

ADOPTED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on the date and place mentioned above.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Mooney at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: McMahon, Mooney, Sherratt, Spencer, Tam

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION TOPICS: None at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION by President Mooney at 5:32 PM to consider:

A-2a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Pursuant to Subdivision 54957

A-2-b. Conference with Labor Negotiators – Pursuant to Subdivision 54957.6 Agency Designated Representatives:

Danielle Houck, General Counsel and Tom Rust, Director of Human Resources

Employee organizations: AEA, CSEA

Unrepresented employees: Management, Psychologists, Behavioral Specialists, Occupational Therapists, Confidential

A-2c. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9

(1) D.V. v. AUSD, Case #FG 11557802

(2) Robles-Wong v. State of California, Case #RG 10515768

(3) J.G. v. AUSD, Case #RG 10548623

A-2d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Section 54957

Title: Superintendent

A-2e. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 1 case (OCT

Complaint Number: 09-10-1430)

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION: By President Mooney at 6:36 PM.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF: Board Members and staff present introduced themselves.

MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA: None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2011 were considered.

MOTION: Member Spencer

SECONDED: Member Sherratt

That the Board of Education approve the minutes with the additional comment suggested by Member Spencer regarding the estimated cost of the Surplus Property Committee consultant at \$5,000.

AYES: McMahon, Mooney, Sherratt, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Written Correspondence: None at this time.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Vital reviewed site visits and other news.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Report of Student Board Members:

Student Board Member Dietz from ASTI reported CAHSEE testing; trip to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; Cogswell Polytechnical Institute presentation; Peralta District – protesting in Sacramento; Prom tickets; ASTI applications coming in.

Student Board Member Singh from Encinal noted winter sports concluded; Alex Sifuentes, freshman girl named MVP for the league and is the leading scorer in the state, among the best in the nation and also on the Honor Roll; spring sports update; Dr. Seuss Day – ASB students read to elementary students throughout the District; Seussical rehearsals; DECA conference – many students earned spots to the international competition; Crab Feed; 8th Grade Info Night; Measure A – heavily supported by EHS students and staff; CAHSEE; Winter Ball; SAT tests; acceptance letters.

Calendar Review: President Mooney reviewed the calendar of events for Board Members. Member Tam added information about a fair at the College of Alameda for special education students who are graduating and moving on to community college; Youth Collaborative – working on another proposal for the 100 Best Communities for Young People application.

Closed Session Action Report: No action was taken in Closed Session.

Adoption of the Consent Calendar:

MOTION: Member Spencer

That the Board of Education adopt the consent agenda.

SECONDED: Member Sherratt

AYES: McMahon, Mooney, Sherratt, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

President Mooney thanked the community for their generous donations to the District. Superintendent Vital noted it is “Week of the Public School Administrator” and thanked all District employees for their work.

Certificated Personnel Actions: The Board approved 2 leaves of absence (Harvey, Matabuena-Lev).

Classified Personnel Actions: The board approved 1 appointment (Craig); and 1 retirement (Jackson – revised).

Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers: The Board approved bill warrants and payroll registers numbered 99386-99392, 99393-99464, 99465-99568, 99569-99570.

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Approval and Acceptance of Donations

Resolution No. 11-0013 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases

Resolution No. 11-0014 Appointment of Authorized Agents for the Board of Education

Proclamation: Week of the Public School Administrator, March 7-11, 2011

Employee of the Month

Tom Rust, Director of Human Resources, introduced the item. The employee recognition program is a District-wide program to promote a greater appreciation of District employees and to publicly honor special employees for outstanding service which directly or indirectly contributes to students in the Alameda Unified School District. Each month, at the Board of Education meeting, those employees selected will be recognized by the Board with a presentation by the President of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools. The persons so honored this month are:

Aisling Malone, Lori Oducayen, and Melodi Vincent – 4th grade teachers, Bay Farm Elementary School
Alyse Castro – Principal, Island High School

Principal Stephen Riave read the nomination background for the Bay Farm 4th grade teachers. Mr. Rust read the nomination background for Alysse Castro. Ms. Castro thanked the teachers and staff for the nomination and acknowledged Sean McPhetridge, Laurie McLachlan-Fry, the Board, Member Sherratt, and Superintendent Vital for their influence, advice, and support through the years.

Board Members congratulated all the nominees.

Highlighting Alameda Unified School District Schools: Lincoln Middle School

Nicole Williams-Browning, Principal, introduced the item. Lincoln Middle School strives for excellence in academics, student enrichment, interpersonal relationships, and community involvement. The presentation included highlights of Lincoln's strong academic program, student activities and enrichment, and commitment to district initiatives.

Board Members thanked Principal Williams-Browning and the Lincoln teachers and staff for their work. Lincoln has also applied for the California Distinguished School Award; Board Members thanked staff, parents and administrators for their work on the challenging application.

Season for Non-Violence Daily Reading

Sean McPhetridge, Assistance Superintendent, introduced the item. A Season for Non-Violence is a national 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities. Inspired by the memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this international event starts January 30 and ends April 4 and thus honors their vision for an empowered, non-violent world.

Daily readings are just one of the highlighted activities practiced during the season. AUSD schools have been provided materials by which teachers and administrators integrate these daily readings to the school day. Today's reading is based on the principle of kindness.

Kindness

Today's idea from A Season for Nonviolence is KINDNESS. One way to practice kindness is to ask yourself how you can be more kind to yourself and others. Then pick at least one way to be kind today to yourself and one other person.

