

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The annual organizational meeting and the regular monthly meeting of the Hope School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2005, in the Hope District Board Room. All members were present.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. The Board reconvened in a Public Session at 7:05 p.m. The following is a brief outline of the actions and discussions addressed by the Board.

The Board Reconvened to Public Session at 7:05 p.m.

The following unanimous actions were taken in Closed Session:

- Accepted the retirement of Eustacchio Guadagnini, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations who has been a district employee since 1966. Ms. Fausett shared Mr. Guadagnini's retirement letter with the audience.
- Continued the discussion regarding employee negotiations.

Organizational Meeting:

a. The Board unanimously elected Michael Underwood as President of the Board of Trustees and Elizabeth Owen as the Clerk of the Board.

b. The Board unanimously selected Elizabeth Owen as District Representative and Joseph Liebman as the alternate to the County Committee for the purpose of electing members to the County Committee on School District Organization.

c. The Superintendent will serve as the Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board.

d. The Board approved the employees who are authorized to sign orders on school district funds.

e. Regularly scheduled Board Meetings will be held on the First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of January 9, April 10, July 10, August 23, and September 13th.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Steven Weintraub for his year of service as the Board President.

The organizational meeting adjourned to regular session at 7:15 p.m.

Correspondence:

The Superintendent shared a letter of intent that she had received regarding an application to form a Charter School. Ms. Fausett shared a letter from the DSA inspector regarding the Monte Vista Multi-Purpose room and necessary alterations that need to be made for safety. Mr. Weintraub shared letters written by Hope School 5th graders thanking the Board for approving their CIMI outdoor school experience.

Public Comment:

An audience member addressed the Board regarding the proposed unification of the Santa Barbara School District. Brian Sarvis, Santa Barbara School District Superintendent, and Priscilla Diamond from the County Education Office will address the Board on this subject at the January 9th meeting.

Consent Items:

These items are considered routine and may be approved by a single motion.

a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 7, 2005.

b. Approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 14, 2005.

c. Approve submitted purchase orders and warrant reports. Copies of the Commercial Warrant register sheets listing the purchase orders and warrants were provided to members of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Principals' Reports:

Monte Vista Principal, Patrick Plamondon, reported on the Special Education Inclusion Program at Monte Vista School.

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Action Items:

• **First Interim Report**

Superintendent Fausett and Business Manager Julie Wood presented the First Interim Report to the Trustees for approval. The First Interim Report is an opportunity for the District to review the current financial status of the District and to adjust the budget from the budget approved in June 2005. The report reflects current ADA projections, any new income, adjustments to salary, and new expense projections for the school year. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the First Interim Budget Report as presented.

• **Approval of the revised Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP)**

Superintendent Fausett presented revisions to the district LEAP plan to the Trustees for approval. The district's original Local Education Agency Plan was approved on June 2, 2003. In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Section 112, each school district is required to develop a Local Education Agency Plan and update it regularly. The superintendent reviewed the current district plan and the proposed revisions. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the revised Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP) as presented.

Report

• **Finance Committee Report**

Trustees Steven Weintraub and Todd Sosna presented the third in a series of reports on the progress of the district finance committee. This final segment focused on the options to maximize or minimize district enrollment. A discussion followed that included board, staff and audience members regarding basic aid and revenue limit spending and how a decision will affect current and future interdistrict enrollment.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Fausett reported that she is compiling the Goals and Objectives and will

report to the public in January. She congratulated Judy Stettler for her work in preparing materials for the Consolidated Program Monitoring review that will be conducted by the state and take place at Vieja Valley. The district office has also prepared for this review and a visit will occur in early February. The superintendent has received information on volunteer screening and will work on revising the district policy. The superintendent has invited parents and staff to participate in a committee for student nutrition in conjunction with a required district fitness and wellness policy.

Board Members' Reports:

Elizabeth Owen reported that she attended a Hope District Foundation meeting with several parents and the superintendent. Officers were elected and the Foundation will move forward. Several parents have worked together to submit a grant application to the Santa Barbara Foundation.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.