

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

***Minutes of Special Board Meeting***

September 23, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

Del Mar Hills Academy  
14085 Mango Drive, Del Mar, CA 92014

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- Members Present (5):** Katherine White, President of the Board  
Steven McDowell, Clerk of the Board  
Annette Easton, Doug Perkins, Comischell Rodriguez
- Administrators Present:** Sharon McClain, Superintendent  
Holly McClurg, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services  
Sheila Weinberg, Director of Pupil Services  
Randy Wheaton, Director of Maintenance & Operations  
Mike Casey, Director of Technology  
Charlene Komosinski, Director of Child Care/After School Programs
- DMUSD Staff Present:** Nan Aposhian, David Skinner, Jennifer Fulston, Cinda Peck, Susan Fitzpatrick, Susan Paul, Adrienne Crabtree, Lea Gottlieb
- Others Present:** Approximately 62 community members.
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**BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Board President White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

There was no public input.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** Title: Superintendent/Board of Trustees (G.C. 54957)

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

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## 2. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President White reported the Board took no action in Closed Session.

## 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve Agenda

**Motion**     Rodriguez

**Second**    Perkins

**Unanimous**

## 4. UPDATE, DISTRICT OFFICE FACILITY NEEDS, OPTION 1A REVISED

Superintendent McClain presented the revised Project Spatial Program Summary Option 1A for a new District Administration Center, which reflects a total net square footage area of 14,828.

The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the revisions in Option 1A and the space requirements outlined in the plan.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Beth Westburg, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of the District working with a certified space planner.
- Steve Chinowsky, Del Mar Hills neighbor, spoke against the District maintenance facility being located in a neighborhood.
- Linda Crawford, former Board member, spoke in favor of the District resuming its work with real estate agents to identify properties for a new District Office. Mrs. Crawford requested that an item be placed on the September 30, 2009 Regular Board Meeting agenda to discuss this topic.

### BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board requested staff to invite Frisco White, architect, to the next Board meeting to discuss space requirements, construction costs, etc. in the relocation of the District Office. The Board also requested information on areas within the existing facilities being used for storage and comparables of other districts with the same enrollment, number of employees including the square footage of the District Office.

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## 5. DISCUSSION/BOARD APPROVAL, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Holly McClurg and Director of Pupil Services, Sheila Weinberg, presented the Early Childhood Education Program Proposal, Sheila Weinberg the current Special Education Preschool. Director of After School Programs, Charlene Komosinski, presented information on the current Employee Child Care Program.

In addition to asking clarifying questions, the Board asked staff to bring back a plan for relocating the Employee Child Care and District Preschool currently housed on the Shores property, for the period of time when the programs move from the Shores site to the opening of the Early Childhood Program.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kerry Traylor: DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of producing a marketing and business plan before moving forward.
- Vanessa Black: DMUSD parent spoke about the risk of opening a preschool during these difficult economic times.
- Estela de Llanos, DMUSD parent, spoke in opposition to the preschool proposal at this time.
- Becky Deller, DMUSD parent, read a letter on behalf of Rosanne Holliday urging the Board to study the preschool proposal carefully.
- Becky Deller, DMUSD parent, spoke in opposition to the preschool proposal.
- Clay Melugin, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of producing a business plan and including more information in the proposal.
- Jennifer Fulston, DMUSD nurse, spoke in favor of moving forward with the preschool proposal.

### BOARD DISCUSSION:

Board asked clarifying questions on the impact moving forward would have on the staff and the General Fund; the certificates needed to move forward, if any; staffing, and the feasibility of combining the current District Preschool and Special Ed Preschool.

Motion to Approve moving forward with the Early Childhood Education Program Proposal and to direct the 7/11 Committee to consider the possible consolidation of the existing preschool, special ed preschool and employee child care in a space of ten classrooms.

**Motion**            Rodriguez

**Second**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Motion died.**

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Motion to procure a business and marketing plan for a program with no impact on the General Fund, which will be presented to the Board in two to three months.

**Motion**        White  
**Second**        Rodriguez

The Board asked clarifying questions on what specifically is being asked for in the motion.

**Amended:** Motion to develop the marketing plan, the preliminary budget, the preliminary business plan and the licensing plan, to be presented to the Board in two to three months.

**Motion**        White  
**Second**        Rodriguez  
**Carried 4-1**

Ayes: Members McDowell, Perkins, Rodriguez, White  
Noes: Member Easton

Motion to direct the 7/11 committee to produce two proposals, one that replicates the space requirements of the existing special education preschool and employee childcare program requirement of 10 rooms and another that would accommodate a preschool requirement of 14 rooms.

**Motion**        White  
**Second**        Rodriguez

The Board discussed the motion on the table.

**Amended:** Motion to direct the 7/11 Committee to produce three proposals, one that replicates the space requirements of the existing special education preschool and employee childcare program requirement of 10 rooms, a second that would accommodate a preschool requirement of 14 rooms, and a third that includes relocating only the employee childcare program with a space requirements of three rooms.

**Motion**        White  
**Second**        Rodriguez  
**Carried 4-0-1**

Ayes: Members Easton Perkins, Rodriguez, White  
Noes: -0-  
Abstain: Member McDowell

Motion by McDowell to have staff provide a timeline required to maintain an employee childcare program within the district.

**Motion**        McDowell  
**Second**        White  
**Unanimous**

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## 6. UPDATE, 7/11 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7/11 Committee Chairperson Bob Shopes requested that the following new criteria be eliminated from the last update presented by the 7/11 Committee.

- to take into consideration the usage of green space in the proposals.
- to move all departments currently located at 225 9th St. together to a new facility.
- finding 22 classrooms for a preschool is not mandatory.

Motion to limit time for each speaker to 2 minutes to allow all speakers to address the Board.

**Motion**        White  
**Second**        \_\_\_\_\_  
                    **Motion died.**

Motion to extend the time to allow all speakers 3 minutes each to address the Board.

**Motion**        White  
**Second**        Perkins  
                    **Unanimous**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Clay Melugin, DMUSD parent: spoke about the criteria to be considered by the 7/11 Committee.
- Gavin Hurst, DMUSD parent, spoke in opposition to closing Ashley Falls School.
- Heidi Niehart, DMUSD parent, spoke in opposition to the formation of the 7/11 Committee prior to establishing the Board's criteria.
- Melanie Carosimo, DMUSD parent, spoke about the strong reactions to the update on the work of the 7/11 Committee.
- Beth Westburg, DMUSD parent, spoke regarding the costs of remodeling a school to accommodate a District Office.
- Ellen Thomas, DMUSD parent, spoke regarding the space requirements of a new District Office facility.
- Doug Rafner, DMUSD parent, spoke about the lack of or inaccurate information provided to the 7/11 Committee.
- Wendi Santine Ramseyer, DMUSD parent, spoke in opposition of closing Ashley Falls School.
- Arlene Duthit, DMUSD parent, spoke about her observations regarding the lack of Board action and the excessive hours spent in Closed Session Board meetings.

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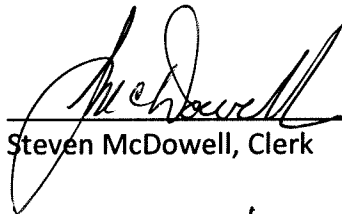
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The Board directed staff to report on the current enrollment and intradistrict transfers at the September 30, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.


**7. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a Motion to Adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

**Motion**      Easton  
**Second**     White  
**Unanimous**

  
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Steven McDowell, Clerk

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Sharon L. McClain, Superintendent

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