



Highlights of the School Board Meeting of July 24, 2009

Statements

*Pendery spoke regarding the following items:

- *Welcomed Molly Barton as the new Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services attending her first meeting as a Board member
- *Recognized Phyllis Harris (SMETA President) and Susan Totaro (Director of Educational Services) for their wonderful work in welcoming the new teachers to our District at the First day of New Teacher Orientation today.
- *Spoke about Suzi Riley's many talents while working the past 20 years in the SMFC School District and was recommending that the Board approve her appointment as the new Coordinator of Categorical Programs.
- *Introduced **Gregory Barnes** and recommended that the Board approve his appointment as the new **Assistant Principal at Bowditch Middle School**. Mr. Barnes hails from Burlingame School District where he taught Science for 7 years and was an Assistant Principal for the past 3 years.
- *Informed the Board that on June 24, 2009, a letter was sent to the City of Foster City regarding the possible site for a 4th school in Foster City. In the letter the city was asked to conduct a public hearing to address the possibility of a school being built on one of the proposed sites. The District would like to make a recommendation to the Board by September 17, 2009, regarding this issue. No response has been received as of today. A copy of the letter is on the District website.

Board Approvals (highlights)

*The Board **approved**:

- * the hiring of 55 temporary teachers. In response to the question regarding teachers with a second year temporary contract, Joan Rosas said that in October, contracts are discussed, those on leave and job shares are counted and after those considerations, teachers are usually moved from temporary status onto the probationary tract as 2nd year probationary teachers.
- *Suzi Riley is the new Co-ordinator of Categorical Programs
- *Gregory Barnes is the new Vice Principal at Bowditch Middle School
- ***the resignation of Mr. Rick Giannotti as the principal of Audubon School** effective July 31, 2009

Education/Student Services

*The Board adopted Resolution No. 37/08-09 the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council's Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of San Mateo County.

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Administration

- *Mr. Al Solis gave a very detailed report to the Board on the various facilities related projects and activities completed through June 30, 2009.
- *Micaela Ochoa gave an update on the **Parcel Tax** timeline and the choice of hiring the firm of **Tramutola LLC** to assist with the preparation and passage of next year's parcel tax. A representative of the company spoke to the Board.
- *The Board approved the contract and use of **School Messenger** as the Centralized Emergency Calling System for our District. A demonstration of some of the capabilities of the program was presented by the company representative, Julie Fountain. The 5 year subscription is \$71,232 (through 2014) and covered by Measure L funds. It will be further determined whether to budget an additional \$100,000 to cover this through 2019. Training will be provided for those involved.

Business/Finance

- *An update on the 2009-2010 budget was received as well as information about the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act).
- *The district has changed the procedure in which Developer Fees are collected. It is now done through the County Office and is separate from the San Mateo High School District.
- *The Board approved Resolution 38/08-09 authorizing the filing of an application for qualified school construction bond allocation with the California Department of Education, and approving related matters and official actions. (Possibility of receiving interest free money!)

Human Resources

- *The Associate Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents' and Chief Business Official's (Joan Rosas, Toni-Sue Passantino, Molly Barton and Micaela Ochoa) contracts expired on June 30, 2009. The Board of Trustees extended the contracts through 2011 with no other changes to the contracts.

The Board Meeting adjourned about 9 pm.

By: Leslie Thompson



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