

**DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/CLOSED SESSION**

**Del Mar Union School District**

**225 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Del Mar, CA 92014**

**May 24, 2006**

**3:55 p.m.**

Members Present: Barbara Myers, President  
Linda Crawford, Clerk  
Annette Easton, Peggy Yamamoto  
Janet Lamborghini

Staff: Tom Bishop, District Superintendent  
Rodger Smith, Director of Facilities/Personnel

Other: Arjay Smith, O'Bryan-Smith Investments  
Al Apuzzo, O'Bryan-Smith Investments  
Wendy Wiles, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone, Legal  
Counsel; and community members: Laura DeMarco, Ralph  
DeMarco, John Graybill, Elsie Kerckhoff, Jan Schoreder, Chiquita  
Abbott-Farrell, Loretta Morris.

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**BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Board President *Barbara Myers* called the Special Board Meeting/Closed Session of May 24, 2006 to order at 3:55 p.m.
2. Board President Myers asked for approval of the Agenda. On a motion by Member *Crawford*, seconded by Member *Lamborghini*, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.
3. President Myers asked for public input:

**Public Input:**

*Elise Kerckhoff, 1310 Ocean Ave., Del Mar, CA 92014:* Ms. Kerckhoff provided the Board with a letter dated May 22, 2006 which explained her family history and her reasons for wanting the district to sell the Shores property to the City of Del Mar.

*Laura DeMarco, 544 Avenida Provencia, Del Mar CA 92014:* Mrs. DeMarco spoke about the difference of gifts given to an entity vs. purchased land "gift". She also spoke about the reversionary right contained in the 1946 deed and the history of the Kerckhoff "gift".

Ralph DeMarco, 544 Avenida Provencia, Del Mar CA 92014: Mr. DeMarco stated that this is his first time speaking before the Board. He thought the deed restriction would help us develop a negotiation. Mr. DeMarco felt that the process to quiet the title was done in the “dead of the night”.

Jan Schroeder, 1135 Crest, Del Mar, CA 92014: Ms. Schroeder thanked Laura DeMarco for speaking for those who want the City to buy the Shores property. She stated “they” want to keep the Shores property. She asked the district to be a good neighbor.

Chiquita Abbott-Farrell, P.O. Box 638, Del Mar CA 92014: Ms. Abbott-Farrell stated she no longer has children in the schools but she did in the 1950’s. She stated she has enjoyed the Shores site since the 1950’s and is heartsick about the sale. She said this was the Board change to do what is right.

John Graybill, 615 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Del Mar, CA 92014: Mr. Graybill stated that he has been in front of the Board on numerous occasions during the past months. He stated, “We are not going away.” Mr. Graybill does not want to see a war of east vs. west but instead asked the Board to try to do something good. He did not like the 3:55 p.m. meeting schedule (“emergency” timing); Mr. Graybill wants an open dialogue. He feels the opponents are trying to outsmart each other. He wants a “win-win”—something good for all. He would like to see mediation; it doesn’t have to be “us vs. them.”

Loretta Morris, 418 7<sup>th</sup> St., Del Mar, CA 92014: Ms. Morris feels there is a broad based support in the community for the purchase of the Shores property. She stated that May is “Trustworthy” month in Character Counts and we should be honest, telling the truth. She cited the definition of “trustworthy.”

4. The Board then adjourned to Closed Session 4:22 p.m. to discuss Sale/Lease Terms Between the California Trust for Public Schools and DMUSD.
  - ❖ At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Board reconvened in open session at 4:38 p.m. and Board President Myers reported that no action was taken.
5. On a motion by Member *Lamborghini* seconded by Member *Yamamoto* the Board unanimously approved adjournment of the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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Linda Crawford, Clerk of the Board

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Thomas F. Bishop, Secretary to the Board

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