

**DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Del Mar Hills Academy – Multi-Purpose Room
14085 Mango Drive
Del Mar, CA 92014**

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2007

BOARD STUDY SESSION – Timed Item 4:45-5:45 P.M.

*Board Study Session on
Collective Bargaining,
Facilitated by Woody Merrill
(counsel)*

Supt. Tom Bishop introduced legal counsel Woody Merrill who outlined the local school board's collective bargaining responsibility, and help the board understand a variety of collective bargaining terms and procedures.

Several members of the DMCTA, including staff who identified themselves as DMCTA negotiating team members, were present for the session and participated from the audience with the board during this training.

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Board President *Easton*, called the regular board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Peg LaRose, Principal, Sage Canyon School, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Annette Easton, President of the Board
Janet Lamborghini, Clerk of the Board
Linda Crawford, Steven McDowell, Katherine White

Members Absent: None.

Staff: Thomas F. Bishop, Superintendent
Sherry Forte, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent
Janet Bernard, Asst. Supt., Curriculum & Instruction
Tom Hauseur, Director of Technology
Rodger Smith, Director of Personnel/Facilities
Trish Snider, Director of Pupil Services
Dena Whittington, Asst. Supt., Business Services
Todd Boteler, District Webmaster
Randy Wheaton, Maintenance Supervisor
Grace Hauseur, Teacher on Special Assignment
Jennifer Havlat, SHSD Class teacher, Carmel Del Mar
Nan Aposhian, K/1st grade teacher, Ashley Falls
David Skinner, 4th grade teacher, Carmel Del Mar
Yvonne Sansom, 5th gr. teacher, Torrey Hills

Carol Sharpe, 3rd gr. teacher, Torrey Hills
Peg LaRose, Principal, Sage Canyon
Julie Lerner, Assistant Principal, Sage Canyon
Bill Porter, 2nd grade, Carmel Del Mar
Susan Pfleeger, ELL Examiner
Minnie DeVico, 2nd grade, Torrey Hills
Ashley Pryor, 2nd grade, Torrey Hills
Susan Garfein, Science teacher, Sage Canyon
Hayley Kantner, 3rd gr. teacher, Torrey Hills
Toni Jones, Assistant Principal, Torrey Hills
Emily Disney, Principal, Sycamore Ridge
Karen Holty, Office Assistant, Torrey Hills

In Attendance:

Jim Kerr – *Del Mar Times*, Bruce Lieberman – *Union Tribune*,
Marsha Sutton – *Village Voice*, Sue Lichter, Janette Shelton, Lisa
Blazer, Alison King, Katherin Roth, Ellen Burkhardt,
Jeanne Waite, Robyn London, Robert Gans, Corinne Hackbart, Karen
Gilbert, Kelli Politoske, Mary Taylor, John Wells, Pamela
Couvignon, Tom Varga, Sue Tumay, Jennifer Fry, Jennifer
McDowell, Nada Shirwani, Sally Orpin, Deborah Muns-Park, Becky
Deller, David Hackbart and approximately 5 other community
members.

1. CALL TO ORDER, REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 6:00 P.M.

1.1 FLAG SALUTE

1.2 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION: No action taken in closed session.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Member White requested to move Items 9.1 and 9.2 from consent.

Member Easton requested to table Item 9.1 from the February 28, 2007 and March 21, 2007 Regular Board Meetings until the March 29, 2007 Special Board Meeting.

On motion by Member McDowell seconded by Member Lamborghini the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as amended.

BOARD PRESIDENT CALLS FOR BLUE SPEAKER SLIPS

3. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

This section of the agenda is provided for the public to address any item which lies within the governing board's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. State law prohibits the Board of Trustees from discussing any item not on the agenda.

3.1 Correspondence:

- None.

