San Leandro Unified School District Minutes

Special Board Meeting
February 22, 2016 7:00 PM
San Leandro City Council Chambers

835 E. 14th Street

San Leandro, CA 94577

Closed Session - 6:00pm

Open Session - 7:00pm

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present:
Evelyn Gonzalez
Lance James
Dr. Mike McLaughlin
Dr. Rosanna Mucetti
Diana Prola
Vince Rosato
Leo Sheridan
Monique Tate
Dr. John Thompson

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Minutes:
Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Minutes:
There was no public testimony on Closed Session items.

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

Minutes:
The Board recessed into closed session at 6pm.

C.1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Hiring; GC 54957

C.2. Conference with Legal Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6) Employee organizations: SLTA. CSEA, T/T, Unrepresented Groups, Designated Representative: John Thompson

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

Minutes:
The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7pm

D.1. Report on Closed Session Action

Minutes:
In closed session the Board unanimously approved a "Retirement Resignation Agreement, General Release and Covenant Not to Sue" with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Operations, whereby his last date of paid service will be March 31, 2016. Copies of the entire agreement are available upon request. The Board wishes the Assistant Superintendent all the best in his future endeavors.

D.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:
President Rosato led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

D.3. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Diana Prola and a second by Lance James.

Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Lance James
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Vince Rosato
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

E. LEGAL STATEMENT

F. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes:
The following people spoke during public testimony:

Louise Shaw, Wilson School: At the beginning of the year, the Superintendent stated the communications need to be improved. While that is good start, she feels that collaboration is key. When the district is making a decision, wants to know who to ask to be apart of certain decisions. She believes there needs to be more of a consistency with communication and collaboration at the district level.

Mengian Deng & Sally Huang, President & Vice President of Jefferson Service Club, respectively, spoke regarding volunteerism. Back in October they addressed the Board with their suggestion for requirement for volunteer hours as a high school and middle school requirements. The students inquired as to the status of the Board's consideration of these proposed requirements. The Superintendent informed them that the committee will decide on this. Jefferson Service will pay for the sticker to give recognition to students who have completed this requirement. They also asked the Board's permission to apply stickers to current seniors diplomas who have completed 40+ hours of volunteer hours.

Jack Nelson, teacher at San Leandro High School, expressed comments on volunteerism. He supports the Jefferson Service Club on their efforts for the volunteer hours requirements presentation stated earlier. He looks forward to the Board's decision on this proposal. The Board also allowed Jack to speak on the Item G.1 - the potential appointment of another Board Trustee. He spoke very highly of trustee applicant Ashley Vo. He felt it would be beneficial to the Board to have a young voice and person of color on the Board. She was a very hard worker and Jack recommended her to fill the trustee vacancy.

G. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

G.1. Interview and Potential Appointment of a Candidate to the Area 6 Trustee Vacancy

Minutes:
All of the Board Trustees interviewed candidate Ashley Vo with a total of 11 questions pertaining to the vacancy in trustee area 6. Upon interview completion the Board used paper ballots to place votes. Four votes for the candidate would be needed for the candidate to fill the vacancy.

Paper ballots: (yea)

Trustee James

Trustee Tate

Trustee Gonzalez

Trustee Prola

Paper ballots: (nay)

President Rosato

Trustee Sheridan

Upon the voting a motion was made for the appointment of the candidate, Ashley Vo.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Lance James and a second by Evelyn Gonzalez.
Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Lance James
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Vince Rosato
Abstain Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

G.2. Potential Swearing In of Incoming Provisional Board Trustee

Minutes:
Superintendent McLaughlin completed the swearing in oath of office for newly appointed Board member Ashley Vo.

G.3. Appointment of California Financial Services as the District's Financial Advisor

Minutes:
In addition to the other Trustees, newly appointed Trustee Vo voted 'Yea' on item G.3.

Motion Passed: Appoint California Financial Services as the Board's financial advisor and direct the superintendent to execute an agreement the the company. Passed with a motion by Lance James and a second by Evelyn Gonzalez.

Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Lance James
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Vince Rosato
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

G.4. Approve contract with Tramutola

Minutes:
In addition to the other Trustees, newly appointed Trustee Vo voted 'Yea' on Action item G.4.

Motion Passed: Approve attached contract with Tramatola. Passed with a motion by Lance James and a second by Diana Prola.

Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Lance James
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Vince Rosato
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

H. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Minutes:
Trustee Gonzalez suggested as a consensus item to add a sticker to high school seniors' diplomas as recognition for completing volunteer hours.

All Trustees welcomed Ashley Vo as a new Board member.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
Board meeting adjounrned at 7:42pm

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Lance James and a second by Evelyn Gonzalez.

Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Lance James
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Vince Rosato
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Education

Board Approved: