

BOARD OF EDUCATION

NORWALK - LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF

April 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:08 a.m. in the Board Room, 12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, with all members present, except Chris Pflanzner and Margarita Rios

Board Members Present: Mrs. Karen Morrison, President
Mr. Sean M. Reagan, Vice-President
Mr. Darryl Adams, Member
Mr. Jesse Urquidi, Member
Ms. Ana Valencia, Member

Administrators Present: Dr. Hasmik Danielian, Superintendent
Mr. Estuardo Santillan, Assistant Supt., Business Services
Mr. Rob Jacobsen, General Counsel

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag was led by President Morrison.

2 - Administration Agenda:

It was moved by Ana Valencia, seconded by Sean Reagan,
and carried unanimously,

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That the Agenda for this meeting be adopted.

HEARING SECTION

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board:

The President declared the Hearing Section of the meeting open and invited those in the audience wishing to address the Board to do so at this time.

There being no one wishing to address the Board at this time, the President declared the Hearing Section closed.

BOARD RETREAT

Revision of Board Goals

Sean Reagan began by noting that a Board Member sub-committee comprised of Karen Morrison, Ana Valencia, and himself worked with Executive Staff to review the current Board Goals and discussed how to best align them with the District's LCAP Goals. The following Board Goals were brought forward for consideration:

Revision of Board Goals, Continued:

1. Engaging and Responsive Environment
2. College and Career Ready Graduates
3. ~~High Quality~~ Exemplary Staff
4. Parent and Community Engagement
5. Access to Rigorous Instruction and Support
6. Operational Excellence

Consensus was reached to place the revised Board Goals on the May 9, 2016 Board Agenda as an action item for adoption.

Next, the Board reviewed the District's current Mission Statement and the Future Ready Vision Statement. The Board Member discussed the Vision Statement and made the following revisions:

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District is leading our community into the future by developing students who are open and curious, ~~and~~ skilled in critical thinking, working in teams, and using new and ~~current~~ emerging ~~technologies~~ technology.

We personalize learning to meet the needs, motivations, and strengths of each child, ensuring every child graduates prepared to succeed in college, careers, and participate positively in our community's civic life.

Consensus was reached to keep the District's Mission Statement (as is) and make the revisions to the Vision Statement (as presented above).

Closed Session – Superintendent's Evaluation

Board Self-Evaluation

Dr. Joe Condon, Consultant, Dave Long & Associates, began by saying that a Board Self-Evaluation is a great instrument to promote healthy conversation and ensure all members are on the same page. The Board discussed performing a self-evaluation to examine and assess how the members function as a governing unit. Two (2) self-evaluation tools were presented and reviewed by the Board. One developed by CSBA (16 questions), the other, developed by Dr. Condon (32 questions). Dr. Condon would facilitate the Board's Self-Evaluation, which would be held during an open session meeting (Special Meeting/Board Retreat).

There was discussion regarding: the best time of year to perform a self-evaluation; and clarification regarding evaluating on conduct or governance.

Consensus was reached to use the 32-question evaluation document. Dr. Joe Condon would contact the Board at a later date to set up a time to perform the Self-Evaluation (tentatively in May or June 2016).

Board Governance Handbook

Dr. Joe Condon divided the Board Members and Superintendent into pairs and assigned different sections of the Governance Handbook (adopted February 4, 2013) to review. The Board reconvened and discussed, section by section, what aspects of the Governance Handbook they would like to change/amend, with each group presenting their findings.

Revisions were noted and changes would be made by Skye Roberts, Administrative Assistant, to be distributed to the Board for further review/discussion.

Consensus was reached to make the requested changes to the Governance Handbook, distribute to all members of the Board of Education for review and include on the agenda for adoption at a future Board Meeting. Board Members also agreed to review/revise/adopt the Governance Handbook on an annual basis to ensure that it remains current.

Project Labor Agreements

Mr. Robert Jacobsen, General Counsel provided the Board Members with a brief history on the conversations previously held by the Board regarding Project Labor Agreements. A CSBA Fact Sheet on Project Stabilization Agreements (PSA) was also provided. Mr. Jacobsen led the Board through the discussion of what PLAs are: the pros and cons; the common features and parameters of project stabilization agreements; and the questions the Board should ask when deliberating a PLA/PSA.

There was discussion regarding: ensuring that we receive the best quality of work on all projects; opportunities to integrate PLAs with our Pathway programs; apprenticeships; and clarification on local hire and obtaining quality bids.

Consensus was reached to move forward with Project Labor Agreements. Staff was directed to research PLAs and provide the Board with recommendations for further discussion/direction at a future Board Meeting.

Excelsior High School - Historical Designation

Mr. Joel Levanetz, Senior Architectural Historian with The Chambers Group reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that was provided to the Board at their March 21, 2016 meeting as well as results of his feasibility study to explore the possibility of the Excelsior site becoming a historical landmark. Mr. Levanetz outlined the next steps to nominating the Excelsior site for the California Register of Historical Resources.

There was discussion regarding: pros and cons associated with a historical designation; possible restrictions in regards to construction/improvement/modifications to the site; the need to have a long-term goal/plan for Excelsior site before historical designation; clarification as to whether a historical designation would impede on any expansions with the community; and the need for the Excelsior site to be painted.

Excelsior High School - Historical Designation, Continued:

Consensus was reached to direct staff to develop a long-term plan (Request for Qualifications for Master Planning Services) for the Excelsior Site before considering a historical designation. Staff will present a plan to the Board at a future date (to be determined).

Solar Initiative

Mr. Estuardo Santillan, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, reported on a solar study that was previously done for the District by Psomas FMG, which outlined, site by site where solar panels could be placed.

There was discussion regarding: the pros and cons of solar panels at sites; possible costs and returns associated with this type of project; and the possible placement of solar panels.

Consensus was reached to direct staff to explore options for a solar initiative for the District.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ana Valencia and seconded by Jesse Urquidi,
and carried unanimously,

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That the special meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 25, 2016 in the Board Room, 12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

Hasmik Danielian, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

Karen Morrison, President