3.2 Public Input:

- Tanya Lubomudrov, current teacher at Torrey Hills, spoke regarding ESC from the perspective of a teacher and parent. She highlighted:
 - ESC was established in DMUSD to create a well-rounded whole child.
 - Children with access to music and art use a part of the brain they are not able to use outside of that.
 - Children need technology and access to that in order to grow in this ever-changing world.
 - ESC enhances State Standards in ways not available in the classroom, i.e. a science lab.
 - Top priority for ESC program should be for the well-rounded child.
 - Students receive instruction from people who are mentors in their field, i.e. artists, musicians, scientists.
 - ESC provides teachers an opportunity to create challenging and enriching educational opportunities for the children.
 - Teachers are able to create science experiments, meet with colleagues, gather materials, have the ability to go above and beyond normal planning because of the time to step away from the students and the classroom.
 - Prep time was a benefit that came out of ESC. ESC is a benefit for the children and the parents.
- Carol Sharpe, 15-year teacher in the DMUSD and currently at Torrey Hills; she is a 37-year Del Mar resident whose children went to Del Mar Hills and Del Mar Heights. Mrs. Sharpe is a past president of the DMCTA, and sits on Executive Board of the DMCTA as co-secretary. She has worked closely with principals, teachers, Supt. Bishop and other DMUSD staff. Her comments included:
 - She has a broad perspective and strong sense of the culture of the DMUSD.
 - DMUSD earns its reputation because all stakeholders work collaboratively to give the best education for children.
 - She applauded board members in becoming educated on the hard work of running a district and learning the culture.
 - She is concerned that a top-down micro-management style of leadership will take us down a path that diminishes all stakeholders.
 - She feels collaboration of all stakeholders is what makes DMUSD stand head & shoulders above other districts.
 - Collaboration nurtures growth. It creates common purpose, unity and trust.
 - Hard questions need to be asked and accountability must exist.
 - Common goal has always been to work together collaboratively.
 - She fears that if the Board loses sight of this it will take the district's strength and energy and have a trickle down affect to the children of the district.
- Laurie Hoshaw – She is a parent of two former DMUSD students and a former 15-year employee of the DMUSD. Mrs. Hoshaw served on the Classified Advisory Committee and the Budget Committee since its inception. She

spoke of her grave concerns of the direction of the board. Her comments included:

- Comments and actions of new board members are frightening.
 - Concern about the new proposed Personnel Committee and Budget Committee are being headed by the newest board members with little or no experience in district policies or best practices.
 - The need for experienced board members on the committees is essential.
 - Concern over superintendent being barred from committees.
 - The committees should move the district forward rather than be a training ground for new board members.
 - Concern over how the committees are being formed.
 - Concern over new members are looking at what they perceive is “wrong” in the DMUSD when they should stop, look and listen.
 - See what is right and improve upon that.
 - A “glass half empty” attitude conveyed to the community is detrimental to students, staff and community that have worked to make the DMUSD excellent.
- Linda Castile; former 15-year employee with DMUSD and parent of four children who graduated from the DMUSD and 30-year resident of Del Mar. She is currently employed by The Winston School and actively involved in the Shores acquisition by the City of Del Mar. She expressed concern over articles being published about the Board. Her comments included:
 - She has worked with numerous superintendent, principals and Boards.
 - Never before has disrespect and rudeness been part of life here.
 - The political campaign is over; it’s time to focus on what is best for our students.
 - Politics has no place in the district and should not be the new norm.
 - Comments regarding Board responsibility to the community according to Board Bylaw 9005. Public business must be discussed in public forum.
 - Comments on the lack of recognizing the integrity of predecessors and associates and merit of their work, and representing the entire school community.
 - Comments on the current plan to form a new Budget Committee and Personnel Committee and how they will be formed.
 - This district has historically reflected best practices.
 - Please return to putting the kids first.
 - John Logan – Parent of 3rd grade student at Carmel Del Mar. His comments regarding the Shores property included:
 - It offers a great opportunity for the district to get on sound financial footing.
 - It would enable the district to develop an endowment for the ESC program. It’s a win-win!
 - Feels the district should think about what is best for our kids not the City of Del Mar.
 - He encouraged the board to get as much money as possible for the sale of the Shores property.

4. REPORTS, RECOGNITIONS and HEARINGS

4.1 **Recognition**
***Employees of the
Month for March
2007:***

Board President *Easton* congratulated DMUSD Employees of the Month and thanked Jake's Del Mar for its continued support by providing a \$30.00 gift certificate to each honoree.

