

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

of the Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
May 10, 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
David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Michael Long.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Trustee Hernandez attended the Band Festival at which the Graves Middle School band participated. The band performed in an excellent fashion and were dressed very nicely. Trustee Stys reported she will attend the CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting and Legislative Action Conference in Sacramento next week. Trustee Avila announced the next SWTA Networking Event is scheduled for June 2nd. She said that attendance at this event shows support for teachers. The location will be announced.

REPORTS

Dr. Kwek stated that principals and teachers have been preparing students for state testing. The testing period started last week and continues through this week. The Superintendent also attended the Band Festival adding that the Graves Middle School Band performed incredibly well and sounded fantastic, looked very well dressed and is composed of a full compliment of instruments.

Dr. Kwek and other superintendents attended a luncheon meeting at Rio Hondo College that is hosted by the President of Rio Hondo. Mutual issues are discussed by the superintendents. Dr. Kwek discussed the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) program. The district will continue to pursue participation in the STEM program and has applied for a grant. The college is interested in the district's proposed STEM program and wants to partner on this project. Dr. Kwek also reported about the district's Arts for All school program. Rio Hondo wants to partner with the district in this endeavor and offered a touring performance arts program.

A Wellness Walk is planned for May 19th. This walk is part of the Wellness Plan and will take the place of the district's track meet this year. The walk will commence at each elementary school and will culminate at Graves Middle School. Health and wellness awareness vendors, located at Graves Middle School, will provide health information.

Dr. Kwek and Business Office administrators will attend a May Revise workshop next week. More information about the state budget will be released.

The South Whittier Teachers Association and CTA have been very involved in rallies that have taken place to bring attention to the budget crisis and how it will affect schools. An Education Forum was held last week in Whittier to make the public aware of the impact budget cuts will have on schools. The district supports teachers and appreciates their efforts in getting this information out to the public.

CONSENT

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

Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of April 26, 2011.

Purchase Order List No. 19

Approved purchase order list no. 19 for purchases submitted prior to May 10, 2011.

Contract List No. 19

Approved contract list no. 19 for services provided prior to May 10, 2011. Contracts include:

10-11-069: contractor – Action Learning Systems, service – provide guidance to staff, duration – 05/11/2011 to 06/30/2011, amount – not to exceed \$2,000.00;

10-11-070: contractor – National University, service – student teaching and/or practicum in schools and classes, duration – 05/03/2011 until agreed upon, amount – n/a

Travel and Conference Report No. 18

Approved travel and conference report no 18.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Gail Baxter – GATE Program Report

Gail Baxter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services presented an overview of the district's GATE Program. The district currently has identified 157 GATE students and 291 students identified as high achievers. GATE funding for the entire district is \$35,000.00. High academic achievement is used as the basis for identification of students that qualify for the GATE program.

BUSINESS

Report on Health Care Insurance

David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported that the Health Care Committee is pursuing information from other health care providers. Mr. Rivera stated that it is not in the district’s interest to continue services with Keenan.

Conditions of Roofs

David Rivera, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported that the Working Director of Maintenance Operations and Transportation, Ray Coco, has reviewed district roofs and has discovered that roofs at the Carmela School administrative building, Rooms 2 and 8 at Lake Marie School, Los Altos School administrative building, and rooms 314 and 315 at Graves Middle School will need roof repair. At the next Board meeting a request to solicit bids for these roof repairs will be sought.

GENERAL

Resolution No. 10-11-24: Classified Employee Week

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried resolution no. 10-11-24 was approved. The resolution states that the week of May 16 – 20, 2011 has been designated as “Classified Employee Week” and the South Whittier School District recognizes all efforts made by classified employees to provide valuable services to the students and all the South Whittier schools.

District Calendar for the 2011/2012 School Year

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Hernandez and unanimously carried the district calendar for the 2011/2012 school year was approved. Classes begin September 1, 2011. The calendar is aligned with the Whittier Union High School District calendar.

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 7:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees resumed open session at 8:00 p.m. The Superintendent announced that the Board took action on the following: “In closed session the Board took two actions” – (1) “Finalized the initial proposal to begin negotiations with the South Whittier Teachers Association. This is the sun shining of our agreement and at the next Board of Trustees meeting we will have a public hearing on the proposal.” (2) “The second action that the Board took was to appoint, unanimously, a new principal for Lake

Marie Elementary School. The new principal is Mr. Michael Long. This is now official and can be made public.” The above actions were made on a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Stys and unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Trustee Hernandez seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried Classified Personnel Report No. 05-10-11-18 and Certificated Personnel Report No. 05-10-11-19 were approved.

CLASSIFIED
PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Medical Leave of Absence – Paid - Ratification
Elia Herrera, Office Health Clerk, Loma Vista, effective 04/28/2011 through 06/05/2011.

2010-2011 Substitute List
Deborah Vasquez, Instructional Aide, SDC-SH and/or Noon Duty Supervisor, district wide. effective 05/06/2011

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PERSONNEL

2010-2011 Special Substitute Requests – To Release Teachers To Attend a Math Symposium – “Standards, Curriculum, Teaching: Where do We Go From Here?” – McKibben School – Effective 05/13/2011

Three substitutes needed

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – Summer Supplemental Program Coordinators – Effective 05/11/2011 through 07/30/2011 – Ratification

Participants: Jose Alarcon, Jaime Martinez

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – Supplemental Instructional Program – Carmela School

Performing Arts – Effective 05/11/2011 to 06/10/2011

Participant – Gina Shepherd, one alternate

Reading Intervention Class for 1st Grade Students – Effective 05/11/2011 to 06/14/2011

Participant – Debra Wease, one alternate

2010-2011 Extra Pay Assignment – Master Teachers for Student Teacher Agreements – Carmela School – Effective 05/03/2011 through 07/30/2011 – Ratification

Participants: Elyse Kenney-Schiller, Resource Program Specialist
Mild to Moderate Disabilities
Shari Tanimoto, SDC/LH – Mild/Moderate Disabilities

CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL

2011-2012 Unpaid Leave of Absence – 2nd Grade – Carmela School – Effective 09/01/2011 through 06/30/2012 – Per Article 14.9 of the Agreement Between the South Whittier School District and the South Whittier Teachers Association
Heidy De La Rosa

2010-2011 Extension to Medical Leave of Absence – Paid – Loma Vista School – Effective 04/30/2011 to 06/15/2011 - Ratification
Employee ID Number: WJ5 507 713

Resolution No. 10-11-25: Resolution Implementing Certificated Layoff (Terminating Services of Certificated Employees), Acting Upon Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge and Providing Direction to Issue Notifications to Employees Whose Services are Terminated

On a motion by Trustee Stys seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried resolution no. 10-11-25 – Resolution Implementing Certificated Layoff (Terminating Services of Certificated Employees), Acting Upon Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge and Providing Direction to Issue Notifications to Employees Whose Services are Terminated was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.