Resolution No. 11-0024 Public Hearing on Presentation of Second Interim Financial Report

Robert Shemwell, Chief Business Officer, introduced the item. Twice during the fiscal year, a school district is required to submit a financial report certifying the District's ability to meet its obligations for the current year and two subsequent years. The reports examine the District's attendance, spending patterns, fund balance, reserve for economic uncertainties, and multiyear projects.

Mr. Shemwell presented the 2010/11 Second Interim which reports the District's financial position as of January 31, 2011. Mr. Shemwell reviewed:

- Multi-year projections and assumptions
- Second Interim 2010/11
- Unrestricted General Fund, including Tier III, Second Interim
- Restricted General Fund
- 2011/12 Cuts
- 2012/13 Cuts

Board Members discussed contingencies and whether or not they need to be footnoted; government mandates without full funding; preparation of 3/15 notices tied to the budget; and the District's qualified budget status.

President Mooney opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 PM. Hearing no public comment, President Mooney closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 PM.

MOTION: Member Mooney

SECONDED: Member McMahon

That the Board of Education approve the Second Interim Financial Report.

AYES: McMahon, Mooney, Sherratt, Tam

NOES: Spencer

Member Spencer explained she noted no on Plan B and does not believe the District has exhausted all possible cuts to impact as few students as possible in support of our core mission.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 11-0115 Approval to Increase Fund 17 Reserve for Economic Uncertainty

Mr. Shemwell introduced the item. Education Code 42840 authorizes school districts to set aside state mandated reserve dollars (3%) by establishing a Fund 17, "Special Reserve for Other Than Capital Outlay Projects." General Fund dollars can be accumulated in Fund 17 for various general operating purposes, including designating a reserve for "economic uncertainty."

Due to economic challenges of both the state fiscal crisis and proposed cuts in the 2011/12 Governor's Budget, staff recommends increasing Fund 17 to contingency plan reserve for increased economic uncertainty.

Increasing the Fund 17 Reserve will help to portray a true estimate of the General Fund ending fund balance in our multiyear projection. No expenditures are allowed from within the Reserve Fund, as Education Code 42842 stipulates that amounts must first be transferred into an operational fund before expenditures can be made.

Board Members asked if there was any reason why the District wouldn't want to do this and whether or not this would limit options.

MOTION: Member Sherratt

SECONDED: Member Tam

That the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 11-0115 Approval to Increase Fund 17 Reserve for Economic Uncertainty.

AYES: McMahon, Mooney, Sherratt, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

Evaluation of Math Initiative

Mr. McPhetridge introduced Terri Elkin, Teacher on Special Assignment, who introduced the item. The AUSD math initiative aims to develop and strengthen math instruction districtwide. Phil Gonsalves and Drew Kravin are Math Coordinators from Alameda County Office of Education who have helped AUSD realize its theory of action of a practitioner-based math professional development model that integrates coaching and intervention to improve math instruction in AUSD. Tonight's presentation will provide both an overview and an evaluation of the AUSD math initiative as it is currently operating.

Several components make up the presentation's description of the initiative tonight:

- Coaching
- 5-day Summer Institute for teachers (SIMI 2 or ACCLAIM)
- Saturday Session Professional Development (2x/year)
- Summer math camp for 4th graders entering 5th grade
- MAA (Math Achievement Academy) support targeting 8th graders who were unsuccessful in Algebra 1 and who need additional support in math
- K-5 principal presentations/discussion at Instructional Leadership meetings
- Professional Development for K-2 teachers
- Middle School Math Support Class

Board Members thanked staff for the presentation, noted the vital partnerships formed, putting feedback loops in place, sustainability, and developing our own coaches.

Superintendent Vital added that based on the work that's happening and the results we're seeing, staff would recommend we continue our partnership with the County Office of Education. Through this partnership, we are able to leverage about \$400K of in-kind services.

Ms. Harding, CTA Representative for AEA, suggested offering classes for parents so they can learn and polish up on their math skills in order to better assist their students with homework.

Patricia Sanders, AEA President, noted that some of the teachers feel like they're under the microscope and staff needs to be sure that this is not an evaluation of teachers. Feedback needs to be provided in a friendly, constructive way.

Superintendent Vital added that a report on Inquiry by Design (IBD) and the Strategic Intervention Model (SIM) will be brought back in the spring.

Measure A Preliminary Report on Election Results

President Mooney shared that currently, vote by mail results are in and 12,081 ballots were cast: 66.44% YES, 33.56% NO.

Kurt Peterson, resident, addressed the Board regarding the parcel tax election. Mr. Peterson complimented the District on the wonderful job it's doing education children and commended everyone for their hard work, especially during these difficult budget times. Mr. Peterson questioned how the turnout will compare with the turnout for Measure E, noting it has been a confusing process for residents. Mr. Peterson noted his hope would be for the greatest participation of Alameda voters.

Board Members discussed turnout numbers in June vs. November and mail-in vs. regular elections. Board Members discussed the lengthy and involved community engagement process; voters expressing their sentiments through upcoming elections; the unanimous vote of the Board to put the parcel tax measure on the ballot in March.

Member McMahon responded that overall, the participation rate increased but his primary objective is not to get the most voter participation but to secure stable funding for the District.

Board Member Reports

President Mooney noted he also participated in Dr. Seuss Day at Haight Elementary School.

Member Sherratt added she read to 4th graders and participated as an observer in the first video conference of Sam I Am between Bay Farm and Haight Elementary School "Readers Theater" program.

Adjournment

President Mooney adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.