The following staff members were recognized as Employees of the Month for March 2007:

Ashley Falls – Christine Mazone, 4th gr. teacher
Carmel Del Mar – David Skinner, 4th gr. teacher
Del Mar Heights Debbie Rolls, Instruct. Assistant/Sp Ed
Del Mar Hills – Susie Hopper, Technology teacher
Sage Canyon – Nicole Ortega, 3rd gr. teacher
Sycamore Ridge – Mare Peddie, Kindergarten teacher
Torrey Hills – Jackie Boysen, 3rd gr. teacher

4.2 **Student
Recognition**
***Sage Canyon
School***

Peg LaRose, Principal, and Julie Lerner, Assistant Principal, presented information on the Sage Canyon Student Leadership Initiative. The Student Leadership Initiative is a new program that was launched in October and is supported by the Sage Canyon PTA. The voluntary program provides opportunities for fifth and sixth grade students to assume leadership positions at Sage Canyon and positively interact with younger students and the school community.

4.3 **Report**
***DMCTA Report:
Carol Sharpe, 3rd
grade teacher,
Torrey Hills***

Substituting for Carol Sharpe, 3rd grade teacher at Torrey Hills, was Jennifer Steinman, DMCTA President and Technology teacher at Sycamore Ridge, who gave a brief report to the Board. Ms. Steinman commended the Board for devoting so much time to the DMUSD, i.e. learning about Collective and Interest Based Bargaining. The DMCTA appreciates the amount of information being gathered regarding the various programs at the school sites. On behalf of the DMCTA her comments included:

- She comes today with a concern from the majority of DMCTA members.
- DMCTA recognizes the Board is the governing body developing policies and makes decisions.
- DMCTA appreciates the high level of collaboration available to them.
- Teachers are honored to work in a district where historically the level of trust by the school board for all employees and the decisions they've made has been high.
- Some teachers are concerned the high level of trust and collaboration are in jeopardy.
- Some are seeing a style of top-down, micro-managing that does not show trust and creates anxiety.
- Teachers are expressing fear and nervousness of not knowing where the district is headed.

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- Rumors of collaboration time disappearing abound.
- Teachers have worked very hard to develop into strong collaborative teams, with all administrators.
- They express concern about the DMSEF and the affect on the budget.
- Mistrust causing the real heart of district and collaborative kid-centered, open spirit of DMUSD fading.
- No desire to work for a district with growing wall between management and employees or where there is mistrust.
- Hopeful all school board members will take advantage of short/long term planning meetings and work collaboratively.
- Hopes decisions will be made with children at the center and collaboration between school board and staff.

4.4 **Report**
DMSEF Report

DMSEF Co-Presidents (Debra McGinty-Poteet and Karen Gilbert) provided a brief report on DMSEF activities during the past month.

Karen Gilbert, stated the DMSEF, in working with DMUSD Board Member McDowell, has developed a proposal in lieu of Motion #11 of Easton/White proposal and that it was reviewed and revised at the DMSEF meeting.

DMSEF has raised over \$700,000 of which approximately \$565,000 was generated from the annual appeal. As of this evening 360 of 400 tickets to the DMSEF fundraiser have been sold this year compared to 200 tickets last year.

4.5 **Report**
DMUSD
Maintenance
Program

Randy Wheaton, Director of Maintenance, presented the annual review of Maintenance and Operations. Mr. Wheaton outlined the specific objectives of the Maintenance and Operations Department, Remaining 2006/2007 work assignments to be completed and Potential 2007/2008 work assignments are currently being reviewed and inspected.

Member Crawford expressed appreciation to the Maintenance Dept. for keeping our school safe and clean which enhances student learning and reassures parents that their children are safe.

Member Lamborghini commented on and commended Mr. Wheaton for the good nature of his staff.

Member McDowell thanked the Mr. Wheaton and staff for working with the Little League on the new electrical generators near Del Mar Hills.

4.6 **Report**
Board

- Board President Easton commented on the fabulous DMUSD choral festival held on March 14th and thanked all the supporters

Report/Comments

- through the DMSEF for the program.
- Member Lamborghini thanked Principal Laurie Francis for the tour of Del Mar Hills Academy on March 5th. She saw a great range of enrichment and Kindergarten students working in their 1:5 grouping. It was a very enjoyable visit.
- Member White stated how much she enjoyed the choral performance and she thanked all the staff for their hard work.
- Member McDowell thanked Principal Wendy Wardlow for allowing him to teach Junior Achievement in a Kindergarten class for 5 weeks. He stated he attended a Solana Beach School Board meeting to learn more about being a board member. He shared that the DMSEF has had a change in officers and he recognized Robert Gans who will be the new president of DMSEF.

