

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

**Del Mar Heights School
13555 Boquita Drive
Del Mar, CA 92014**

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

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009
9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Members Present: Katherine White, President of the Board
Annette Easton, Doug Perkins, Comischell Rodriguez

Members Absent: Steven McDowell, Clerk of the Board
(Attending a meeting of the Legislative Action Network)

DMUSD Staff: Sharon McClain, Superintendent arrived at approximately 10:00 a.m.
Wendy Wardlow, Principal

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Board President, Katherine White, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

On motion by Member Easton, seconded by Member Rodriguez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

2. **PUBLIC Comment:** There was no public comment.

3. **VISITATION TO DEL MAR HEIGHTS SCHOOL**

Principal Wardlow welcomed the Board and gave a brief description of the visit agenda.

The Board heard a discussion on Singapore Math by Principal Wardlow and teachers Tiffany Kinney and Carol Faulkner. Several teachers attended a Singapore Math conference last summer, paid for by the PTA, and explained the word problem model drawing approach. The Board was then able to see Ms. Kinney's class in action on a problem.

Superintendent McClain joined the group to see part of a Spanish lesson by Mary ZoBell and later had a chance to have Ms. ZoBell explain her curricular approach and successes.

The Board and Superintendent heard a performance led by music teacher Michelle Beeson related to the recent Understanding Differences program.

The Board and Superintendent joined the staff for informal conversation during recess.

The Board finished the visit with a visit to a science lab of inquiry with 6th grade students led jointly by 6th grade teacher, Louwana Spetter, and scientist, Dr. Pam Reynolds, followed by a discussion of why a push-in model with 4th grade science teacher, Eileen Graddy, and Dr. Reynolds.

(Board Member Perkins left at 10:53 a.m.)

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Member Rodriguez, seconded by Member Easton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of February 4, 2009 at 11:09 a.m.

Steven McDowell, Clerk

Sharon L. McClain, Superintendent

Date

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