UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Minutes – Regular Meeting

Date: November 14, 2016
Place: District Administration Building
5175 Union Avenue
San Jose, California 95124

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board Present: Janice Hector, President
Vickie Brown, Clerk
Sheila Billings
Harold Stuart

Staff Present: Denise Clay, Superintendent
Mary Berkey, Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Schwab, Associate Supt.
Rita Sohal, Assistant Superintendent

Board Absent: Cindy Goodsell, Vice President

1. CALL TO ORDER/ FLAG SALUTE / SCHOOL PRESENTATION

   Board President Janice Hector called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The flag salute was led by Dartmouth’s student body president, Marisa. The Board members received an outstanding presentation from 7th and 8th grade Dartmouth students enrolled in a media production course taught by Teacher Megan Mullaly. The students produce the Dartmouth News Network, a daily announcement and weekly news report that is broadcast to all students. Using teamwork and strong communication skills, examples of their enthusiastic broadcasts were shared and appreciated by all. Certificates of appreciation were given to the student presenters.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

   Board member Sheila Billings moved to approve the agenda and minutes, seconded by Board member Vickie Brown as follows:

   2.1 The agenda was adopted as presented.

   2.2 The minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2016 and the special meeting of November 2, 2016 were approved.

   Ayes: Billings, Brown, Hector, Stuart
   Noes: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: Goodsell

3. BOARD RECOGNITION

   Retiring Board Member Harold Stuart was recognized for his nine years of service to Union School District. His tenure was celebrated with an amazing flute duet and solo from Union Middle School students, followed by an iMovie from our elementary students and staff.
The presentation of a plaque and gifts from the Board members followed and ended with a celebratory cake.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS

There were no community comments.

5. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Board member Harold Stuart thanked everyone for the recognition this evening and said he was very moved gave a special thanks to everyone who participated. Mr. Stuart said he appreciates the tremendous work that has been done in this district. Board member Stuart also said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve in this district and said he will continue to volunteer with the music program.

Board President Janice Hector visited several schools including Carlton, Guadalupe, Oster, Noddin and Dartmouth. Regardless of the schools visited, Board member Janice Hector said she saw high standards of teaching, Depth and Perception, happy students, fun activities outdoors and collaborative teaching. In addition, she saw the TOSAs in action in the STEAM labs. Mrs. Hector said It was clear that the Principals have enormous pride in their schools. Board President Hector also attended the October concert at Dartmouth.

Superintendent Denise Clay attended three walk-a-thons and a Harvest Fest and attended the Dartmouth Parent Math Night and looks forward to attending Union’s Parent Math Night as well.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Brown moved for approval of the consent items. Mrs. Goodsell seconded and the Board approved the consent items by the following 5 – 0 roll call vote:

Ayes: Billings, Brown, Goodsell, Hector, Stuart
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6.1 The Board approved the Personnel Report.

6.2 The Board approved the warrant list.

6.3 The Board approved the budget transfers and revisions.

6.4 The Board approved the declaration of surplus property for private sale or discard.

6.5 The Board approved an overnight field trip for Union Middle School.

6.6 The Board members approved and ratified the change orders.

6.7 The Board members approved and ratified professional services fees for the Bond program.
6.8 The Board adopted Resolution No. 16-17-06. Compensation for member of the Governing Board under Education Code Section 35120 (c) for absence due to illness.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 The Board members certified the election facts presented by the Registrar of Voters. The board certified that two persons filed a Declaration of Candidacy for the two positions of Governing Board Member and no petitions were filed requesting the election be held. Board member Sheila Billings moved to certify the election facts. The motion was seconded by Board member Harold Stuart.

Ayes: Billings, Brown, Hector, Stuart
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Goodsell

7.2 The Board set the date for the annual organizational meeting for the election of officers as December 12, 2016. Board member Vickie Brown moved to approve the date, seconded by Board member Sheila Billings. The Board members approved the annual organizational meeting date by the following vote:

Ayes: Billings, Brown, Hector, Stuart
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Goodsell

7.3 Superintendent Denise Clay presented the Series 5000: Students Board Policies for approval. Board Member Harold Stuart moved to approve the Series 5000 Board Policies, seconded by Board member Vickie Brown by the following vote:

Ayes: Billings, Brown, Hector, Stuart
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Goodsell

7.4 Denise Clay, Superintendent, requested the addition of another Regular Board meeting on December 5, 2016. Board member Vickie Brown moved to approve the additional board meeting date. The motion was seconded by Board member Sheila Billings and approved by a 4-0 vote.

Ayes: Billings, Brown, Hector, Stuart
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Goodsell

8. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS

8.1 There was no UDEA report, but on behalf of UDEA, Mary Caddell thanked Harold Stuart for his service to the Union School District Board of Trustees.
8.2 CSEA President Becky Garcia thanked the Board for the third of the three Professional Development Days and the follow-up survey and said that classified staff felt that they were heard. Mrs. Garcia said she has pride in our District and gave kudos to our Board members for participating in the new Legislation to encourage instructional assistants to become teachers. Mrs. Garcia said that CSEA will be holding elections soon and will have another CSEA Board to serve two-year terms. President Becky Garcia thanked Harold Stuart for the guidance he has provided to our District.

9. REVIEW BOARD AGENDA CALENDAR/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board reviewed the Board Agenda Calendar and there were no changes.

10. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session with Superintendent Denise Clay and Director of Special Education Linda Haines to discuss a mediated settlement for Case No. 16-17-C.

The Board members met with labor negotiators Superintendent Denise Clay, Assistant Superintendent Mary Berkey, Assistant Superintendent Rita Sohal and District Legal Counsel Karen Rezendes to discuss the Union Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) and Union District Educators Association (UDEA) labor negotiations (Govt. Code § 54957.6).

The Board members met in closed session with Superintendent Denise Clay, Assistant Superintendent Mary Berkey, Assistant Superintendent Rita Sohal and District Legal Counsel Karen Rezendes regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957).

11. BOARD STUDY SESSION

The Board members, Superintendent Denise Clay and Assistant Superintendent Andrew Schwab participated in a Board Study Session regarding Learning and Innovation.

12. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

No action was taken in closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Harold Stuart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. and Board member Vickie Brown seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. The next regularly scheduled meetings are on December 5, 2016 and December 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Clay, Secretary

Approved by Board Action:

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Clerk