

**REGULAR MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

February 13, 2013

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. by President Vivian Hansen in the Closed Session Room at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance Troy Marshall, Director-Technology led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Trustee Vivian Hansen Trustee Linda Garcia
Trustee Sonya Cuellar (late 5:32 p.m.) Trustee Tony Peña
Trustee Alicia Anderson

Approve Closed Session Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the
Agenda February 13, 2013 motion carried 5-0 to approve the Closed Session Meeting
1.51 agenda of February 13, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education held on February 13, 2013 at 6:08 p.m.

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Roll Call Trustee Vivian Hansen Trustee Linda Garcia
Trustee Sonya Cuellar Trustee Tony Peña
Trustee Alicia Anderson

Administrators Present David J. Verdugo, Superintendent
Michael Conroy, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
Ranita Browning, Director-Fiscal Services
Kim Cole, Director-Special Education/ECE
Cindy DiPaola, Director-Maintenance & Operations
Randy Gray, Director-Curriculum & Instruction/Projects
Rosemary Green, Director-Human Resources
Troy Marshall, Director-Technology
Jim Monico, Director-Student Services
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Secondary/Alternative Education
Greg Buckner, Principal-Paramount High School

Morrie Kosareff, Principal-Paramount High School-West
Jean Law, Principal-Buena Vista High School
Richard Morgan, Principal-Paramount Adult School/CDS
Lisa Nunley, Principal-Jackson School
Elizabeth Salcido, Principal-Zamboni Middle School
Josie Contreras, Assistant Principal-Collins School
Hilda Verdugo, Assistant Principal-Buena Vista High School
Gwen Yates, Assistant Principal-Buena Vista High School

Approve Agenda
February 13, 2013
1.52

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Cuellar seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Regular Meeting agenda of February 13, 2013.

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2013
1.53

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Peña seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2013 as noted.

REPORTS

Student Board
Representatives'

Maria Rivera-Paramount High School, Avery De La Cruz-Paramount High School-West Campus, Daniel Zuniga-Buena Vista High School and Roxanne Thomas-Paramount Adult School reported on school academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Employee Representatives'
Reports

TAP President Deb Meyers congratulated Zamboni Middle School and Buena Vista High School on their accomplishments. She commended the site Principals for their leadership. She also wished to acknowledge teachers present at the meeting for their support of their bargaining team. She extended congratulations for Jackson School for their Bulletin Board display and presentation.

There was no CSEA representative present.

Board Member' Reports

Trustee Anderson met with Jefferson School PTA, attended the Relay for Life Kick-off, the Annual State of the City/District Address, and Casino Night fundraising event for PHS.

Trustee Cuellar attended the Annual State of the City/District Address. She congratulated Zamboni Middle School and Buena Vista High School for their accomplishments.

Trustee Garcia attended the Relay For Life Kick-Off and was a guest speaker. She also attended the Annual State of the City/District Address.

Trustee Hansen attended the Annual State of the City/District Address. She thanked everyone for being in attendance.

Trustee Peña welcomed everyone in attendance. He attended the Annual State of the City/District Address, the Collegiate Signing Day for senior student Chris Borrayo committing to Cal State Berkley, and the District's Safety Committee Meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Verdugo highlighted a variety of items:

- Superintendent Verdugo attended Annual ACSA Superintendent's Symposium.
- Dr. Verdugo met and facilitated the monthly TAP/Superintendent meeting.
- Superintendent Verdugo attended the Relay For Life Kick-Off meeting.
- Dr. Verdugo facilitated a meeting with K-12 Principals based around identifying teachers in our classrooms as future leaders.
- Superintendent Verdugo attended our District parent DELAC meeting.
- Superintendent Verdugo attended the Annual State of the District and presented the State of the District.
- Dr. Verdugo attended the National Signing Day for Christopher Borrayo as he signed his intent to attend and play football for the University of California Berkeley.
- He attended the PHS Ladies Soccer CIF playoff game,
- Dr. Verdugo attended Grandparent's Day at his grandchildren's school.

Bulletin Boards – Jackson School

Principal Lisa Nunley, students Beatriz Salazar and Chinae Johnson presented an overview of the Boardroom bulletin boards representing Jackson School's educational program student work. The bulletin boards reflect the theme of "Jackson School's Safe and Civil Journey to the Common Core Standards" and enhance the educational message sent to visitors and District office employees.

Dr. Verdugo wished to thank Jackson School staff Rebecca Perez, Claudia Ramos, Laura Gaytan, Gabriela Muñiz and Kristie Robertson for their hard work in setting up of the Jackson School bulletin Boards.

