San Leandro USD Minutes

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Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 31, 2015
Tuesday, 06:00 PM
City of San Leandro South Conference Room
999 E. 14th Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

Attendees

Ron Carey	Board Trustee	
Evelyn Gonzalez	Board Trustee	
Lance James	Board Trustee	
Diana Prola	Board Trustee	
Vince J. Rosato	Board Trustee	
Monique Tate	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 - 6:00 p.m.

President Prola called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that all trustees were present, with the exception of Trustee Sheridan, who would be unable to attend.

2. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no Public Testimony on Closed Session Items.

3. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:00 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

c. Public Employee Appointment - Title: Principal, Bancroft Middle School; Government Code 54957

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

a. Report on Closed Session Action

President Prola said that the Board had been in Closed Session where the Board of Education took the following action in accordance with Government Code 54956:

- To appoint Valentin Del Rio to the position of Principal of Bancroft Middle School by a 6-0 vote with Trustee Sheridan absent, on a motion made Trustee

James and seconded by Trustee Carey.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Prola led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Board approved the agenda for the Special Board meeting held on March 31, 2015. Trustee Sheridan absent.

Motion made by: Ron Carey
Seconded by: Lance James

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Evelyn Gonzalez	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes
Monique Tate	Yes

5. LEGAL STATEMENT

a. Legal Statement

6. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no Public Testimony on Non-Agenda Items.

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Sherr, San Leandro Teachers' Association President, provided the the Board with background information on the process regarding the Grade Span Adjustment Agreement and Dental Benefits Agreement with the San Leandro Teachers' Association (Action/Discussion Items 7a and 7b).

a. Grade Span Adjustment Agreement with the San Leandro Teachers' Association*(D) (V)*

The Board approved the Grade Span Adjustment Agreement with the San Leandro Teachers' Association. Trustee Sheridan was absent.

Motion made by: Lance James
Seconded by: Vince J. Rosato

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Evelyn Gonzalez	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes
Monique Tate	Yes

b. Dental Benefits Agreement with the San Leandro Teachers' Association ***(D) (V)***

The Board approved the Dental Benefits Agreement with the San Leandro Teachers' Association. Trustee Sheridan was absent.

Motion made by: Lance James
Seconded by: Evelyn Gonzalez

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Evelyn Gonzalez	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes
Monique Tate	Yes

8. WORK STUDY SESSION

a. Work Study Session Regarding Special Education

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Sherr, as the San Leandro Teachers' Association President, a Special Ed parent, and member of the Special Education Task Force, commented on the recommendation around more inclusion of students with IEPs in the general education program. He spoke about how each child is unique, so trying to move the maximum number of students into general education should not be the goal, but rather moving students into the general ed program when it is appropriate and clearly beneficial to the student. He urged the Board to not rush implementation, stating that "Change is hard, but we have fantastic special ed teachers and specialists in our District who are committed to providing our kids with the best education possible, so as we move forward, please listen to our folks as we all work to improve the Special Education Program."

Following Public Comments, Deputy Superintendent Mucetti, led a special study session update regarding the work of the Special Education Task Force. Staff presented some of the current best practices and industry standards being promoted in the delivery of a high quality special education program and services. The study session provided the Board with information regarding our current programming model, structures and processes. The Board considered various components of the program for improvement as we aim to align with best practices in the field. Looking ahead, staff will:

- Complete the development of the SPED Strategic Plan via the Task Force
- Begin the implementation phase
- Continue to seek answers to questions posed during tonight's work session
- Bring forth a recommendation to action to the April 21 Board meeting that aligns with best practices
- Incorporate necessary changes to improve our 2015-2016 program and budget development

The Board thanked staff for the very informative update and acknowledged the Task Force for all of their work.

9. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Rosato commented that there will be a joint Alameda County & Contra Costa County School Boards Association meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Trustee Sheridan absent.

Motion made by: Lance James
Seconded by: Evelyn Gonzalez

Votes

Ron Carey	Yes
Evelyn Gonzalez	Yes
Lance James	Yes
Diana Prola	Yes
Vince J. Rosato	Yes
Monique Tate	Yes

11. ANNOUNCEMENT

a. Board of Education Meetings

- ~~**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

Respectfully submitted,

Vince J. Rosato, Clerk

Board Approved: 4/21/15