

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly meeting of the Hope School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2007, in the Hope District Board Room. All members were present. There was no closed session. The Board president reported that the superintendent had been called out of town on a family emergency and would not be in attendance at the meeting. The following is a brief outline of the actions and discussions addressed by the Board.

Correspondence

Trustee Tony Winterbauer reported that he had received correspondence regarding the County Committee for School District Organization. The school board representatives to this committee are requested to nominate members for election to the committee.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Items

The following routine consent items were presented to the Board for approval: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting on August 27, 2007; and the commercial warrant registry sheets dated August 24 and August 31, 2007.

Action Items

Approval of Overnight Field Trips for the 2007-2008 School Year

Ms. Owen presented this item for approval. She explained that in accordance with Board Policy 6153, School Sponsored Trips, each September the Board of Trustees will review and approve the overnight field trips that are planned during the school year as part of the curriculum. It was noted that an overnight to Sage Hill is not planned for Monte Vista 6th graders due to the recent fire. They will possibly plan a trip later in the year and, if so, it will be brought to the board for approval. The planned overnight field trips are:

Hope School

October 22 to October 26, 2007

5th Grade to Catalina Island Marine Institute

April 21 to April 25, 2008

6th Grade to Astro Camp

First Week of May 2008

4th Grade Spirit of Dana Point Tall Ship Program

Monte Vista

January 14 to January 18, 2008

6th Grade to Astro Camp

February 11 to February 15, 2008

5th Grade to Catalina Island Marine Institute

Vieja Valley

September 17 to September 21, 2007

6th Grade to Catalina Island Marine Institute

January 29 to February 1, 2008

5th Grade to El Chorro Camp in Morro Bay

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the overnight field trips for the 2007-2008 school year that are planned as part of the curriculum.

Approval of Resolution 07/08-01 Instructional Materials 2007-2008

Business Manager Julie Wood presented Resolution 07/08-01 to the Trustees for adoption. She explained that the School District Governing Board is required to make a determination as to whether each pupil in each school in the District has, or will have prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject that is consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board. She reported that the district has recently adopted History-Social Science materials and other adoptions are scheduled for the next few years. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved adoption of Resolution 07/08-01 Instructional Materials 2007-2008.

Approval of the Unaudited Actuals

Business Manager Julie Wood presented the unaudited actuals to the Trustees for approval. This is an annual approval for the year ending June 30, 2007. The presentation included a summary by fund, a summary financial status report by fund, and an updated multi-year budget that includes the 2006-07 unaudited actuals ending fund balance. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the unaudited actuals for the year ending June 30, 2007 as presented.

Approval of Resolution 07/08-02 Adopting the Gann Limit

Business Manager Julie Wood presented Resolution 07/08-02 to the Trustees for adoption. She explained that in accordance with Government Section 7902.1, the Board must approve compliance with respect to the Gann Limit by adopting a resolution to identify the District's 2007/08 estimated appropriations limit and the 2006/07 actual appropriations limit. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved adoption of Resolution 07/08-02 Adopting the Gann Limit.

Discussion Items

First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation 5111.1 District Residency

Ms. Owen introduced revised Administrative Regulation 5111.1 to the Trustees for a first reading and discussion. The revisions to the "Revocation of Enrollment" section of this policy were requested by the Board at the August

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meeting. After discussion, the Board suggested a few minor changes to the wording. The revised Administrative Regulation will be presented for a second reading and adoption at the October meeting.

Superintendent's Evaluation Document

Ms. Owen opened a discussion regarding the document used for the Board's annual evaluation of the superintendent and the timeline for this year's evaluation. The Board and audience members participated in a lengthy discussion which focused on the format of the document and the evaluation process. After the discussion, it was determined that the current document will be used for this year's evaluation and the Board will begin to format a new evaluation document that is aligned with the district goals to be used for the next year's evaluation.

Superintendent's Report

In the superintendent's absence, Business Manager Julie Wood updated the Board on the current enrollment numbers: 369 at Hope School, 416 at Monte Vista, and 370 at Vieja Valley, for a total of 1155 students. This represents a slight change from the numbers reported at the August meeting. She also reported that the district website now has a link to the complete district policy book. This can be accessed by clicking on "Policies" on the district website and following the directions to the link. She also followed up on a previous question from board members regarding the district listing in the phone book. She explained that the district currently has a contract for this listing but the listing will be changed at the end of the contract and the new agreement will reflect a savings to the district.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Patricia Hiles reported that she has received input from several parents who work outside the home regarding the 1:30 dismissal time on Thursdays and the fact that it is difficult for them to schedule childcare for this day. It was explained that this dismissal time was implemented to allow teachers a regular time to meet with their grade level team and plan curriculum. The Board requested that, at a future meeting, they receive an update and clarification on the history of the Thursday early dismissal and how the teachers use this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Future Meeting Calendar

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2007

Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

HOPE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2007

Social at 6:30 p.m. hosted by the Vieja Valley PTA

Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

VIEJA VALLEY SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM