

## **Special Meeting of Board of Education - Conducted Virtually - 6:00 p.m. (Friday, February 19, 2021)**

### **1.1 Call To Order**

**Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM**

### **1.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources

### **1.4 Roll Call**

#### **Members present**

Yesenia Cuarenta, Sonia De Leon, Linda Garcia, Carmen Gomez, Diane J Martinez

### **1.5 Special Meeting Agenda February 19, 2021**

Approve the Special Meeting Agenda February 19, 2021.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Diane J Martinez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Yesenia Cuarenta, Sonia De Leon, Linda Garcia, Carmen Gomez, Diane J Martinez

## **2. Public Hearing**

Public comments are submitted under separate cover.

## **3. Action Items**

### **3.1 Schools Reopening Information - Board Input and Guidance**

Provide staff with direction regarding online (remote) learning and possible paths for the reopening of schools, including hybrid models and cohorts.

Mr. Ruben Frutos, Interim Superintendent provided the Board with information on schools reopening protocols describing how some activities for grades TK-6 could begin to open in, in LA County as our threshold met the standards for reopening. In the last few days, the information we had was more outdated information from the state as Senate bill 86 came into being basically challenging some of the plans that the governor had made but the Board will be provided with the latest updates that we have both from the state, from the Los Angeles County department of public health, from the Los Angeles County office of education LACOE. An update was also presented regarding guidance that has been provided recently, an update on vaccines and some background information about the past work that the district has done. Mr. Frutos informed the Board the goal is not to have the Board make a decision, but we are hoping that they will ask as many questions as possible to provide their comments and the direction to come back at the regular March meeting with options for the Board to give staff direction.

There were questions/discussion on the following: if we are saying that we are to get the vaccinations for our teachers, those who wanted of course starting March 1st; what is the timeline for like the next dosage and will we have enough according to your statement and your collaborative efforts (De Leon), what are parents thinking (De Leon), how many are willing to come back and all that (De Leon), if we go to the red tier that it's mandatory that students in K-6 have to return to school, and that's only if Senate bill 86 passes on Monday, correct (Martinez), I would like to see a report of how many maintenance or facilities employees we have per school, and how are we going to monitor the cleaning of the classrooms (Gomez), I would love to see how many employees, per school of the maintenance who are going to be cleaning (Gomez), how are they going to be cleaning, a schedule probably of what, of how often they're going to be cleaning also the monitoring of the restrooms (Gomez), so how are we going to be cleaning those (Gomez), when the students and the teachers come back is there a schedule of testing the teachers once a week (Gomez), will it be a saliva test, will it be a swab test (Gomez), how would they be tested and will the high school students be tested also and how often (Gomez), When we have our teachers get vaccinated and we have teachers that do not want to get vaccinated will we have them sign some kind of a release (Garcia), we have to have our children vaccinated before they start kindergarten, then, why can't we mandate that the teachers get vaccinated (Garcia), We do have like parents and teachers saying they don't want to return to their, they have been vaccinated and the kids have been vaccinated, but as of now, there is no vaccine for children, is there (Garcia), let's say basketballs is a high contact, football. Would we require them to take a COVID test every so often to ensure their safety in sports in like, let's say football and in basketball (Garcia), Senate Bill 86, would it allow for a hybrid model (Cuarenta)

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Yesenia Cuarenta, Sonia De Leon, Linda Garcia, Carmen Gomez, Diane J Martinez

### **3.2 Superintendent Search Firm Selection**

Provide staff with direction in the process to select a consulting firm to recruit qualified candidates for District Superintendent.

Mr. Ruben Frutos provide the Board with information on the Superintendent search firm selection process and its proposed steps. These steps include, draft an RFP for review, RFP is sent out, RFP is due from firms, committee reviews and invite, committee firm interviews, committee selects firms to present at Board meeting, Special Board meeting (Firm presentations), community input review by Board,

Special Board meeting (Firm selection), Board meeting – selected Firm provides a progress report including process and timeline. A calendar was reviewed and revisions were requested to allow for additional days for community input.

There were questions/discussion on the following: is there any reason why we're only giving three days for community input (Gomez), What is the normal process of selecting of a firm when it's not moving quickly? What is a time difference (Gomez), I was under the impression that we would be hiring an interim in. Meanwhile, we go through this process and hire superintendent. Was I correct? Or am I not correct (Gomez), Ms. Gomez, did you want the community input review (Martinez), did you want more than one meeting (Martinez), Mr. Frutos, you did state that the firms will do a presentation to the Board, correct (Martinez), when is Easter break, for the school district, is it the fifth through the ninth (Martinez) are we asking the executive board, are they comfortable coming in on Monday (Martinez), can we move it Monday the 12th for our Special Board Meeting and then the 19th with the Search presentations (Martinez), Mr. Frutos, only two board members can serve on the committee (Martinez), I would want to know as far as we do have where it says committee review and invite, how would this process be (De Leon), are we going to just choose people we like, or are we going to have it open and transparent (De Leon), would it be possible to meet on the 14th and then, come with another special meeting (De Leon) this is the process to select a firm, right (De Leon), what time would the committee be held (De Leon), are we going to allow Mr. Frutos to have flexibility based on whoever's going to be on the committee? Are they available and the time, or are we just saying here it is, this is what we're sticking to, and there's no adjustments (De Leon), if we are not part of the committee, will we be able to submit a question or questions and they can ask the firms (Cuarenta), would anyone like to be a part of the committee (Cuarenta)

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Yesenia Cuarenta, Sonia De Leon, Linda Garcia, Carmen Gomez, Diane J Martinez

#### **4. Employee Comments Prior to Closed Session**

There were no requests received to provide comments.

#### **5. Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss the following:

5.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator per Govt. Code 54957.6

5.2 Public Employee Appointment per Govt. Code Section 54957

#### **6. Open Session**

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:26 p.m.

The Board took action on the following:

Public Employee Appointment per Govt. Code Section 54957 - Interim Superintendent

The Board of Education appointed Ruben Frutos Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Diane J Martinez, second by Linda Garcia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Yesenia Cuarenta, Sonia De Leon, Linda Garcia, Carmen Gomez, Diane J Martinez

#### **7. Adjournment**

The Board adjourned the Special meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Carmen Gomez, second by Diane Martinez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Yesenia Cuarenta, Sonia De Leon, Linda Garcia, Carmen Gomez, Diane J Martinez