4.7 *Report
Superintendent's
Report*

Supt. Tom Bishop stated that SDUHSD Assist. Supt., Rick Schmidt attended the most recent PTA Presidents Advisory Meeting to discuss the improvements and new offerings at Earl Warren Middle School. He was pleased to announce that the DMUSD 2007 Reading Teacher of Year is Meg Money, 4th grade teacher at Sycamore Ridge and the 2007 Classified Employee of the Year is Becky Ross, Administrative Assistant at Sage Canyon. On behalf of himself and the Board of Trustees he thanked Becky Ross for all the work she has done for the district and children.

5.1 Approval of the Minutes of:

On motion by Member McDowell, seconded by Member White, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of Special Board Visitation/Meeting of March 5, 2007 and the Minutes of Special Board/Closed Session Meeting of March 7, 2007.

5.2 Approval of Consent Items

Agenda items preceded by an asterisk (*) compose the Consent Agenda, and unless removed at the request of a board member, will be approved by the Board as a group.

The following items were pulled from consent: Item 9.1 and Item 9.2

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member White, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent calendar:

Consent Items:

*Tabled to meeting of
March 29, 2007*

~~*9.1 Approval and Acceptance of Donations to the Del Mar Union School District~~

Pulled from Consent

~~*9.2 Board Approval of Purchase Orders and Ratification of Commercial Warrant Payments and Revolving Cash Disbursements~~

*10.1 Approval of Recommended Personnel Actions: Employment, Resignations, Retirements, Dismissals, Leaves of Absence, and Change of Status

6. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

6.1 *Board Approval, Expansion, Severely Handicapped Special Day Class Teacher Position for 2007/2008 School Year*

Director of Pupil Services, Trish Snider, outlined the need and advantages of establishing a Severely Handicapped Special Day Grade 4-6 class. She stated that the District's current Special Day class for children with severe needs serves students in grades K-3.

When these students reach 4th grade, they must transition to a program in another school district and be transported by the Del Mar Union School District. Director of Pupil Services, Trish Snider, presented the Board with details on the program in her written presentation including that the cost of the program would be \$64,240 per year.

Public Input:

- Jennifer Havlat – She has been the teacher of the K-3 Severely Handicapped class for 5 years. She spoke in support of a 4th -6th grade SH class. She feels sending students out of district once they reach the 4th grade deprives them of the unique experiences our other students receive. Having a 4th-6th grade SH teacher would provide her an opportunity to have someone to discuss lesson plans and collaborate with. The transition for SH students from 3rd grade to 4th grade would be beneficial for students. The students' relationships the students make will stay with them into middle school as it does for all the other students in 6th grade.

Director of Pupil Services, Trish Snider, explained that her department has been planning for the expansion class and is ready to go forward with board's approval.

Board Discussion:

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding class size, readiness to start in 2007/2008, least restrictive environment, funding and the budget deficit, which were answered by Director of Pupil Services, Trish Snider and Assist. Supt., Business Services, Dena Whittington.

Board members were handed parental letters supporting the additional class and program

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to fund an expansion Special Day Class position for Severely Handicapped students in Grades 4-6, effective August 20, 2007.

6.2 **Kindergarten
Instructional Day,
Extended Day
Program in Small
Groups**

Assist. Supt., Curriculum & Instruction, Janet Bernard, addressed the Board's concern expressed at the March 7, 2007 board meeting regarding the daily content and effectiveness of the small group extended day Kindergarten.

Board Discussion:

Board members discussed the need for an updated report on the small group instructional time. Member Easton suggested an assessment come back to the April board meeting on what is happening across the district now. By reporting in April school sites will have an opportunity to make changes, if necessary.

Member White expressed interest in knowing if the district is meeting the needs of 1st grade students and, if not, we could consider making modifications in Kindergarten. She asked Assist. Supt., Curriculum & Instruction, Janet Bernard to formulate a proposal of how the assessment will be made with a task force. She would like it to look at not only the academics but social readiness, too. She would like to see the data before a decision is made to change or not to change the current Kindergarten program.

