

HOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly meeting of the Hope School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 19, 2007, in the Vieja Valley Multi-Purpose room. All members were present. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.. The Board adjourned from closed session at 6:30 p.m. to participate in a "Meet and Greet Board Members" hosted by the Vieja Valley PTA. The Board reconvened in 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.

No action was taken in closed session.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment

Superintendent Fausett thanked the Vieja Valley principal and custodial staff for their work in arranging and setting up the multi-purpose room for the meeting. She also thanked the Vieja Valley PTA for their hospitality and coordination of the "Meet and Greet Board Members" event held prior to the meeting. Board members and staff introduced themselves to the audience.

Presentation

Vieja Valley Third Grade

Vieja Valley third grade teacher, David Nelson, introduced students from his third grade class who demonstrated their class webpage and gave brief reports on their study of Santa Barbara history. Mr. Nelson said that Santa Barbara history and field trips to local historical locations are a regular part of the third grade curriculum and tie in with the new Social Studies program adoption.

Consent Items

The following routine consent items were presented to the Board for approval: The Board of Trustees approved (4 ayes; 1 abstain) the minutes of the regular board meeting on October 8, 2007 as amended. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the minutes of the special board meeting on November 1, 2007. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the commercial warrant registry sheets for October 5, October 12, October 19, and November 2, 2007, as presented.

Discussion Item

Board Goals

Superintendent Fausett presented a draft of goal topics to the Board for discussion. She

explained that one of the points on her annual evaluation was that she should generate goals for this year. She has forwarded her personal goals to the board president and presented a suggested list of broader board/district goals. A lengthy discussion followed regarding definition of each suggested goal and whether new board goals are necessary or if it would be more effective to develop objectives and priorities to the existing board goals. Trustee Todd Sosna suggested that there be three main goals: student achievement, fiscal accountability, and communication, with objectives determined for each of these goals.

Action Item

Third Reading and Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation 5111.1 District Residency

Ms. Fausett presented revised Administrative Regulation 5111.1 to the Trustees for a third reading and adoption. The Board reviewed the revisions and made some final changes to the wording of the regulation. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation 5111.1 District Residency with amendments made at this meeting.

Business Manager's Report

Fund for Camp Fees

Business Manager Julie Wood reported on an account that has been set up to handle school camp payments. She reported that this account has been set up to be managed by the district office in order to relieve some of the bookkeeping responsibilities by the school sites and PTAs.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Fausett reported that the St. Vincent's housing development has received a certificate of occupancy and families should begin to move in soon. The superintendent and principals held a day-long meeting on October 30 to work on plans to improve student achievement. Staff at each school is working to implement plans made at this meeting and the

discussion is continuing. The district was informed that Sansum Clinic and Blue Shield do not have a contract agreement and Sansum would not be servicing Blue Shield HMO patients beginning in January 2008. This change affects about 35 district employees and retirees. The district will work with those employees and retirees to maintain their health coverage. The superintendent joined other area

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superintendents in writing a letter to the commissioner of insurance requesting a review of the options offered by Blue Shield. October 22 was a pupil-free staff development day for teachers. This day focused on the recent Social Studies adoption. The day began with a presentation by Chris Mullin on primary source materials and how to utilize them with students. The district social studies coaches and team leaders spent the rest of the day presenting social studies materials and teaching strategies to grade levels. Ms. Fausett thanked the coaches and team members for their preparation and presentation. Principals and Curriculum Council members will receive a refresher course from Houghton Mifflin on using the reading series more effectively. This is part of the intervention plan that was discussed on October 30. The superintendent is also in the process of revising the district E-Rate plan that allows the district to get communications (internet, email, phones, etc.) at a reduced cost. She is hoping for a five-year approval for this plan.

Board Members' Reports

Tony Winterbauer reported that he would like to recognize Kim Faulkner for being named a county distinguished teacher and Sarah Suden for completing an administrative course.

Patricia Hiles reported that she had attended the Tri-County Education Coalition for board members and superintendents. County Superintendent Bill Cirone presented an informative report on education budget in California. She also complimented the principals for including parent conference preparation information in their school newsletters.

Elizabeth Owen thanked principal Judy Stettler for sending the GATE meeting information in the board packets.

There were no other reports from board members.

Adjournment of Regular Session

The board adjourned to closed session at 8:45 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.