

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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL VISITATION BOARD MEETING
BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Sage Canyon School
5290 Harvest Run Drive
San Diego, CA 92130**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2007
12:45 p.m.**

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

DMUSD Staff: Thomas F. Bishop, Superintendent

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Board President, Annette Easton, called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m.

1. VISITATION TO SAGE CANYON SCHOOL AND OBSERVATION OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY PRACTICES

At 12:48, Sage Canyon Principal Peg LaRose began a Professional Learning Community vertical articulation activity in Writing and Language Arts. During the vertical articulation activity, Sage Canyon teachers from each grade level reviewed grade level anchor papers from all grade levels, and then teachers were placed into different grade level groups – K-1 teachers, 2-4 teachers, and 5-6 teachers. Each team discussed how teachers at each grade level could improve instructional practices.

The different grade level teams brainstormed instructional strategies that can be modified to improve student performance in Writing and Language Arts.

2. APPROVAL OF 2007/2008 FIRST INTERIM BUDGET REPORT

At 2:30, the Board departed from the Professional Learning Community activity and assembled in the Sage Canyon Library to review financial data

from the District's First Interim Budget Report which had been completed by Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Dena Whittington, who presented financial data to the Board through a PowerPoint presentation.

After Ms. Whittington's PowerPoint presentation, Board Members asked numerous financial questions regarding various items in the First Interim Budget Report. Assistant Superintendent Whittington answered the Board's financial questions and provided additional information about basic aid status and the 2008/2009 financial situation of the State of California.

Board Member Linda Crawford motioned that the First Interim Budget Report be approved, and the motion was seconded by Board Member Janet Lamborghini. The board voted 4-0 to approve the First Interim Budget Report. Board Member White did not vote on the First Interim Budget because she departed from the Special Board Meeting at 3:20 p.m., a few minutes prior to the Board vote. (Superintendent Bishop also departed the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)

On motion by Member Lamborghini, seconded by Member Crawford, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the December 5, 2007 Special Board Visitation Meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Katherine White, Clerk

Thomas F. Bishop, Superintendent

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