

**DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Del Mar Union School District
Conference Room
225 9th Street
Del Mar, CA 92014**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING / BOARD WORKSHOP
BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

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

DMUSD Staff: Janet Bernard, Interim Superintendent
Rodger Smith, Director of Personnel/Facilities
Sheila Weinberg, Director of Pupil Services
Dena Whittington, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Wendy Wardlow, Principal, Del Mar Heights School
Kathy Zack, Administrative Assistant, Del Mar Heights School

Others: Beth Westburg, Janet Pecsar, Bob Gans, Kerry Traylor

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Board President, Annette Easton, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Public Input:

- Beth Westburg, 1439 Oribia Road, Del Mar 92014, spoke to the Board to request Items No. 7 and No. 8 be pulled from the Agenda and moved to the Regular Board Meeting of May 28, 2008.
- Janet Pecsar, 12952 Long Boat Way, Del Mar 92014, spoke to the Board to request Items No. 7 and No. 8 be moved to the May 28 Regular Board Meeting to give the public an opportunity to address the Board.

On motion by Board Member Lamborghini to remove Items No. 7 and No. 8 from the Agenda, seconded by Member Perkins, amended by Member Easton, to have Items No. 7 and No. 8 remain on the Agenda and Item No. 7 being revised to information only, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. BOARD WORKSHOP, 2008-09 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Dena Whittington, Asst. Superintendent, Business Services distributed handouts and the following topics were discussed:

- 2008-2009 General Fund Budget
- Governor's May Revise
- Revenue Limit Calculations/Assessed Valuation
- Standards and Criteria

4. SEARCH FIRM INTERVIEWS AND BOARD APPROVAL OF SEARCH FIRM TO SECURE A PERMANENT SUPERINTENDENT

Representatives from the following search firms introduced themselves and their firm by presenting background information to the Board. Each representative outlined their firm's search process and strategies for selecting a permanent superintendent. At the conclusion of the presentations, the Board discussed the four proposals.

- Leadership Associates – Rich Thome and Bob Trigg
- California School Boards Association – Jennifer Looney
- Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. – Albert "Bud" Marley
- The Cosca Group – Frank Cosca, Ken Noonan, Bill Bragg

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the Board voted unanimously to contract with The Cosca Group to secure a permanent superintendent.

5. BOARD APPROVAL, SUBSTITUTE FOR SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the Board voted unanimously to approve the substitute for a speech/language pathologist.

6. BOARD APPROVAL, CONTRACT WITH JODIE K. SCHULLER AND ASSOCIATES FOR EMERGENCY SPEECH/LANGUAGE PROGRAM SUPPORT

On motion by Member McDowell, seconded by Member Perkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve a contract with Jodie K. Schuller and Associates for emergency speech/language program support.

7. BOARD DISCUSSION, CLARIFICATION ON ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES FOR THE DISTRICTWIDE SPANISH DISCOVERY PROGRAM AT DEL MAR HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Interim Superintendent, Janet Bernard, updated the Board as to the current number of applications received for the Spanish Discovery Program offered at Del Mar Heights.

Currently 46 applications for the Kindergarten Spanish Discovery Program have been received from students residing in the Del Mar Hills/Del Mar Heights attendance area. And, currently 14 applications for the Kindergarten Spanish Discovery Program have been received from students residing in the other six schools' attendance areas.

Public Input:

- Kerry Traylor, 13764 Recuerdo Drive, Del Mar, 92014, addressed the Board regarding her perceptions of the angry atmosphere that prevails in the community and of the Board decimating the Del Mar Schools Education Foundation and Del Mar Hills Academy.
- Beth Westburg, 1439 Oribia Road, Del Mar, 92014, addressed the Board concerning the impact the Spanish Discovery Program being offered at Del Mar Heights, may have on the Kindergarten enrollment at Del Mar Hills Academy and her recommendation to postpone the Spanish Discovery Program until the 2009-2010 school year.
- Bob Gans, 735 Hoska Drive, Del Mar, 92014, addressed the Board regarding this item being on an Agenda with a short posting notice and the fiscal irresponsibility of starting the Spanish Discovery Program for the 2008/2009 school year.
- Janet Pecsar, 12952 Long Boat Way, Del Mar, 92014, addressed the Board about the history of the development of Spanish program by Del Mar Hills Academy Principal, Laurie Francis and Del Mar Heights Principal, Wendy Wardlow, and her concern for Del Mar Hills Academy maintaining a healthy enrollment.

8. BOARD APPROVAL, DATE FOR STUDENT LOTTERY, FIRST GRADE SPANISH DISCOVERY PROGRAM AT DEL MAR HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Interim Superintendent, Janet Bernard, asked the Board to approve the first grade lottery to occur on Friday, May 23, 2008. A lottery on this date will allow staff and parents to plan for the 2008/2009 school year.

Public Input:

- Beth Westburg, 1439 Oribia Road, Del Mar, 92014, spoke to the Board against the lottery being held prior to the determination of the Spanish Discovery Program moving forward to fruition.
- Janet Pecsar, 12952 Long Boat Way, Del Mar, 92014, addressed the Board asking members to recognize that the number of enrollments in the Spanish Discovery Program is giving an appearance of a neighborhood program, not a Districtwide program.

Member White motioned to approve the lottery to be held on May 23, 2008. The motion was not seconded. Motion died.

After further discussion, the Board concurred the first grade lottery would be held after the Regular Board Meeting on May 28, 2008.

9. BOARD APPROVAL, RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF DEL MAR, APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DEL MAR, AND APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE WITH THE CITY OF DEL MAR

Tabled to the May 19, 2008 Special Board Meeting.

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:52 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

11. 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.

12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (G.C. 54956.9(b)); Name of Case: Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:03 P.M.

13. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board approved a Settlement Agreement with Employee #253152 to resolve anticipated litigation.

14. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Member White, seconded by Member Lamborghini, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of May 14, 2008.

Katherine White, Clerk

Janet Bernard, Interim Superintendent

Date

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