

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

**MINUTES SCHOOL VISITATION / SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Ocean Air School, MUR
11444 Canter Heights Drive
San Diego, CA 92130**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2008
12:45 – 2:30 p.m. – Visitation
3:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting**

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

DMUSD Staff: Gary Wilson, Principal, Ocean Air

The following individuals were present for the Board Vacancy Interviews:

DMUSD Staff: David Skinner, 4th gr. teacher, Carmel Del Mar
Danielle Roche, 3rd grade teacher, Ocean Air
Carol Sharpe, 3rd grade teacher, Ocean Air
Debbie Hanna, 3rd grade teacher, Sycamore Ridge
Donna Chung, 2nd grade teacher, Sycamore Ridge
Wendy Wardlow, Principal, Del Mar Heights

Other: Mary Slatterly-Johnson, Bob Gans, Kriss Kissner, Korey Sarokin,
Mary Farrell, Aimee Cochrane, Stephen Cochrane, Nicole Baril, Doug
Perkins, Comischell Bradley-Rodriguez

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Board President, Annette Easton, called the meeting to order at 12:51 p.m.
On motion by Member White, seconded by Member McDowell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.
2. **PUBLIC INPUT: NONE**
3. **VISITATION TO OCEAN AIR SCHOOL AND OBSERVATION OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY PRACTICES**

Ocean Air Principal, Gary Wilson, welcomed the Board and Interim Superintendent, Janet Bernard. Mr. Wilson presented the Itinerary for the visit and responded to Board questions regarding the startup of Ocean Air's first school year.

The Board witnessed the different grade level PLC teams in the following activities:

- The sixth grade team reported that 96% of the 6th grade students met their SMART goal. Strategies for the few students who had not met their goal were being developed. The next 6th grade novel study *Golden Goblet*, contains an ELL version, and staff were identifying vocabulary to be reviewed with students.
- The fifth grade team reported that the student teachers allowed them to spend extra time to focus on students requiring more instruction. A lunch time Study Hall is also being offered to the 5th grade students.
- The fourth grade team reported a few students had not met their SMART goal. The team was brainstorming ideas on how to help these students, which included creating their own assessments. A plan to address a combination of language arts/social studies assignments was discussed.
- The third grade team was studying detailed test scores of all 3rd grade students paying particular attention to students needing more instruction to meet their SMART goal. Math strategies for the remaining lessons, including the practice of regrouping every lesson and alternating the staff teaching the different levels, was being discussed.
- The second grade team used a program that summarizes important grade level standards to assist them in planning for next year. By gathering this years' data, which included reviewing questions most commonly missed, staff was able to identify the standard.
- The first grade team was in the process of analyzing data and identifying those students needing more work with addition and subtraction facts. The team brainstormed on optional homework, songs, math games, regrouping for instruction, number lines and manipulatives that might be useful. Strategies for students at benchmark levels was also discussed.
- The Kindergarten team was examining the writing rubrics in the written work they were reviewing. By organizing the essays into three different levels, the group was able to brainstorm next steps for each of the group. The Board and Interim Superintendent also enjoyed the colorful and creative hats out on displayed for the upcoming kindergarten Mother's Day celebration.

4. BOARD VACANCY CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND BOARD APPROVAL OF NEW TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT.

Board members and Interim Superintendent, Janet Bernard, interviewed the following individuals whom submitted applications to fill the Board vacancy:

Stephen Cochrane
Bob Gans
Mary Slatterly-Johnson
Kriss Kissner

Doug Perkins
Comischell Bradley-Rodriguez
Korey Sarokin

Member Lamborghini nominated Comischell Bradley-Rodriguez, Doug Perkins and Bob Gans, to the second round of questioning. Member White seconded Doug Perkins to the second round. Member McDowell seconded Bob Gans and Comischell Bradley-Rodriguez to the second round.

Member Easton nominated Korey Sarokin to the second round of questioning, seconded by Member White.

Member White nominated Mary Johnson to the second round of questioning, seconded by Member Easton.

The following candidates moved to the second round for additional questioning

Bob Gans	Comischell Bradley-Rodriguez
Mary Slatterly-Johnson	Korey Sarokin
Doug Perkins	

Member Lamborghini nominated Bob Gans to the third round, seconded by Member McDowell.

Member McDowell nominated Doug Perkins to the third round, seconded by Member Lamborghini.

Member Easton nominated Korey Sarokin to third round, seconded by Member White.

Member White nominated Mary Slatterly-Johnson to the third round, seconded by Member Easton.

Member Lamborghini nominated Comischell Bradley-Rodriguez to the third round. No second.

The following candidates moved forward to the third round for further discussion by the Board.

Bob Gans	Doug Perkins
Mary Slatterly-Johnson	Korey Sarokin

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Doug Perkins to the Board of Trustees to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of former Board Member Crawford.

5. BOARD APPROVAL, MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2008

Member McDowell requested the deletion of “The Board expressed agreement in directing staff to stay with the existing formula when allocating enrichment staffing” in the summary of Item 8.3, Enrichment Programs Funding.

On motion by Member McDowell, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2008, as amended.

6. BOARD APPROVAL, CHANGE IN DATE FOR STUDENT LOTTERY, SPANISH DISCOVERY PROGRAM AT DEL MAR HEIGHTS

Board Members and Interim Superintendent, Janet Bernard, discussed the date of the lottery for the Kindergarten Spanish Discovery class being offered at Del Mar Heights. Changing the date from June 23 to May 16 will provide better planning for parents and allow staff the opportunity to address staffing requirements.

The Board will work to resolve the question of whether the second Kindergarten Spanish Discovery class, which is specifically for students residing in the other attendance areas in the DMUSD, will be filled with students from the Hills/Heights attendance area, if space allows.

On motion by Member White, seconded Member Lamborghini, the Board voted 4-1-0 to approve the lottery for the 20 spaces in the Kindergarten Spanish Discovery program, reserved for students residing in the Hills/Heights attendance area, be moved from June 23, 2008 to May 16, 2008. It is further understood that notification of the change in lottery date be sent to the 2008/2009 Kindergarten parents in the designated Hills/Heights Spanish Discovery class and the notification to parents for the students applying for the 20 spaces in the "districtwide" class be delayed pending legal advice on the definition of districtwide. (Ayes: Members Easton, Lamborghini, White; Nay: Member McDowell; Abstain: -0-)

Public Input:

- Beth Westberg, 1439 Oribia Road, Del Mar, 92014, addressed the Board regarding her desire to have attendance rules established and communicated prior to the lottery.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:54 p.m.

- 7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (G.C. 54956.8)—Property: 225 9th Street, Del Mar, California 92014—Agency Negotiators: Janet Bernard, Interim Superintendent/Rodger Smith, Director of Facilities/Personnel—Negotiating Parties: DMUSD and the City of Del Mar—Under Negotiation: Sale/Lease Terms Between the City of Del Mar and the DMUSD.**

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

8. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

Because the Del Mar Union School District and the City of Del Mar have reached an agreement, in principle, on the terms of the Lease between the Del Mar Union School District and the City of Del Mar, the Board approved extending the date for execution of the Lease to May 15, 2008.

Member White excluded herself from any discussion having an impact on The Winston School.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn Special Board Meeting of May 7, 2008 at 7:49 p.m.

Katherine White, Clerk

Janet Bernard, Interim Superintendent

Date

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