The board suggested that waiting a year for data gathering would make the most sense.

Member Crawford suggested adding the Kindergarten program to the goals and objectives for next year.

6.3 **California
Instructional
School Garden
Program, \$17,500
Non-competitive**

Supt. Tom Bishop acknowledged DMUSD Grant writer, Grace Hauseur, for working with staff at all seven sites to secure a \$17,500 California Instructional School Garden grant. The Governor's 2006/2007 State budget contained approximately \$12 million to fund the California Instructional School Garden Program. On March 12, 2007 the district applied for seven \$2,500 non-competitive California Instructional School Garden grants.

Member Crawford expressed appreciation to Grace Hauseur for her work in seeking funds for the district.

7. ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

7.1 **2nd
Reading/Approval,
Revisions to Board
Policies/Administrative
Regulations:**

Director of Pupil Services presented for a 2nd Reading/Approval, Revisions to Board Policies/Administrative Regulations: AR 5111, Admission; AR 5111.1, District Residency; AR 5116, School Attendance Boundaries; BP 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment; AR 5117, Interdistrict Transfers

**AR 5111,
Admission**

7.1.a: AR 5111, Admission

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member McDowell the Board voted unanimously to approve AR 5111, Admission.

AR 5111.1, District Residency

7.1.b: AR 5111.1, District Residency

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member White the Board voted unanimously to approve Administrative Regulations 5111.1, District Residency with the following amendment: Under Criteria for Residency, in #6, delete “Full-time employment will be required in September 2008 for staff members requesting enrollment for their students in the Del Mar Union School District . . .” and in its place insert, “Beginning in September 2008, staff members requesting enrollment for their students in the Del Mar Union School District on an Interdistrict Transfer are required to work an 80% contract, with the exception of those staff members who work an approved shared contract.”

AR 5116, School Attendance Boundaries

7.1.c: AR 5116, School Attendance Boundaries

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini the Board voted unanimously to approve AR 5116, School Attendance Boundaries.

BP 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment;

7.1.d: BP 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Public Input:

- Polly Murphy, lives in the Ocean Air attendance area. She has two sons attending Del Mar Heights. She spoke regarding siblings of a Sp. Ed. Students being allowed to attend the same school that the Sp. Ed student attends. She is in favor of a date that is “not later than” for the approval of intradistrict transfers. She appreciates the creative thinking of having a Magnet School. She supports having the opportunity/choice to attend a smaller school, which may be a benefit for some families.

On motion by Member Crawford, seconded by Member White, the board voted unanimously to approve BP 5116.1 and the notification date of approval or denial is to be no later than August 6, 2007, with a reserve of 5% space in each grade level at each site for enrollment after August 6, 2007.

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Crawford, the board voted unanimously that the length of 07/08 intradistrict transfers will be one year and staff is directed to include an item on the 07/08 Goals and Objectives that will develop a plan to implement a multi-year intradistrict transfer.

The Board directed Trish Snider, Director of Pupil Services, and Rodger Smith, Director of Personnel/Facilities, to work together to grant as many transfers as soon as possible with the goal of having many done before the end of the school session in June. Both directors indicated they understood this Board directive and could comply.

**AR 5117,
Interdistrict
Transfers**

7.1.e AR 5117, Interdistrict Transfers

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member McDowell, the board voted unanimously to approve BP 5117.

**7.2 2nd Reading and
Board Approval,
2007/2008
Enrollment Caps**

Director of Facilities/Personnel, Rodger Smith, presented for 2nd Reading and Board Approval, 2007/2008 Enrollment Caps.

Mr. Smith stated that based upon feedback that was received during the February meeting of the Board relative to proposed site and grade level enrollment caps, district staff has revised the proposal to address potential excess enrollment at Sage Canyon only. Due to the fact that all other district sites will have sufficient capacity to accommodate all students who reside within the attendance boundaries for each of the sites, no other district site or grade level caps are proposed for any of the district's sites.

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the board voted unanimously to approve 2007/2008 Enrollment Caps.

