

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

***Minutes of Special Board Meeting***

December 16, 2009  
12:45 p.m.

Ashley Falls School  
13030 Ashley Falls Drive, San Diego, CA 92130

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Members Present (5): Comischell Rodriguez, President of the Board  
Steven McDowell, Clerk of the Board  
Annette Easton  
Doug Perkins  
Katherine White

Administrators Present: Dr. Sharon McClain, Superintendent

DMUSD Staff Present: Cinda Peck, Evon Carpenter, Sandy Johnson, Abby Farricker, Lindsay Farmer, Allison Warren, Janet Orr, Fred Bettig, David Skinner, Erica Bell, Katrina Graupmann, Tracy Garber, Erik Bienke, Andrea Sleet, Hayley Kantner, Debbie Hanna, Lauren Kvalstad, Kim Cunningham, Lauri Carpenter, Cassie Bruncker, Karen Holty, Meg Jackson, Patrice James, 111111Scott Wilken, Shelley Petersen, Danielle Roche, Bill Porter, Katherine Weidmann, Susan Brubaker, Nancy Swanberg, Tori Hemerick, Jeri Sipe, Monica Tech, Amy Tan-Zamora, Laurel Zitko

Others Present: Approximately 40 community members.

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**BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Amendment to the Agenda:

Remove item 6, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Sections 11126 and 54957); Parent Complaint, from the Agenda.

Motion to Approve the Agenda, as amended.

**Motion** White

**Second** Easton

**Unanimous**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

There was no public input.

**4. VISIT WITH MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

Director of Maintenance & Operations, Randy Wheaton, led the Board on a tour to give an overview of the daily maintenance and operations at a DMUSD school site. The Board viewed the maintenance & operations vehicles, site electrical rooms, and HVAC system including equipment on the roof among other site operations.

**5. BOARD TOUR OF PROPERTIES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEW DISTRICT OFFICE FACILITY; 11250 EL CAMINO REAL, SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 AND 4106 SORRENTO VALLEY BLVD., SAN DIEGO, CA 92127**

The Board toured two potential properties for the relocation of the District Office with realtors Chuck Wasker and Mark Kagan, as listed above.

6. Item 6.0 was removed from the Agenda per amendment in item 2.

7. The Board relocated the meeting to Del Mar Hills Academy at 14085 Mango Drive, Del Mar, CA 92014 for the following:

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

*Heidi Niehart*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Karen Holty*, DMUSD parent, spoke to call for the resignation of three board members and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Kate Takahashi*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Zuliya Khawaja*; DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Janet Leutel*; DMUSD staff member, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*David Skinner*, DMCTA President, speaking on behalf of 200+ staff members he spoke in support of Superintendent McClain.

*Wendy Maron*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Doug Rafner*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Kerry Traylor*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Chris Stevenson*, DMUSD parent & DMSEF President, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and the time wasted in meetings and “ping-pong management”.

*Marybeth Norgren*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and the lack of Board transparency.

*Vicki Mirandon*, DMUSD parent, spoke of dissatisfaction in the state of the district and asked that the needs of the children be considered first.

*Allison Healy-Poe* DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Molly Schneider*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district and presented emails from parents not in attendance.

*Eileen Hoppen*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Superintendent McClain and dissatisfaction in the state of the district.

*Genevieve Thunder*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of the Board and action against Superintendent McClain.

Superintendent McClain clarified that there have not been 20 complaints filed against her. The Board met in Closed Session on December 2, 2009 to consider disciplinary action due to a parent complaint. Superintendent McClain supports the actions of the principal, and reaffirmed her belief that all staff acted appropriately. The parent complaint initiated a review of DMUSD policy and procedures. Superintendent McClain reiterated her support of the actions of the principal, staff and herself.

Motion to adjourn into Closed Session:

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

8. The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss:
  - 8.1 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation** (Government Code Section 54956.9(c); Name of Case: One case
  - 8.2 **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release** (Government Code Sections 11126 and 54957); Parent Complaint

Motion to reconvene to Open Session at 5:35 p.m.

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

**9. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Regarding 8.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Sections 11126 and 54957); Parent Complaint

Board President Rodriguez reported the Board concluded its investigation and deliberation and after hearing all of the evidence, there is no action to report out. Both parties will be advised of the decision.

Staff and community members in attendance asked for clarification on the meaning of “concluded”. Board President Rodriguez clarified that the Board met to discuss the hearing held two weeks ago regarding a parent complaint, that the investigation has been completed and the Board concluded the investigation and there was no action to report out. Board

President Rodriguez clarified that discussion on Item 8.1 had not been completed.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a Motion to Adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

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

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Steven McDowell, Clerk

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Sharon L. McClain, Superintendent

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