

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly meeting of the Hope School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on July 9, 2007, in the Hope District Board Room. All members were present except Scott Orlosky and Tony Winterbauer. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:50 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 Meeting Reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

During closed session, the Board accepted the resignation of a Hope School teacher who had been on a one-year leave of absence.

Correspondence

A letter was received from a Monte Vista parent regarding class sizes in the upper grades.

Public Comment

The parent of a Monte Vista interdistrict student spoke to the board regarding the recent lottery and the release of her son from attendance in the district. She expressed appreciation for the efforts to keep transfer students and also for the timely notification of release so her family would have time to make other arrangements. She asked the board to keep open the possibility of allowing some of the released students to return if enrollment numbers at that grade level are not as high as predicted.

Consent Items

The following routine consent items were presented to the Board for approval: The Board approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 absent) the minutes of the regular board meeting on June 11, 2007; approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 absent) the commercial warrant registry sheets dated June 8, June 15, and June 22, 2007.

Action Items

Approval of 2007-08 Gifted and Talented Education Application

Superintendent Fausett presented the 2007-08 Gifted and Talented Education Application to the Board of Trustees for approval. The Trustees reviewed the application and noted that clarification was needed in the narrative section regarding student ethnicity percentages. The Board of Trustees approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 absent) the 2007 - 2008 Gifted and Talented Education Application with corrections to narrative regarding ethnicity.

Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 4136, 4236, 4336 Non-school Employment

Superintendent Fausett presented revised Board Policy 4136, 4236, 4336 Non-school employment to the Trustees for a second reading and adoption. The revised policy was presented to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion at the May meeting. The board had requested that the superintendent obtain legal counsel regarding this policy and the presented policy includes additions suggested by legal counsel. The Board of Trustees approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 absent) adoption of Revised Board Policy 4136, 4236, 4336 Non-school Employment as presented.

Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 4137 Tutoring

Superintendent Fausett presented Board Policy 4137 to the Trustees for a second reading and adoption. This policy was presented to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion at the May meeting and board suggested revisions have been made to the policy. The Board of Trustees approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 absent) adoption of Board Policy 4137 Tutoring as presented.

Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21 Professional Standards

Superintendent Fausett presented Board Policy 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21 to the Trustees for a second reading and adoption. This policy was presented to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion at the May meeting and suggested revisions have been made to the policy. The Board of Trustees approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 absent) adoption of Board Policy 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21 Professional Standards as presented.

Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 5123 Promotion/Retention and of Revised AR 5123 Promotion/Retention

Superintendent Fausett presented revised Board Policy and revised Administrative Regulation 5123 Promotion/Retention to the Trustees for a final reading and adoption. This policy was presented and discussed at the May and June board Meetings and suggestions were made for further revision. The Trustees reviewed the revisions and suggested further

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minor revisions. The Board of Trustees approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 absent) adoption of revised Board Policy 5123 and revised AR 5123 Promotion/Retention with the additional changes to the language of the policy.

Discussion Items

Release of Transfer Students

Superintendent Fausett presented this agenda item in order to clarify the section of Board Policy 5111.1 District Residency that refers to “no interruption in enrollment” as it relates to the possible return of released inter-district students to Hope School District. Additionally, clarification was requested regarding whether those families would be considered as “new or continuing” inter-district students. The superintendent reported that the lottery was held on June 29 to establish the order of release for incoming 2nd grade students at Vieja Valley and incoming 3rd grade students at Monte Vista. Three students have been released from Vieja Valley and twelve students have been released from Monte Vista. The board discussed the lottery and the possibility that there may be room at Monte Vista, possibly after school begins, to bring back one or two of the released students. The board determined that enrollment of students in their resident district due to over-enrollment in Hope district is an involuntary transfer and, if space becomes available, students may be called back with no interruption to their enrollment history.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Fausett reported that she is planning a board training workshop and asked the Trustees if they prefer an evening or Saturday morning time. They decided on an evening workshop in late August and the superintendent will confirm plans. She also highlighted key information in the next section of “Effective School Board Meetings” which was provided to the Trustees.

Board Members’ Reports

Trustee Patricia Hiles requested an agenda item for the next meeting regarding AR 5111.1 District Residency and the appeal process for families who have provided false in-district address verification information for attendance in the district. Elizabeth Owen reported that the board is required to complete the superintendent’s evaluation by November. She will review the evaluation process with the other board members as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Elizabeth Owen referred to an article in California Schools Magazine “Closing the Achievement Gap” and the idea of there being a bilingual liaison employed at schools. Patricia Hiles asked about the district Vision Committee and the Superintendent reported that the committee would meet again in late September.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.