San Leandro USD Minutes

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Regular Board Meeting

December 02, 2014
Tuesday, 07:00 PM
San Leandro City Council Chambers
835 E. 14th Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

Attendees

Ron Carey	Board Trustee	
Lance James	Board Trustee	
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Board Trustee	
Corina N. Lopez	Board Trustee	
Diana Prola	Board Trustee	
Vince J. Rosato	Board Trustee	
Michael McLaughlin, Ed.D.	Superintendent	*non-voting*
Rosanna Mucetti, Ed.D.	Deputy Superintendent	*non-voting*
Linda Pollard	Administrative Assistant	*non-voting*
John Thompson, Ed.D.	Assistant Superintendent	*non-voting*

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - 6:15 P.M.

Prior to the meeting, Superintendent McLaughlin and the Board of Education held a reception for outgoing Trustees Corina Lopez and Mike Katz-Lacabe at the City Hall. Trustee Lopez, who is a San Leandro Councilmember-elect will remain on the Board until December 9, when the newly elected Trustees Evelyn Gonzalez and Leo Sheridan take office.

At the conclusion of the reception, the meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President James. It was noted that all Board members were present.

2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no Public Testimony on Closed Session items.

3. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION - 6:15 P.M.

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m.

a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/ Hiring, Government Code Section 54957
b. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code section 54957.6) Employee organizations: SLTA, CSEA, T/T, Unrepresented Groups, Designated Representative: John Thompson

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - 7:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

a. Report on Closed Session Action

President James said that the Board had been in Closed Session where there was no reportable action.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President James led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

c. Approval of Agenda ***(V)***

The Board approved the agenda for the Regular Meeting held on December 2, 2014.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

5. LEGAL STATEMENT

a. Legal Statement

6. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jessica Bartholow, as an advocate for anti-poverty and anti hunger in Alameda County, addressed the Board regarding how detrimental food scarcity is on children. Instead of spending money on school resource officers at the middle schools and high school, she urged the Board to think about what they could do in San Leandro to prevent hunger among children.

Oscar Ivy, a Washington Elementary School student, spoke about the ASES after school program, which he has been attending since he was in kindergarten. He shared that ASES allows him to stay until his parents get home from work, helps him to get his homework done, and provides fun activities, adding that on Saturday there will be a football tournament and he invited the Board members to attend.

7. ACTION ITEM

a. Certification of the November 4, 2014, Election Results as Provided by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters ***(D) (V)***

The Board approved to accept the Certification of the November 4, 2014, Election results as provided by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

8. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED BOARD TRUSTEES

a. Oath of Office

As required, following the General Election on November 4, 2014, new and re-elected Board members take their official Oath of Office. Each Board member selects the individual whom they wish to administer their oath.

Newly-elected Trustee Evelyn Gonzalez, and re-elected Board Trustees Lance James, and Ron Carey were sworn in by San Leandro Councilmember and Mayor-Elect Pauline Cutter; and newly-elected Trustee Leo Sheridan was sworn in by San Leandro Board Trustee and San Leandro Councilmember-Elect Corina Lopez.

9. PRESENTATIONS

a. Savings Restructuring Plan for District Capital Appreciation Bonds

Dale Scott & Company (DS&C) presented a plan to restructure and reduce the number of Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABs) held by the District. The plan outlined taxpayer savings over the life of the bonds. By restructuring the CABs, the savings to taxpayers will be almost $13 million. Next steps include:

District Responsibilities

- Approve resolution authorizing acquisition of CABs
- Authorize sale of GO refunding bonds in order to take-out CABs
- Provide guidance as to amount of CABs to be refunded

CABs Restructuring Bonds Financing: Next Steps

- Passage of resolution authorizing CAB repurchase and refunding (January 2015)
- CAB Restructuring (February 2015)
- Convertible CAB Restructuring (March 2015)

The Board asked clarifying questions that included how the District get the money to buy back the CABs, how the investors get paid and the time frame in generating investors, which was addressed by staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Gonzalez addressed the Board regarding the CABs. He urged the Board to consider other options, including that the selection of the advisor be competitively bid.

