos School

## STUDENT PRESENTATION

A video presentation from Los Altos was preceded by the principal, Ms. Martha Mestanza Rojas saying her purpose as the new administrator of Los Altos School was to continue to increase student achievement for all students, to equip the staff with the tools they need to be successful and to provide a positive climate for all stakeholders. The message of the video presentation was that "all students can and will learn at Los Altos." The instructional video showed students and teachers interacting confirming the belief that the teachers provide the climate and culture that makes learning occur. The district's Technology Information Systems Manager, Irving Sanchez, was thanked for his assistance in producing the video. Presenting a certificate of appreciation to several persons who have assisted Los Altos School students with their expertise, Mr. Michael Long, thanked each one individually, Ms. Lori Allemande from the Whole Child has provided counseling to students, Mr. Norman Carter donated 120 backpacks filled with significant school supplies and Mr. Michael Seril is a personal trainer, who with a crew of fitness trainers, donates his time and has donated dozens of fitness related toys.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

A teacher addressed the Board and administration suggesting that the district should use teacher post graduate degrees as criteria for tie-breaker situations in determining any lay-offs. She also suggested that the date a teacher met the No Child Left Behind qualifying criteria should be the date used for the tie-breaker rather than the year the district certified the teacher.

## COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Board members thanked the Los Altos staff for the excellent presentation showcasing Los Altos students and teachers.

## REPORTS

Dr. Kwek thanked the Los Altos staff and Irving Sanchez for the fine video presentation. There was nothing new to report about the Budget but the Superintendent is expecting to get some information my mid-May.

Dr. Kwek asked Monte Vista principal, Francisco Meza to join him at the podium as the Superintendent announced the many good things happening at Monte Vista. Monte Vista School won the basketball tournament and presented a lovely performing arts musical, Annie. Dr. Kwek was proud to announce that Monte Vista School was recognized by the California Business for Education for high student achievement and closing achievement gaps. Monte Vista is one of 1,221 public schools to receive the title of 2010 Honor Roll School and was awarded a "Star Schools" banner. Dr. Kwek continued that this was well deserved recognition and represents the hard work taking place at the school.

## CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee Stys seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the consent portion of the agenda was approved.

### Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 2011.

### Purchase Order List No. 18

Approved purchase order list no. 18 for purchases submitted prior to April 26, 2011.

### Contract List No. 16

Approved contract list no. 16 for services provided prior to April 26, 2011. Contracts include:

10-11-066: contractor – Zinsmeyer Academy ChildNet, Youth and Family Services, service – individual contract, duration – 03/22/2011 to 06/30/2011, amount – not to exceed \$11,385.85;

10-11-067: contractor – Zinsmeyer Academy ChildNet Youth and Family Services, service – general contract, duration – 03/22/2011 to 06/30/2011, amount - n/c

10-11-068: contractor – School Services of California, service – consultant, duration – 04/27/2011 to 11/30/2011, amount – not to exceed \$6,000.00;

Amendment 10-11-019: contractor – Paradigm Health Care Services, service – amendment to general contract for consulting services, duration – extended-n/c, amount – n/c

CONSENT

Travel and Conference Report No. 15  
Approved travel and conference report no. 15.

CURRICULUM AND  
INSTRUCTION

South Whittier School District Arts for All Plan  
Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Gail Baxter, presented the Arts for All plan for review and approval. On a motion by Trustee Stys seconded by Trustee Macias and unanimously carried the Arts for All Plan was approved.

Mrs. Baxter commenced her report giving a history of the Arts for All Plan and described the steps taken by the Community Arts Team Committee to devise the plan. The plan addresses visual arts, dance, drama and music. Mrs. Baxter described the membership of the district Community Arts Team Committee that included a coach, board members, principals, elementary and middle school teachers, P.E. teacher, and SDC teachers. The committee also included artists, Rio Hondo Symphony member, a person from the Whittier Cultural Arts Foundation who will assist the district with grant writing, a person from Biola University who will assist with professional development in the arts, Think Together, PTA president and a school district parent. Mrs. Baxter said this was a well rounded committee who is very enthusiastic and committed to the Arts for All goals. The arts will be reintroduced at all schools and will be delivered through various instructional modes once teachers are provided with professional development in the arts. Rigorous standards based arts curriculum will be developed. Lake Marie School and Monte Vista School have been selected to be the focus of the Arts for All beginning next school year and will be designated as Arts for All Schools.

BUSINESS

Report on Health Care Insurance  
This report was tabled due to Mr. Rivera's absence.

Purchase Orders for Audio Visual Equipment  
On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried the purchase orders for audio visual equipment from Troxell Communications, Inc. were approved. Authorization to participate in qualified bids and agreements with Troxell was approved on March 8, 2011.

Purchase Orders for Dell Computers  
On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Stys and unanimously carried the purchase orders for Dell Computers were approved. Authorization to participate in qualified bids and agreements with Western States Contracting Alliance was approved on April 12, 2011.

GENERAL

Interdistrict Attendance Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried the interdistrict attendance agreement with Baldwin Park Unified School District was approved.

Resolution No. 10-11-23: California Day of the Teacher

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried, resolution no. 10-11-23 – California Day of the Teacher was approved. The California State Legislature has designated the second Wednesday in May as the “Day of the Teacher.” The South Whittier School District recognizes all efforts teachers make to provide an excellent educational environment for their students and declares May 11, 2011 as the “Day of the Teacher” in the South Whittier School District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS  
ON CLOSED SESSION  
ITEMS

There were no public comments on closed session items.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees commenced closed session at 7:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees resumed open session at 8:50 p.m. The Board took action on the following in closed session:

“In closed session, the Board took action to issue a notice, pursuant to Education Code Section 44951, that the certificated administrative employees identified by #FB3575433 and #TY1898352 shall be released effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, and reassigned to a non-administrative certificated assignment within the scope of their credentials beginning in the 2011-2012 school year or placed on a reemployment list pursuant to Education Code Sections 44956 or 44957, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The roll call vote was 5/0.”

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PERSONNEL

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried Classified Personnel Report No. 04-26-11-17 and Certificated Personnel Report No. 04-26-11-18 were approved.

CLASSIFIED  
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Medical Leave of Absence – Paid - Ratification  
Employee # KP 37 10 364, Instructional Aide, Monte Vista, effective 04/12/2011 to 06/15/2011 or pending release from physician

2010-2011 Extension to Maternity Leave of Absence – Paid  
Employee # PQ 66 08 762, Administrative Analyst, District Office, effective 04/26/2011 to 05/18/2011

CERTIFICATED  
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – Teacher Trainer (Thinking Maps ) – Lake Marie, Carmela – Effective 10/01/2010 to 10/18/2010 – Ratification  
Kathleen Kivi

2010-2011 Resignation – Effective at the End of the Day – June 15, 2011  
April Jensen, 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade, English/Language Arts Teacher, Graves Middle School  
Teresa Miller, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher, McKibben

South Whittier School District Teachers Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2011-2013

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the South Whittier School District Teachers Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2011-2013 was accepted.

Public Hearing: South Whittier School District Teachers Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2011-2013

A public hearing was in order for the initial contract proposal as submitted to provide an opportunity for communication on the initial contract proposal by any interested person.

The hearing was open on a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried.

There was no comment on the South Whittier School District Teachers Association Initial Contract Proposal for 2011-2013.

The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.