

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

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

January 20, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Sage Canyon
5290 Harvest Run Drive
San Diego, CA 92130

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
 Dena Whittington, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Holly McClurg, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
 Mike Casey, Director of Technology
 Randy Wheaton, Director of Maintenance & Operations
 Charlene Komosinski, Director of Child Care/After School Programs
 Katie Shanahan, Coordinator State & Federal Projects
 Darlene Nadlonek, Human Resources Technician

DMUSD Staff Present: Shelley Petersen, Principal, Ashley Falls
 Erik Bienke, Dina Irwin, Kris Pike

Others Present: Approximately 60+ community members.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion White

Second McDowell

Unanimous

1. PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

- *Juli Oh*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase property, but feels a lease option is the best.
- *Vanessa Black*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase property.

- *Jennie Starr*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase property and to consider a lease if property is not available for purchase.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1.1 **Conference with Real Property Negotiator** (G.C. 54956.8)-Properties: 11250 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130 and 4106 Sorrento Valley Blvd., San Diego, CA 92127; Corner of Jimmy Durante Blvd. & San Dieguito Rd., Del Mar, CA 92014 — Agency Negotiator: Sharon McClain, Superintendent; 225 9th Street, Del Mar, CA, 92014 — Under Discussion: Sale/Lease Terms Between the City of Del Mar and the DMUSD.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

2. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rodriguez reported that the Board met with the District's real estate brokers and directed them to gather more information and prepare a report for January 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting to be presented in Open Session. The Board directed Superintendent McClain to contact the City of Del Mar to find out if they are interested in extending the current lease at 225 9th Street, Del Mar, CA, and on what terms.

3. NOMINATION/APPROVAL, BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN FINANCIAL TASK FORCE

Member White nominated Member Perkins, seconded by Member McDowell. Member White nominated Member McDowell, seconded by Member Rodriguez. Member McDowell respectively declined the nomination due to being involved in a number of other commitments and not having the time to serve.

By a unanimous vote, Member Perkins was selected to serve on the Strategic Planning Financial Task Force.

The Board clarified that the co-chairs of the committee are equal voting participants and requested an update of the members serving on the task force at the January 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION/APPROVAL, 7/11 DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Motion to extend the time limit for public input to allow all speakers to address the Board regarding Item #4.

Motion Perkins
Second McDowell
Unanimous

Superintendent McClain outlined a five-step process for considering the recommendations and options presented by the 7/11 District Advisory Committee.

1. See – See the situation clearly
2. Know – Knowing what you want to accomplish
3. Expand the possibilities - Listen to other possibilities
4. Evaluate the consequences of each decision
5. Act – Make a fiscally and sound decision

Public Input

- *Chris Lien*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of using resources for the core mission, which is to provide a world-class education.
- *Heidi Niehart*, DMUSD parent, spoke against making any changes at Ashley Falls.
- *Vicki Hutchison*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of locating the district office in a location, which does not require students to move.
- *Joel Holliday*, DMUSD parent, asked that a school closure or reconfiguration not be considered unless all other options are thoroughly analyzed and will not solve the budget concerns.
- *Tom Sohn*, DMUSD parent, spoke against closing any of the DMUSD schools.
- *Gavin Hirst*, DMUSD parent, spoke against closing Ashley Falls School and /or locating the district office at Ashley Falls.
- *Arlene Dutchik*, DMUSD parent, spoke against locating the district office at Ashley Falls.
- *Will Holliday*, DMUSD parent, spoke against closing any of the DMUSD schools.
- *Jennie Starr*, DMUSD parent, spoke against closing any of the DMUSD schools.
- *Dani Starr*, DMUSD student, asked the Board to not close Del Mar Hills Academy.
- *Lesley Ballard*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of the Board making the fiscally sound decision for the entire district.
- *Sheri Ascencio*, DMUSD parent, spoke against closing Ashley Falls School or locating the district office at Ashley Falls.
- *Suzanne Hall*, DMUSD parent, spoke against increasing class size and in favor of closing a school.
- *Wayne Harris*, DMUSD parent, urged the Board to seek the opinion of the attorney general regarding locating the district office outside the boundaries of the district.
- *Leandra Kalt*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of combining Del Mar Hills and Del Mar Heights and fiscal responsibility for the entire district.
- *Jill Steiner*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of a fiscally responsible decision to support the education programs rather than facilities.
- *Doug Rafner*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of locating district offices on currently owned land.
- *Kate Takahashi*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of closing a school.
- *Juli Oh*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of purchasing a property for relocating the district office.
- *Marcus Klebe*, future DMUSD parent, asked the Board to base its decision on what is in the best interests of the community and in support of not closing a school.