10. REPORTS

a. Correspondence

Trustee Rosato reported receipt of the following emails from November 19, 2014, through November 22, 2014: From Maureen Forney regarding "Deadline Approaching - Please Take Action Now"; from Laura Aguayo-Guevara regarding "Certificated Job Vacancy"; from Mark Hamilton regarding "Counseling Caseload Progress Report," and, "Michelle Obama's Address on School Counselors"; from Rais Abbasi regarding "November Payroll"; from Ebado Ismail regarding "December 2014 Bancroft Banner Newsletter"; and from Dan Martin regarding "Upcoming CSBA Conference in SF," and

"Phillips 66 Rails Terminal Expansion Project in Santa Maria."

b. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member Anna Martin provided an update to the Board regarding activities at the San Leandro High School main campus and the Fred T. Korematsu campus. Highlights included:

- Culture Day was two week ago, where students enjoyed different performances and and food
- Senior Skate Night will be this Friday, December 5
- Winter Ball will be on December 19
- Open Mic and the Student Achievement Recognition Assembly will be December 12

c. Union Representative Reports

There were no Union Representative Reports.

d. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent McLaughlin welcomed everyone back from the Thanksgiving Break and again congratulated Evelyn Gonzalez and Leo Sheridan.

He invited the Board to attend the Teaching and Learning Expo tomorrow, December 3, 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the Arts Education Center and gym.

The Superintendent said that the District and the City were still in discussion about the COPS grant, and a recommendation would be brought back to the December 9, 2014, Board meeting.

He also was very pleased to report that the District will receive $2 million in Proposition 39 funding, which will be disbursed to the District in four installments of $500,000.

He acknowledged the public comments made earlier about how devastating food scarcity is on children, and reassured the Board and audience that the District offers free breakfast and lunch programs, and that fee an reduce meal application are available online. He said that staff would look into any other opportunities that might be available to help students receive valuable nutrition services.

Superintendent McLaughlin thanked Mr. Paul Disario for serving as Interim Chief Business Official and welcome Mr. Mark Martinelli as the District's new Assistant Superintendent, Business and Operations.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

Trustee James said that the Finance Committee met on December 1, 2014, and discussed and reviewed the 2014-2015 First Interim Report including fiscal year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, along with other relalvant fiscal information. He thanked Interim CBO Paul Disario for his time in preparing the First Interim and welcomed Mark Martinelli as the the new Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of Consent Items ***(V) (C)***

The Board approved the Consent Calendar.

Motion made by: Mike Katz-Lacabe
Seconded by: Diana Prola

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

b. Personnel Reports - Certificated and Classified ***(V) (C)***

c. Approval of Bill Warrants ***(V) (C)***

d. Discard library books that are damaged or in poor condition at Wilson Elementary School ***(V) (C)***

13. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Agreement with Dale Scott and Company for CAB Restructuring Bond Services ***(D) (V)***

Prior to taking action, the Board raised concerns with regards to how many organizations did the District consider for restructuring the CABs, the contract fee structure, and consider taking a look at other firms.

Following comments made, the Board approved the Agreement with Dale Scott and Company for CAB Restructuring and Bond Services.

Motion made by: Diana Prola
Seconded by: Ron Carey

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	No
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	No
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

b. Purchase of Supplemental English Language Arts K-8 Curricular Materials, Engage NY, for Common Core State Standards Implementation ***(D) (V)***

The Board approved the Purchase of Supplemental English Language Arts K-8 Curricular Materials, Engage NY, for Common Core State Standards Implementation.

Motion made by: Diana Prola
Seconded by: Ron Carey

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

c. Revision to Current Course for High School: Character Design for the 21st Century, for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 ***(D) (V)***

It was noted by Trustee Carey that Action Items 13c-13h course revisions are waiting UC a-g approval. Trustee Prola made a suggested changing the course title, "Character Design", which she felt gave the impression that the course addressed "moral issues" rather than fostering creativity, self-direction and innovation for 21st century Visual Arts students. Deputy Superintendent Mucetti said that she would be bring it back to the Curriculum Committee after UC approval.

With that, the Board approved the Revision to Current Course for High School: Machine Technology for Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Mike Katz-Lacabe

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

d. Revision to Current Course for High School: CAD Solid Modeling with Solid Works for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 ***(D) (V)***

The Board approved the Revision to Current Course for High School: CAD Solid Modeling with Solid Works for Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

e. Revision to Current Course for High School: Machine Technology for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 ***(D) (V)***

The Board approved the Revision to Current Course for High School: Machine Technology for Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

f. Revision to Current Course for High School: Environmental Science Honors, for grades 11 and 12 ***(D) (V)***

The Board approved the Revision to Current Course for High School: Environmental Science Honors, for Grades 11 and 12.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

g. Revision to Current Course for High School: Social Justice Activism, for grades 10, 11, and 12 ***(D) (V)***

Prior to the vote, and in response to Trustee Proala, Deputy Superintendent Mucetti said that she would look into what supplemental resources being used in the class.