**7.3 Scheduling of
Special Board
Meeting Date to
Discuss the
Process for Short
Term/Long Term
Planning**

Supt. Tom Bishop stated that the staff is seeking board direction regarding the process that the Board wants to use to establish short term/long term goals for the DMUSD. He stated that staff is looking forward to this meeting.

Member Easton supports a meeting on discussing the process for short/long term planning and suggested the board would also have discussion on the 9000 series – Bylaws.

Public Input:

- **Bill Porter:** He has been a resident of Carmel Valley for 23 years and a teacher in the DMUSD for 10 years. He encouraged the board to include the stakeholders, parents, teachers, students, staff, etc. in the process of short/long term planning.

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Crawford, the board voted unanimously to meet on April 4, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. to meet to review the 9000 Series, Board Bylaws and to also discuss the process for short term/long term planning.

7.4 *Approval of the School year 2007-2008 Interdistrict Attendance Agreements Between School Districts*

Director of Pupil Services, Trish Snider, stated that the District administration is asking for Board approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements between the Del Mar Union School District and other school districts for the 2007-2008 school year. The other districts include: Cardiff School District, Carlsbad Unified School District, Encinitas Union School District, Escondido School District, Jamul-Dulzura School District, La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, Oceanside Unified School District, Poway Unified School District, San Diego Unified School District, San Marcos Unified, Santee School District, Solana Beach School District and Vista Unified School District.

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member White, the board voted unanimously to approve 2007-2008 Interdistrict Attendance Agreements Between School Districts

7.5 *Reminder of Upcoming Events*

Supt. Tom Bishop reminded the Board of upcoming events and meetings.

8. OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

8.1 *Facilities Report*

Director of Facilities, Rodger Smith, reported on the various facilities projects of the District. The pace of construction at Ocean Air School continues at a remarkably rapid rate. As requested by the Board, a monthly update on the project budget and expenditures was included with the monthly facilities report.

Director of Maintenance and Operations, Randy Wheaton, reported that an inspection of the Torrey Hills School windows following significant recent rainstorms, showed no indication of water intrusion. Mr. Wheaton will continue to conduct regular inspections following inclement weather in order to monitor the effectiveness of the repairs that were completed last summer.

Board Discussion:

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding change orders which questions were answered by Mr. Smith.

8.2 *Board Approval of Reimbursement Agreement Between the Del Mar Union School District and Pardee Homes in an Estimated Amount of \$214,475.97.*

Director of Facilities/Personnel, Rodger Smith, stated that the City of San Diego determined that the existing water system does not provide sufficient water pressure to meet fire suppression requirements for Ocean Air School. The most viable option for increasing pressure in the supply line for the school is to tie the existing system into a main supply line in the nearby residential development under construction by Pardee Homes. The proposed reimbursement agreement in this agenda item is intended to

reimburse Pardee for the expense of constructing the water line and making new connection to the additional supply line described above.

Because this was the City of San Diego's responsibility to do in the first place, Mr. Smith stated he feels we will have the prerogative of recovering the cost of this addition but it may take a year or two. The Board can expect to hear more on this subject in the future.

On motion by Member Crawford, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the board voted unanimously to approve the Reimbursement Agreement Between the Del Mar Union School District and Pardee Homes in an Estimated Amount of \$214,475.97.

8.3 ***Possible Visitation by Board to Ocean Air School***

Director of Facilities/Personnel, Rodger Smith, stated he would like to schedule a Board visit to Ocean Air School on April 2 or April 4, 2007.

Board Discussion:

Board members determined they are not all available on April 4 and they will arrange a date via email amongst themselves.

8.4 ***Update: Feasibility of Providing Facilities to Combine Pre-School Special Day Program and Employee Pre-School Child Care***

Supt. Tom Bishop gave an update on the work of the research committee, which was convened earlier in the 2006/2007 school year, regarding combining Pre-School Special Day Program and Employee Pre-School Child Care facilities. A decision was made to put a hold on further exploration of a permanent location and new facility until school site enrollment stabilized with the opening of Ocean Air School in August 2007.

Board Discussion:

Board members asked clarifying questions relative to portables and other sites that may have space available which questions were answered by Director of Pupil Services, Trish Snider.

Director of Facilities/Personnel, Rodger Smith, feels that we are most likely looking at a two year time frame to move the preschool especially if construction is needed.

9. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

9.2 ***Board Approval of Purchase Orders and Ratification of Commercial***

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member Crawford, the board voted unanimously to approve Purchase Orders and Ratification of Commercial Warrant Payments and Revolving Cash Disbursements.

***Warrant Payments
and Revolving
Cash
Disbursements***

**9.3 *Board Action to
Declare District
Personal Property
Obsolete and
Surplus Property
and to Dispose of
or Donate per
Education Code
17546(a)(b)(c)***

Maintenance Supervisor, Randy Wheaton, stated that the Del Mar Union School District currently owns a 1986 Ford F-150 and a 1986 Husky Hauler 17 foot tilt trailer. Both pieces of equipment no longer serve the needs of the Maintenance & Operations Department. Mr. Wheaton recommended that the truck and trailer be declared excess. He also stated that a replacement vehicle and trailer are not needed nor recommended.

On motion by Member McDowell, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the board voted unanimously to Declare District Personal Property Obsolete and Surplus Property and to Dispose of, Sell or Donate per Education Code 17546(a)(b)(c)

**9.4 *Sewer Repair at
Sycamore Ridge***

Randy Wheaton, Director of Maintenance and Operations, explained the need for repairs to a sewer line at Sycamore Ridge School. Mr. Wheaton is estimating the cost of the repair to be approximately \$5,500.00. The first available time for a job walk to get a quote for the necessary repair is March 21, 2007.

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Crawford, the board voted unanimously approved the sewer repair at Sycamore Ridge and authorized the CFD to pay for the repair.

**9.5 *2006/2007
Monthly Budget
Update***

Assist. Supt., Business Services, Dena Whittington, stated that in an effort to provide additional information to the Board of Trustees and the community, the Business Services Department has begun in this month's board packet a monthly update of remaining budget balances.

**9.6 *1st Review of
2007/2008
DMUSD General
Fund Budget***

Assist. Supt., Business Services, Dena Whittington, presented the first read of the Del Mar Union School District 2007-2008 General Fund Budget. She explained that the figures are preliminary, but do provide a starting point to plan for next year.

The Board discussed the deficit in the current year budget and the need for a balanced budget for the 07/08 budget.

Ms. Whittington offered to bring back a deeper analysis of 06/07 budget to the April board meeting and, upon Member White's request, will also recommend assumptions to be used in formulating the 07/08 budget.

**9.7 *Approval, Intent to
Renew Annual
Vended Meal
Agreement with
SDUHSD***

Assist. Supt., Business Services, Dena Whittington, stated that under the agreement, between the SDUHSD and DMUSD to provide lunches to DMUSD students, both parties will notify the other district of their intent to renew the contract for the following school year by April 1st of each contract year.

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Ms. Whittington anticipates the DMUSD will break even on the Hot Lunch Program for the 06/07 school year.

Member White made a request to see the lunch program budget for 07/08. The Board would appreciate having this item on the agenda next year in January and February.

(Member White felt it was premature to reapprove a contract without financials and customer input.)

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member Crawford, the board voted Ayes: 4, Noes: 1 to approve the, Intent to Renew Annual Vended Meal Agreement with SDUHSD. Ayes: Members Crawford, Easton, McDowell, Lamborghini; Noes: Member White.

10. PERSONNEL

12. ITEMS FOR April 2007 BOARD MEETING:

Discuss putting audio of the meetings on the web & cost implications

Resolution *Don't Subvert Local Voters by Using School Funds for Rural Fire Protection*

1st Reading and Approval Board Policies/Administrative Regulations – Section 6000 – Instruction

Board Approval, Del Mar Union School District's Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report for January 1 through March 31, 2007

1st Reading, 2006/2007 School Accountability Report Cards

2nd Review 2007/2008 Income and Expenditures

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member Crawford the unanimously voted to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

1.1 Public Employment Appointment/Employment: Title: Principal (G.C. 54957)

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

Board President Easton announced that Board took action to appoint Mrs. Susan Paul as the next principal at Torrey Hills School, effective May 8, 2007.

13. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini the board voted unanimously to adjourn the March 21, 2007 meeting at 11:36 p.m.

Janet Lamborghini, Clerk of the Board

Thomas F. Bishop, Secretary to the Board

Date

Date