- *Vanessa Black*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of Supt McClain's recommendation to purchase property for a district office and to take school closure off the table.
- *Michele Macosky*, DMUSD parent, spoke regarding the use of Mello Roos dollars and their appropriate use as well as the safety concerns of locating the district office at a school site.
- *Karen Coleman*, DMUSD parent, spoke in support of maintaining the arts and the Board's decision to be based on what is best for the district.
- *Kendra Archer*, DMUSD parent, spoke against closing any school in the district and looking for a long-term solution.
- *Jeanette Nichols*, DMUSD parent, urged the Board to make an informed decision and lead the district.
- *Wendy Maron*, DMUSD parent, spoke against locating the district office at Ashley Falls School.
- *Julie Broadwin*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of doing what is best for the entire district.
- *Vicki Miranda*, DMUSD parent, appealed to the Board to collaborate to and hear the needs and then the solutions and strategies will emerge.
- *Janet Melugin*, DMUSD parent, spoke against locating the district office at Ashley Falls and in favor of purchasing property for the district office.
- *Janet Handzel*, DMUSD parent, spoke against classroom cuts and in favor of investing wisely, i.e. a for profit preschool.
- *Karen Stangland*, DMUSD parent, spoke against closing a school in the district.
- *Lisa Barthelomy*, DMUSD parent, spoke against locating district offices at Ashley Falls.

Supt. McClain summarized the recommendation and alternatives presented to the Board for relocating the district office, including purchasing a property to accommodate all departments within the district.

The Board directed staff to pursue the possibility of remaining at the current location thereby providing the Board more time to examine legal issues related to all the options presented.

Board Discussion

The Board will solicit legal opinions relative to zoning, general plan, impact to the City of Del Mar, coastal commission, restrictions, joint use, etc. The Board requested the opinion be from attorneys familiar and experienced with these types of issues within the City of San Diego. The Board asked for a cost benefit analysis, fiscal and educational impact for any proposals to close a school or an alteration of current usage, summarize all the costs and timing of the process of closing school.

The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the \$8.3 million from the sale of the Shores property. Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Dena Whittington,

reminded the Board that if the Board decides to forgo deferred maintenance there are options available for moving some of the money. Asst. Supt. Whittington did not support the option. Asst. Supt. Whittington will report at the January 27, 2010 Board meeting, the amount the district would have to forgo, and the impact on the district.

Motion to remove the closure of Ashley Falls School from consideration.

Motion McDowell
Second White
Unanimous

The Board asked clarifying questions about the plan for preschool and whether or not preschool children can be located at a school site. The Board expressed an interest in consulting with a space planner and obtaining information on the size of the district offices in neighboring districts. The Board expressed concern in moving special education students and staff confirmed that special education students can be moved and their needs met at any of the DMUSD schools.

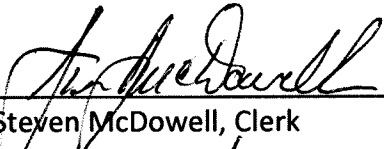
Board President Rodriguez summarized:

- Proposal H has been removed from consideration.
- The Board took no action on the proposals presented by the 7/11 DAC.
- The Board needs a more information before action can be taken.
- May the district co-locate with the City of Del Mar or SDUHSD.
- Is it legal to locate departments within the DMUSD to various locations?

5. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

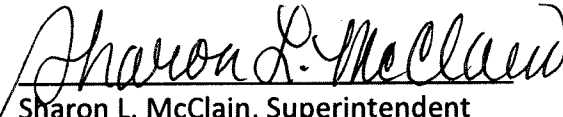
There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a Motion to Adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

Motion Easton
Second McDowell
Unanimous



Steven McDowell, Clerk
3/15/2010

Date



Sharon L. McClain, Superintendent
3/15/10

Date