With that the Board approved the Revision to Current Course for High School: Social Justice Activism, for Grades 10, 11 and 12.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

h. Revision to Current Course for High School: CSU Expository Reading and Writing Course for grade 12 ***(D) (V)***

The Board approved the Revision to Current Course for High School: CSU Expository Reading and Writing Course for Grade 12.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

14. FUTURE BUSINESS

a. Consensus Items

There were no consensus item requests.

15. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee James commented that he had a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation and is looking forward to the winter concert performances. He also said that he will be attending the Eden ROP meeting on Thursday, December 4.

Trustee Carey thanked Trustee Katz-Lacabe for his service on the Board, and congratulated newly-elected Trustess Evelyn Gonzalez and Leo Sheridan, adding that he is looking forward to another four years as a Board Trustee.

Trustee Rosato said that he attended the "Closing House" gathering for State Senator Ellen Corbett on November 19 at her San Leandro office. He also attended the San Leandro Multi Cultural Mixer hosted by the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, where the African American Business Council announced that the Career Day will be January 23.

Trustee Prola attended a historical artifacts activity led by Bancroft Middle School teacher Phil Smothermon, held at the San Leandro Museum. A representative from the Oakland Museum was also in attendance. She thanked Trustee Katz-Lacabe and Trustee Lopez for their service and wished them luck in their future endeavors.

Trustee Lopez congratulated Evelyn Gonzalez and Leo Sheridan to the Board, commenting that it took her some time to get comfortable with the title granted public officials, "Honorable," however, after a while she understood that, "It is truly an honor to serve." She promised to continue working for better educational outcomes for San Leandro Youth in her new capacity. She thanked Trustee Katz-Lacabe for all his fine work that he has done over the years for the community.

Trustee Katz-Lacabe acknowleged that "he was a small part of a large team." He was grateful that he had a voice in making decisions, and felt that the organization is in good shape for the future. He thanked Superintendent McLaughlin and the District staff, saying, "He will continue to be an active voice on behalf of students and families, even if standing on the other side of the podium."

16. ANNOUNCEMENT

a. Board of Education Meetings

- Regular Board Meeting - December 9, 2014
- Regular Board Meeting - January 13, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting - January 27, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting - February 10, 2015

- Regular Board Meeting - March 10, 2015
- ~~**Regular Board Meeting - April 7, 2015**~~ **Cancelled**
- Regular Board Meeting - April 21, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting - May 5, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting - May 19, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting - June 2, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting - June 23, 2015

17. ADJOURNMENT*

a. Time ***(V)***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Mike Katz-Lacabe	Yes
Corina N. Lopez	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Vince J. Rosato, Clerk

Board Approved: 1/13/15

TO: Board of Education

FROM: John Thompson, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

DATE: December 2, 2014

RE: Acceptance of Personnel Report

The following is the Personnel Report that reports details of personnel assignments, employment and terminations.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

POS. #	NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	FTE FROM	FTE TO	FROM	TO
APPOINTMENTS							
462	Ronald Baker	Teacher	Muir	1.0		11/18/14	
161	Jessica Coop	SDC Teacher	Jefferson	1.0		11/21/14	
	Donnie Penelton II	Substitute Teacher	Various	Hourly		11/19/14	
	Natalia Anciso	Substitute Teacher	Various	Hourly		11/17/14	
	Kim E. Jones	Adult School Teacher	Adult Ed	Hourly		11/17/14	
CHANGES IN STATUS							
1572	May Castro	Teacher	SLHS-FTK	1.0	1.2	9/16/14	6/12/15

To: Board of Education

From: John Thompson, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Date: December 2, 2014

Re: Acceptance of Personnel Report

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CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

POS # Funding	NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	FTE	FROM	TO
Appointment						
Yard Supervisor	Giovanna Landeros	Yard Supervisor	Washington	Hourly	11/13/14	
Subsitute	Diara Jackson	Classified Substitute	Various	Hourly	10/28/14	
Subsitute	Luke McCallin	Classified Substitute	Various	Hourly	10/28/14	
Subsitute	Maryanne Wainaina	Classified Substitute	Various	Hourly	11/18/14	
Family Medical Leave						
691-Unrestricted	Ruth Pea	Custodian A	Bancroft	1.00	12/18/14	01/11/15