

# 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 August 27, 2007, in the Hope District Board Room. All members were present. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:50 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.***

During closed session, the Board approved the hiring of classroom teachers on temporary contract for the 2007-08 school year. They also approved a change in assignment for a Special Education teacher.

## ***Correspondence***

There was no correspondence to report.

## ***Public Comment***

An audience member spoke to the Board regarding his daughter who is one of the interdistrict transfer students who had been released from attendance in the district due to over enrollment in second grade at Vieja Valley.

The Hope District Teachers' Association president spoke on behalf of the district staff and thanked the superintendent for arranging the first day breakfast and for bringing W Mitchell to speak to the staff.

## ***Consent Items***

The following routine consent items were presented to the Board for approval: The Board approved (3 ayes; 0 noes; 2 abstain) the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 9, 2007 as amended; the Board unanimously approved the commercial warrant registry sheets dated June 29, July 20, July 27, August 3, and August 17; and ratified the 2007-08 contract for legal services with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

## ***Action Items***

### **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara County Education Office**

Business Manager Julie Wood presented the Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) for the reduction of the SBCEO's audits of commercial warrants from 100 percent to audits of a selection of commercial warrants chosen at SBCEO's discretion. This is an annual approval. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2007-2008 Memorandum of Understanding for Discretionary Commercial Warrants Audit with the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

## ***Discussion Items***

## **Administrative Regulation 5111.1 District Residency**

This discussion item was placed on the agenda at the request of Trustee Patricia Hiles. Ms. Hiles reported that she questions the section regarding the appeals process for parents who have provided false in-district address verification that resulted in their child's enrollment being revoked. Since the decision to revoke attendance is made by the superintendent, Ms. Hiles suggested that the superintendent should not also be the person who hears the appeal. She suggested that the appeal be made to the governing board. A revised administrative regulation will be placed on the agenda of the September 10 board meeting for a first reading and discussion.

## **REPORTS**

### **GATE Application**

Principal Judy Stettler gave a brief report that clarified questions asked by the Board at the July 9 meeting regarding the student ethnicity section of the current GATE application. Mrs. Stettler reported that the district GATE plan has received a three-year approval from the State Department of Education.

### **Enrollment Update**

The Superintendent updated the Board with current enrollment numbers. She reported that new students would continue to arrive until after Labor Day and the students from St. Vincent's will arrive throughout the school year.

### **Superintendent's Report**

The superintendent reported that the day began with a back-to-school breakfast for the staff and they enjoyed a presentation by W Mitchell who is a motivational speaker. This was followed by a teacher workday, Tuesday will be a workday that includes "meet the teacher" day at each school beginning at 1:30, and school will begin for students on Wednesday.

### **Board Members' Reports**

Scott Orlosky reported on a potential opportunity through the Lobero Foundation, which provides programs for schools in the area of theater arts.

He suggested that a representative from the foundation be invited to speak at a board meeting. The superintendent will contact the foundation regarding the program and determine the areas of interest for a presentation.

Patricia Hiles reported that the publication "School News" contained an article regarding the availability of \$9 million that could be used for parent/teacher involvement programs. She asked if the district could apply for this funding

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to be used to encourage involvement of Spanish speaking families. Ms. Hiles asked if Tony Winterbauer attends county committee meetings and if he could report on those meetings. Mr. Winterbauer said he has not received information about meetings and the superintendent will find out if there are scheduled meetings that he should attend. Ms. Hiles also mentioned that the brochure for the current fundraiser at Hope School refers to tax money not paying for public schools. She said that the information should be that tax money pays for public school education and parents are asked to donate for enrichment programs.

Tony Winterbauer reported that the Future of the District Committee will reconvene and he asked if the principals could report on plans for use options for their campus in the future. He thinks this will help the committee formulate a plan for the district that includes input from staff and community.

Elizabeth Owen reported that board members had attended a board retreat on August 24 with topics that included Brown Act procedures, agenda requirements, and open and closed meeting procedures. The board had also discussed holding meetings at each of the school campuses during the year to encourage more community involvement. Ms. Owen reported that she had received her CSBA conference brochure and asked if board members would be interested in attending.

## ***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.