Recognition – Buena Vista High School "School of Excellence"

Superintendent Verdugo and the Board of Education presented Buena Vista High School Principal and staff with a plaque recognizing their commitment and dedication to the students and for their recent "School of Excellence" Award. This award identifies and recognizes outstanding programs of high quality schools that can be visited by other schools and serve as models. In order to qualify for this award, the school must demonstrate exemplary effectiveness in school management, curriculum, instruction, climate and counseling services.

Buena Vista was visited by a team of experts in the field of alternative education who spent the day observing and interviewing teachers, students and parents. Buena Vista will now be recognized at an awards luncheon and make a presentation at the California Continuation Education Association conference in Los Angeles in May.

Recognition–Frank J. Zamboni Middle School “School To Watch”
Superintendent Verdugo and the Board of Education presented Frank J. Zamboni Middle School Principal and staff with a plaque recognizing their commitment and dedication to the students and for their recent “Schools To Watch” Award. Schools To Watch is a recognition program similar to California Distinguished Schools that recognizes middle schools that are academically excellent, socially equitable and have a culture of strong collaborative leadership. It is a highly selective process and few middle schools are given the Schools To Watch status. This year only 12 middle schools were selected and Zamboni was the only middle school in all of Los Angeles County.

Zamboni Middle School will serve as a model school for other educators to visit to observe effective middle school education.

Zamboni Middle School will have a formal recognition of their accomplishment which will be led by officials from the Department of Education and the Schools to Watch at Zamboni Middle School on February 22, 2013. Recognitions will continue with a recognition in Sacramento on February 28, 2013 and a later recognition in Washington DC in June 2013.

Improving Students’ Proficiency in Writing: *Write from the Beginning...and Beyond*

Dr. Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services shared with the Board that the purpose of the presentation is to describe the importance of writing proficiency for District students, outline the role of writing in the Common Core Standards and describe *Write from the Beginning...and Beyond* aligns with the CCCS and will improve students’ writing proficiency.

Good writing is essential to ensure college and career readiness. Students need to learn to write well in order to communicate clearly to a wide range of audiences and demonstrate understanding of subject matter. To meet these goals, students must devote significant time and effort to writing.

Writing standards for sixth grade students require that they produce clear and coherent writing in which development, organization and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience, develop and strengthen writing by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, use technology, including the internet, to produce and publish writing, type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.

Although current standards address writing, the Common Core Standards require that students spend more time writing to inform, explain and summarize. Students need to be able to use writing to express complex ideas.

Lihn Roberts, Facilitator of Instructional Improvement added that *Write from the Beginning...and Beyond* provides a foundation for writing that is articulated through grades K-8, provides professional development for teachers that includes in year 1, a foundation for writing based on *Thinking Maps*, which are graphic organizers designed to help students organize ideas based on different kinds of thinking. In Year 2, teachers will learn how to teach the types of writing that are aligned with the Common Core Standards, using *Thinking Maps* as part of the writing process.

Thinking Maps are a language of eight visual patterns, each based on a fundamental thinking process. Tools that support higher levels of thinking required of the Common Core Standards.

Curriculum Specialists and Common Core Lead Teachers have reviewed materials for *Thinking Maps* and *Write from the Beginning*. A few comments received include “these materials will help students’ writing and thinking skills with the use of structured *Thinking Maps*. The organization will help students stay focused and logical” and “Students will have a plan to guide and support their writing. Also, there will be consistency across grades, K through 8.

The District’s next steps include purchase materials for *Thinking Maps*, identify Lead Teachers from each K-8 school to serve as trainers in 2013-14, provide professional development on *Thinking Maps* aligned to the Common Core Standards for all Lead teachers in August 2013 and provide grade level follow up sessions throughout 2013-14.

District Program for Students with a Diagnosis of Emotional Disturbance

Ms. Kimberly Cole, Director of Special Education/ECE shared that the purpose of the presentation is to provide an overview of the District’s ED program, including benefits and estimated budget savings to the District and outline next steps.

After further review, 16-18 students from Los Angeles County Office of Education school and non-public schools will return to attend their district of residence. The District will open two classrooms with a maximum capacity of ten students per classroom. The ED program will have one teacher and two aides per class. A designated psychologist will provide mental health services and therapy for students. The District will provide professional development for ED staff in curriculum pacing, a behavior leveling system, behavior strategies/communications and cultural responsiveness. Buena Vista general education teachers will also attend professional development. The ED program will be at Buena Vista High School and overseen by administrators. The ED program will also operate at a cost savings to the District.

The ED program will provide the opportunity to attend a District High School. It will offer educational opportunities, i.e., mainstreaming, workability, extra-curricular and college readiness activities. It will also provide mental health services by an on-site District Psychologist with a behavior plan for success at school and in the community.

