

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly meeting of the Hope School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on July 1, 2005, in the Hope District Board Room. All members were present except Joseph Liebman. Todd Sosna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 12:05 p.m. The Board reconvened in a Public Session at 12:35 p.m. The following is a brief outline of the actions and discussions addressed by the Board.

The Meeting Reconvened to Regular Session at 12:35 p.m.

The following action was taken in Closed Session: Accepted the resignation of a Monte Vista teacher.

Acknowledgement of Retiree:

The Trustees acknowledged Judy Sims, a Monte Vista teacher who is retiring after 37 years with the district.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment:

An audience member asked for details of the letter of non-reasonable assurance that was sent to instructional assistants. An audience member commented that the district budget does not include health care costs in the projected years.

Consent Items:

- The Board of Trustees approved the corrected minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2005.
- The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 6, 2005.
- The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 20, 2005.
- The Board of Trustees approved the purchase orders and warrant reports as submitted.
- The Board of Trustees approved acceptance of the list of donations received by the district during the 2004-2005 school year as submitted.

Action Item:

- **Approval of 2005-2006 English Language Acquisition Program Application**

Superintendent Fausett presented the 2005-2006 English Language Acquisition Program Application to the Trustees for approval. This is an application for funding to provide a program for English Language Development (ELD) instruction to assist pupils in progressing upward through the proficiency levels established by the ELD standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The program shall include structured immersion instruction to be provided for English learners, such as specially designed academic instruction in English and sheltered English strategies, to ensure access by English language learners to the core curriculum. The Board of Trustees approved the English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP) Application for Funding, Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as submitted.

- **Ratification of Transfers of Principals and Discussion of Possible Needs to Make the Transition to Assigned Schools Seamless**

Superintendent Fausett submitted this item to the Board for discussion and action. The transfers of the administrators are matters of serious interest to the Hope School District

community. In recognition of the diversity of public opinion on the transfers, the Superintendent requested that the Board

itself consider the assignments that have been made for the 2005-2006 school year. This item assured community members that the Trustees have considered their views. The Superintendent also requested consideration of the increase (this year only) of 3 work days for school administrators to allow a smooth transition for the principals into the coming school year. The Trustees and the Superintendent discussed questions regarding the transfers. The principals have requested five days of additional time rather than three days as suggested. This would allow sufficient time to have their offices and schools ready for opening day, to continue to meet with each other to make sure that they do have all necessary information; and have an opportunity to meet with staff, PTA, and become familiar with their site budgets. The Superintendent was asked from her perspective what would be the key benefits of the transfer. She replied that the most important thing is to have administrators who are well versed in the needs of the entire district. This would begin to develop a district view rather than an individual school view. She has extreme confidence in the principals and teachers and she believes that all will work together to maintain the current quality of education in the classrooms and their dedication to students. The Trustees discussed the request for five additional workdays for the principals instead of the three that the superintendent had requested. The question and answer period was followed by public comment from community and staff members in the audience. The Board of Trustees ratified (4 ayes: Steven Weintraub, Michael Underwood, Todd Sosna, Elizabeth Owen; 0 noes; 1 absent: Joseph Liebman) the assignments of school principals as follows: Judy Stettler to Vieja Valley, Barbara LaCorte to Hope School, and Patrick Plamondon to Monte Vista. The Board approved the amended motion to increase the number of paid work days for principals for this year by 5 days to provide for time to set up their offices.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported that the district E-Rate application has been submitted and approved. There has been vandalism in the form of graffiti at both Monte Vista and Vieja Valley and a break-in at Vieja Valley with minor damage. A security light will be installed at the back of Vieja Valley. Carpets will be installed in two rooms at Monte Vista and will include asbestos removal.

Board Members' Reports:

Trustee Mike Underwood reported that he has contacted Amy Bailey at Mercy Charities and asked her to report on the St. Vincent's project at a fall board meeting. He reminded the Trustees that they should look at the caretaker units at two of the school sites and consider having district custodians live on site as at Hope School. Trustee Elizabeth Owen reported that she had been involved in the Foundation Task Force and asked for an update. Superintendent Fausett reported that the auction fundraiser would probably not be held in the next school year and this will impact the budget. A more detailed discussion will be held at a future board meeting.

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Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

AUGUST 22, 2005