

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly meeting of the Hope School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on June 11, 2007, in the Hope District Board Room. All members were present. There was no closed session. The following is a brief outline of the actions and discussions addressed by the Board.

Correspondence

Superintendent Fausett reported that all of our district schools had teams that successfully participated in the county Math Superbowl. Thirty-six schools participated in individual skills and team events. No calculators were allowed. Vieja Valley placed third, Monte Vista placed fourth, and Hope School placed fifth in the competition. **Hope School's** 4th grade team placed fourth with team members Amanda Chung, Kate Heitmann, Jason Mally, Mark Raphael, and Emily Skirvin. Their 5th grade team placed fifth with team members Cameron Cordero, Colin Gleason, Ethan Habecker, Matthew Kiyo, and Nicolas Stebbens. Their 6th grade team placed fourth with team members Alex Belinski, Teddy Harding, Renee Krieger, Zach Williams, and Lulu Dewey. They were coached by Steve Belinski, Robert Elmore, David Raphael, Kristen Rohm, Darcia Stebbens and the upper grade teachers. **Monte Vista's** 4th grade team placed sixth with team members Conner Everman, Ameet Braganza, Blake Parrish, Caitlyn Malik, and Iris Gau. Their 5th grade team placed third with team members Alex Meiburg, Steven Teng, Charles Jung, Austin Pugh, and Josh Tedeschi. Their 6th grade team placed fifth with team members Sarah Chase, Michael Feldman, Ian Hall, Christian Hirsch, and Caroline Vance. They were coached by Shannon Featherstone, Kim Barney, and Lyla Allen. **Vieja Valley's** 4th grade team placed third with team members Nicky Cleland, Price Turk, Spencer Mullanix, Tim Heiduk, and Martin Barnick. Their 5th grade team placed fourth with team members Emerson Pizzinat, Jieh Meinhold, Matthew Wu, Pauline Simes, and Henry Cruikshank. Their 6th grade team placed 1st with team members Agnetta Cleland, Hannah Koper, Kevin Hempy, Reed Mullanix, and Alexander Torin. They were coached by Kelly Turk, Josephine Wu, Ming Meinhold, Rob Simes, and Cheryl Hempy. The superintendent thanked the volunteer and staff coaches and congratulated all math superbowl participants.

Public Comment

The incoming PTA president for Hope School spoke to the board regarding the board policy that does not allow siblings of interdistrict transfer students to attend district schools.

Consent Items

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The following routine consent items were presented to the Board for approval: The Board of Trustees approved (5 ayes, 0 noes) the amended minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 14, 2007. Todd Sosna asked for clarification on the section of the minutes that refers to presenting three board policies to the Board for adoption at the June meeting. It was explained that because of the length of the agenda items for this meeting, the policies will be presented at the July meeting. Also, the Trustees had requested the superintendent to consult legal counsel on one of the policies and that information hadn't been received yet.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the commercial warrant registry sheets for May 11, May 18, and May 25, 2007.

Presentation

Hope School 6th grade teacher, Janis Spracher, presented a short demonstration on technology in the classroom. She attended the CUE (Computer Using Educators) conference in Palm Springs with other Hope School teachers, the principal, and computer specialist. Three Hope School students, Charlie Zimmerman, Teddy Harding and Leanne Stuman, assisted with the presentation and reported on their experience with the use of pod casting in the classroom.

Report

Parent Notification of Possible Over Enrollment

Superintendent Fausett updated the Trustees on the letter that will be sent to interdistrict families to inform them that current interdistrict students may be subject to displacement due to increased enrollment of in-district students and over enrollment at certain grade levels. The letter will be mailed this week and the public lottery will be held in the district board room on June 29, at 4:00 p.m.

Action Items

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Superintendent Fausett presented the 2007-2008 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators to the Trustees for approval. This annual form submitted to the California Commission of Teacher Credentialing by county offices of education, public school districts, statewide agencies or non-public schools or agencies. This allows the employment of certificated staff with Emergency CLAD certificates, Emergency Clinical and Rehabilitative Services certificates, or Emergency Resource Specialist certificates. The Board of Trustees approved (4 ayes; 0 noes; 1 abstain) the 2007-2008 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

2007-2008 Budget

Business Manager Julie Wood presented the 2007-2008 Budget to the Board of Trustees for discussion and approval. By law, each district

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must adopt a budget for the coming year prior to June 30, even though the state has not approved their final budget. The presentation included enrollment and ADA projections, the number of projected classroom teachers, the multi-year projections, general fund expenditures, and revenue limit/basic aid per ADA funding. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved adoption of the 2007-2008 budget.

Approval of 2007-2008 Consolidated Application Part I for Certain Categorical Program Funding

Business Manager Julie Wood presented the annual Consolidated Application PART I, for some state and federal supplementary categorical funds to the Board for approval. A brief description of these categorical programs was included for information. Funding amounts will be received in September and allocated to the schools as PART II of the application. The School Site Councils will develop their Single Plan for Student Achievement, using these funds. PART II will be presented to the Board for approval at the October or November meeting. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Consolidated Application Part I for Certain Categorical Program Funding for 2007-2008.

Assign School of Attendance for Students who Reside in St. Vincent's Housing

Superintendent Fausett reported that students who will reside in the St. Vincent's Housing Complex are assigned to attend Vieja Valley School. After this introduction, she turned the discussion over to Board Member Patricia Hiles who had requested that the Board consider and discuss assigning these students to attend Hope School instead. Ms. Hiles reported that she believes it would be safer for students to walk to Hope School rather than to Vieja Valley. This statement was followed by a lengthy discussion that

included conversation about whether the students would actually walk to school or be taken by car, that other students living in the neighborhood would still attend Vieja Valley, and the fact that other students live in close proximity to Hope School and travel to Monte Vista for school. Todd Sosna moved and Tony Winterbauer seconded that the Board of Trustees continue to support current attendance areas for all students living in the district including students who reside at St. Vincent's. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion Items

Second Reading of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5123 Promotion/Retention

Superintendent Fausett presented revised Board Policy 5123 Revised Administrative Regulation 5123

to the Trustees for a second reading and discussion. These items were presented to the Trustees for a first reading at the May meeting and since there was not sufficient time for review and discussion, the Board requested a second reading and discussion at this meeting and asked the Superintendent to provide research on retention. A copy of the current board policy was included for reference. After a discussion that included Board, staff, and community members, it was determined that the policy and administrative regulation will be presented as an action item for adoption at the July meeting.

Superintendent's Report

The superintendent deferred her report to the next meeting and it was noted that she had been elected to the Leadership Counsel of the California Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development for a three-year position.

Board Members' Reports

Tony Winterbauer reported that he had attended the district staff BBQ and enjoyed seeing the staff recognitions for years of service. He also attended an assembly at Hope School for Poets in the Classroom and appreciated that the student poetry was very thoughtful and well written.

Elizabeth Owen reported that she plans to attend the PTA meeting at Vieja Valley on Thursday. She will also try to attend the Wednesday PTA meeting at Hope School.

The superintendent and board members thanked Sally Dewan for providing refreshments at this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.