The District is currently spending approximately \$754,000 for students to attend ED programs outside the District. The District based ED program will cost approximately \$472,000 with an approximate savings to the General Fund of approximately \$282,000.

The District will next implement the ED program timeline. It will meet regularly with site administration, update the Superintendent on professional development, hiring and program implementation. It will monitor the budget and additional savings and provide updates to the Board of Education.

**BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR**

There were no changes to the Board meeting calendar.

HEARING SECTION

During the hearing section, parent Roxanna Resendiz addressed the Board in support of District teachers and counselors. She added that she is a result student of this District going through the Paramount Adult School as a student. Her daughter is a ninth grade student in the District and Ms. Resendiz can see how teachers and counselors work so hard and spend every day with students guiding them and supporting students. She added that many of our students have been recipients of the GATES Millenium Scholarships as a result of the support of their teachers.

District teacher Tony Durante also addressed the Board and shared he commutes every day to this District because this is a great District. He knows the District is doing what they can to create a balance. Throughout the years his salary had diminished. He came to work in this District because the Board, Superintendent and staff work well together, but he is beginning to see stress amongst unions. He asks that everyone work together. He knows that the Board cares for students.

Zamboni Middle School Teacher Carlos Jauregui, a 2000 PHS graduate and co-founder of Village State Park expressed to the Board that the teachers and Management should be working together but believes efforts have come to a standoff. He asks for equitable pay for District teachers and wishes success for all students. He added that progression could not be met if we do not work together.

Ms. Miriam Martinez, former employee addressed the Board to plead to the Board that they reconsider her offer to pay a lump sum of \$10,000 off a promissory note she entered into with the

District. She added that she has not been able to obtain employment in the last 12 months but she has continued to make payments to the District. She added that she received a phone call from Rosemary Green in December informing her that the Board had accepted her offer. Days later she again received a phone call from Rosemary Green indicating that the Board was rejecting her offer. She asked the Board to please reconsider her offer.

CONSENT ITEMS

0.54

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Items.

Human Resources

Personnel Report
12-11
2.54

Accept Personnel Report 12-11, as submitted. The report includes details, assignments, terminations, and employment of personnel. Certain assignments listed in this report may be contingent upon allocation of funding in the 2012-13 State Budget Act and related legislation.

Educational Services

Consultant and Contract
Services
3.54

Approve the consultant and contract service request authorizing contracts with consultant or independent contractors who provide specialized services, as submitted.

Business Services

Purchase Order Report
12-11
4.54

Approve Purchase Order Report 12-11, authorizing the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services for the District.

Donations
4.54

Accept the donations as presented on behalf of the District with any bequests or gifts of money or property for a purpose deemed to be suitable by the District.

ACTION ITEMS

General Services

Selection of Representatives,
California School Boards
Association Delegate
Assembly-Region 24
1.55

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to select up to six (6) candidates to serve as representatives to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly-Region 24.

Educational Services

Public Hearing to Request a
Quality Education Investment
Act (QEIA) General Waiver
3.56

Trustee Anderson moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to Conduct a public hearing to approve the submission of a General Waiver Request of Education Code 52066.740 to the California Department of Education to increase the QEIA CSR targets for Los Cerritos, Mokler and Zamboni Schools.

There were no speakers during the hearing section.

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Peña seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to close the public hearing to approve the submission of a General Waiver Request of Education Code 52066.740 to the California Department of Education to increase the QEIA CSR targets for Los Cerritos, Mokler and Zamboni Schools.

Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) General Waiver Request
3.57

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the submission of a QEIA General Waiver Request to the California Department of Education to increase the QEIA CSR targets for Los Cerritos, Mokler and Zamboni Schools.

Business Services

Resolution 12-24, Lease-Purchase Transaction for Copier Equipment
4.58

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to Adopt Resolution 12-24, authorizing the District's use of the bid procured by the Western States Contracting Alliance and approving the lease with De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents.

The lease agreement effective date was incorrectly stated on Resolution 12-24. The correct and effective date of the agreement is December 14, 2012. This notation will be reflected under the approval of the minutes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Business Services

Measure AA – Change Orders for Paramount High School – Phase III Field House

The Board received as information an update on Change Orders for Paramount High School – Phase III Field House within the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Measure AA – Change Orders for Paramount High School – Phase V Modernization

The Board received as information Staff will present an update on Change Orders for Paramount High School – Phase V Modernization within the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hansen reported that the next Regular Meeting would be February 27, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. – Boardroom of the District Office.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with Labor Negotiator and Governance Team items.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 9:41 p.m. President Hansen reported that the Board had discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with Labor

Negotiator and Governance Team items.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Garcia moved, Trustee Anderson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on February 13, 2013 at 9:42 p.m.

David Verdugo, Secretary
To the Board of Education

President

Vice President/Clerk