

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly meeting of the Hope School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 7, 2005, in the Hope District Board Room. All members were present except Todd Sosna. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. The Board reconvened in a Public Session at 7:10 p.m. The following is a brief outline of the actions and discussions addressed by the Board.

The Meeting Reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment:

Under public comment representatives from the Hope District Teachers Association read letters to the board regarding the effect of no COLA raise on teachers who are currently placed on the salary schedule in areas that do not have a step raise. Another teacher spoke regarding his appreciation of the district salary schedule in comparison to other area districts. A classified employee representative suggested that the Board look at demographics and identify trends. He mentioned the special education encroachment and suggested that the district look into joining other programs such as at UCSB for funding. Several audience members spoke in regard to the recent newspaper article that mentioned the possibility of closing one of the district schools in the future. They expressed that the non-communication regarding the recent principal rotation has caused some distrust among district parents and the board was encouraged to communicate while making the decision of whether or not to close a school. Parents are interested in being a part of finding the solution to fiscal shortages. This was followed by a discussion that encouraged regular attendance at board meetings in order to stay informed.

Consent Items:

The following routine consent items were presented to the Board for approval:

a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2005.

b. Approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 19, 2005.

c. Approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 24, 2005.

d. 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 approved (4 ayes; 0 noes; 1 absent) the consent agenda.

Principals' Reports:

Superintendent Fausett announced the format for principals' reports has been changed. Rather than report on individual school events the principals' reports will focus on academic programs in the district.

- Monte Vista Principal, Patrick Plamondon, was absent due to illness.

- Hope School Principal, Barbara LaCorte, reported on the recent Staff Development held on October 24th. The Vieja Valley 3rd grade teachers presented a workshop for all district teachers on the Rebecca Sitton Spelling Program. The goal of this program is for every student to be their own editor and the focus is on the "frequency of use" words. The program increases student vocabulary and also site reading vocabulary. Grade level teams have piloted the program and demonstrated lessons for other teachers who have adopted the program for their classrooms.

- Vieja Valley Principal, Judy Stettler, reported on the district GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program. There is one GATE teacher, Carrie Garner, who works with students at all three district schools on a rotating schedule and also serves as a resource consultant to teachers and helps develop lesson plans for use as a follow-up to the GATE lesson. The district 5th and 6th grade teachers met in October to discuss plans, calendar, and curriculum mapping for the GATE program. Ms. Garner plans to develop a notebook of lesson plans for teachers. Mrs. Stettler shared the

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process of a science lesson on cells. GATE lessons will also be designed to

relate with current subjects being studied in the classroom.

Action Items:

• Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 1340 Access to District Records

Superintendent Fausett presented revised Board Policy 1340 Access to District Records to the Board for a second reading and adoption.

The Board of Trustees approved (4 ayes; 0 noes; 1 absent) the adoption of Board Policy 1340 Access to District Records.

Discussion Item:

• Budget

The budget update was deferred to a later meeting due to the absence for illness of Business Manager Julie Wood.

• Board Goals

The present board goals, adopted May 3, 2004, were included with this agenda. The superintendent asked the board to consider whether the goals should be reconsidered for specificity and/or consolidation. Suggested goal topics were distributed to the Trustees at the October 10th meeting and an additional copy was included with this agenda. The Board will review and prioritize the goals for discussion at a later meeting. They will also determine if the current goals should be kept in force, and if the Trustees decide to keep the current goals the superintendent asked that they suggest specific objectives for each goal.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Fausett said that she had no further items to report. She thanked the audience for attending and said that she is open to suggestions. The contents of the recent newspaper article were not what she had expected after meeting with the reporter and explaining the different options that the board plans to consider. She encouraged parents to keep in touch and work with the board to find solutions.

Board Members' Reports:

Trustee Elizabeth Owen asked if the YMCA contract had been amended to a one-year contract

instead of three years as suggested. The contract is in effect until June 2006 and Mrs. Owen suggested that a committee be formed to evaluate the program and determine if this program or another program would best serve the district families. Mrs. Owen volunteered to be on the committee and said that other interested parents are necessary for the committee. Superintendent Fausett will work with the school principals to find parent volunteers for this committee. An audience member mentioned that childcare is a goal of the district foundation and Ms. Fausett reported that she is in the process of reviving the foundation and asked that anyone interested in being a part of the foundation please contact her so they can be included in the upcoming meeting. Trustee Mike Underwood reported that he had attended a presentation on the Brown Act at the Santa Barbara District with Mrs. Owen and Ms. Fausett. Mr. Underwood received input from a district parent regarding school lot parking spaces being sold/auctioned by the foundation and was asked if these spaces should still be reserved since the auction was a year ago?

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

DECEMBER 5, 2005

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

7:00 P.M. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING

HOPE SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

JANUARY 9, 2005

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

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