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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

August 27, 2007

The Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District met in special session on August 27, 2007, in the San Leandro Unified School District Office Conference Room 1, 14735 Juniper Street, San Leandro, California.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Richards.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Pauline Cutter
Mr. Ray Davis
Mrs. Lisa Hague
Mr. Mike Katz-Lacabe
Ms. Linda Perry, Clerk
Mr. T.W. "Rick" Richards, President

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Stephen Cassidy

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Christine Lim, Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments concerning items on the closed session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:36 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session for a Board Negotiations Workshop and Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

The Board returned to open session at 6:36 p.m. President Richards noted that the Board had been in closed session and that no action was taken.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Ms. Perry reported attending, along with Trustees Richards and Katz, the “Welcome Back” Staff Development Day celebration on August 27 and shared the program with the Board. The day featured performances and readings from students at Roosevelt Elementary, the Washington Elementary School Bilingual class, the Summer Music Program, Garfield Elementary, and San Leandro High School as well as teachers, and parents calendaring the District’s “Continuing the Journey to Equity, Access, and Achievement for All” over the last four years.

Ms. Perry reminded the Board that the City Council would be hearing the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on Tuesday, September 4, and asked if there had been any response to the District’s comment letter. Superintendent Lim said that the District had not yet heard, but that she was meeting with the City Manager tomorrow, and would inquire about it.

She commented that Jefferson Elementary School still does not have any signage identifying it as “Jefferson Elementary School” and that the banner made by students had been misplaced. She asked if some kind of sign or banner could be obtained for the front of the school.

- Mr. Katz noted that this was the first time he had an opportunity to attend the staff development day and found it to be a very positive and motivating experience, and hoped this sentiment would continue throughout the year. He asked for clarification regarding the classroom placements and schedules of students, and raised the possibility of considering posting class lists at the schools earlier than the day before school begins.

Superintendent Lim explained that by design class lists were posted the day before the start of school so that everyone receives the information on the same day. In addition it provides staff time to address the continuing enrollment number changes that occur up to the beginning of school. Regarding scheduling, the Superintendent said that typically schools begin with a standard schedule. Assessments are conducted during the first two weeks of school and based on the results, students are placed on either an AM or PM. schedule.

- Mr. Davis mentioned the “Safe Routes to School Grants”, which provides the City with federal and state funding to make City improvements towards creating safer routes to schools for our children. He felt it would be worthwhile for the District to discuss and share how this effort could specifically improve potential safety issues identified at the school sites and for students on their way to school at the next City/District Liaison

Committee meeting. He noted that one device that had been successful was the use of “active radar signs” that records your driving speed as you go a school.

He asked about “links” to the City and San Leandro Chamber of Commerce from the District’s website. The Superintendent noted that currently the District does not have that capability, but “links” to our District can be found on the City’s and Chamber’s websites.

Mr. Davis commented that Carlmont High in Belmont is requiring students to wear I.D. badges.

- Mrs. Cutter commented that understaffing in the maintenance department has taken its toll, noting that dry rot discovered during the roofing projects seems to be primarily located under overgrown trees.
- Mr. Richards enjoyed and concurred with comments made by Trustee Perry and Trustee Katz regarding the “Welcome Back” Staff Development Day.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hague, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. by a 6-0 vote. Trustee Cassidy was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Perry, Clerk