

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 May 14, 2007, 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 7:25 p.m. The following is a brief outline of the actions and discussions addressed by the Board.

The Meeting Reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

During closed session, the Board accepted the retirements of two Monte Vista teachers, accepted the resignation of a teacher currently on a one-year leave of absence, and approved the appointment of Nancy Lorenzen as principal of Monte Vista School.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Items

The following routine consent items were presented to the Board for approval: The Board of Trustees approved (3 ayes, 1 no, 1 abstain) the minutes of the regular board meeting on February 12, 2007.

The Board of Trustees approved (4 ayes, 1 abstain) the minutes of the regular board meeting on April 16, 2007, with the following amendment: *Trustee Todd Sosna inquired about what other basic aide districts do for residency verification and the superintendent reported that they employ the services of a private investigator. Mr. Sosna suggested that Hope district consider hiring the services of a private investigator to help with this task.*

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the commercial warrant registry sheets for April 13, April 20, April 27, and May 4, 2007.

Report

Preliminary Enrollment Numbers

Superintendent Fausett and Business Manager Julie Wood presented a report on preliminary enrollment numbers. The Board requested this information in order to determine if a study of school attendance areas is required. After a discussion of the report the Board determined that a study of school attendance areas is not necessary at this time. The preliminary numbers show a possibility of displacement of some interdistrict transfer students in the primary grades and the Trustees requested that a letter be sent to interdistrict families informing them of their ranking for continued enrollment as per policy AR 5111.1 and outline the lottery

procedures for interdistrict student release, if that should become necessary.

Discussion Items

First Reading of Revised Board Policy 4136 Nonschool Employment

Superintendent Fausett presented revised Board Policy 4136 to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion. A copy of the current board policy was included for reference. The Trustees asked for clarification on some of the wording regarding outside paid service and requested that the superintendent obtain a legal opinion. The revised policy will be presented to the Trustees for a second reading and adoption at the June meeting.

There was a five minute recess at this time.

First Reading of Board Policy 4137 Tutoring

Superintendent Fausett presented Board Policy 4136 to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion. With suggested revision, this policy will be presented to the Trustees for a second reading and adoption at the June meeting.

First Reading of Board Policy 4119.21 Professional Standards

Superintendent Fausett presented Board Policy 4119.21 to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion. With suggested revisions, this policy will be presented to the Trustees for a second reading and adoption at the June meeting.

First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5123 Promotion/Retention

Superintendent Fausett presented revised Board Policy 5123 to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion. A copy of the current board policy was provided to the Trustees for reference. After a short discussion it was determined that the policy will be presented for a second reading and discussion at the June meeting.

First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation 5123 Promotion/Retention

Superintendent Fausett presented revised Administrative Regulation 5123 to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion. A copy of the current administrative regulation was provide to the Trustees for reference. After a short discussion and a request for clarification of some section headings, it was determined that the administrative regulation will be presented for a second reading and discussion at the June meeting.

Action Items

Adoption of School Year Calendar for 2007-2008

Superintendent Fausett presented the proposed 2007-2008 school year calendar to the Trustees

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for adoption. The proposed calendar was discussed and recommended by Curriculum Council to the Board. It closely follows the Santa Barbara School District secondary schools calendar. A Board discussion followed the calendar presentation. The Board of Trustees approved (4 ayes, 1 no) adoption of the 2007-2008 school year calendar.

Adoption of the 5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

Business Manager Julie Wood presented the revised 5-year deferred maintenance plan to the Trustees for adoption. This plan was reviewed and discussed at the Board meeting on April 16, and was presented at this meeting for adoption. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved adoption of the District 5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan.

Support of SB 840 California Health Insurance Reliability Act

The Superintendent opened a discussion regarding support of SB 840. As a follow-up to the public comment presentation at the April board meeting, a board member had suggested that this item be placed on the agenda. A summary of SB 840 was included in the board packets and the board was asked to discuss if they would support adoption of a resolution in support of this bill. There was a long discussion on this item including the fact that there was no information provided in opposition to this bill or knowledge of other school district support. At one point, it was suggested that representatives from Health Care for All return for a question and answer period and that information on opposition be provided. Ultimately, the Board also discussed if further discussion of this item was in the interest of district business and an effective use of board meeting time. The Board of Trustees unanimously decided not to pursue gathering more information and voted not to adopt a resolution in support of SB 840 California Insurance Reliability Act. Trustee Patricia Hiles volunteered to contact representatives from Health Care for All and inform them of the decision.

Superintendent's Report

The superintendent deferred her report to the next meeting but noted that Trustee Patricia Hiles had attended the Open House at Monte Vista. The Foundation Golf Tournament was a successful event supported by all three schools, including teams of staff members from all schools. Ms. Fausett also attended the Vieja Valley gala which was a successful event.

Board Members' Reports

Patricia Hiles reported that she had received input from some members of the public regarding consideration of a full day kindergarten and of not having a minimum day every Thursday. The Board asked the superintendent to report on these items at a later meeting.

Todd Sosna asked if there are situations of a district-wide PTA instead of individual school PTA groups.

Tony Winterbauer reported that he had attended the Vieja Valley Noche Mexicana family night and enjoyed the event. He also attended the Foundation golf tournament and suggested that more opportunities for district-wide fundraising be explored.

Elizabeth Owen suggested that there be student representation at Board meetings. A presentation from Hope School is planned for the June meeting and Math Super Bowl rankings will be celebrated. Ms. Owen also suggested that the Board schedule a retreat, possibly in the summer, to look at protocol and procedures.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.