

DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

May 12, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Carmel Del Mar
12345 Carmel Del
Del Mar, CA 92014

Members Present: Comischell Rodriguez, President of the Board
Kristin Gibson
Doug Rafner
Doug Perkins

Members Absent: Scott Wooden, Clerk of the Board

Administrators Present: James Peabody, Superintendent
Holly McClurg, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
Cathy Birks, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Others: Barry Holcomb, Ziba Kaboli-Gerbrands, Lee Yen Andersen, E.A. Stewart, Barbara Harper, Keith Cosbey, Lola Walker, Janet Holcomb, Liz Dysart, Juli Oh, Danica Sheres, Tamra Atwood, Cynthia Rashan, Jenn Beamer, Jodie Block and approximately eight other community members.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED WAS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Motion to Approve the Agenda
Motion Rafner
Second Perkins
Unanimous
3. **PUBLIC INPUT**
 - *Juli Oh*, DMSD parent, urged the board to work with the three vendors whom have submitted bids to meet compliance standards.
 - *Yana Mohanty*, DMUSD parent, shared her thought that SDUHSD's description of the ingredients and the preparation of the lunch offerings is not accurate.
 - *Keith Cosbey*, owner of Choice Lunch, shared the number of schools currently being served by his firm with NSLP compliant menus.
 - *E.A. Stuart*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of re-opening the bid process with a revised RFP.

- *Ziba Kaboli*, Revolution Foods, spoke of how she currently provides meals to other schools and would like to work with the DMUSD to improve student health.
- *Lee Yen Anderson*, DMUSD parent and Lunch Committee member, stated the Lunch Committee recommends the Board re-open bids (Option 2) with an expedited timetable to award a contract by June.
- *Lola Walker*, DMUSD parent and nutritionist, expressed disappointment in the quality of the products currently served to students and her appreciation for the Board's open mindedness for nutritional advancement.
- *Janet Holcomb*, owner of Ki's Restaurant, spoke regarding Ki's ability to provide what is required for school lunches.
- *Nancy Brown*, registered dietician, worked with Ki's in analyzing the nutritional value of lunches served; and confirmed that lunches met all nutritional standards.
- *Phoebe Von Reis*; DMUSD parent, spoke of the importance of the "big picture"; the environmental affects of ingredients, packaging, etc.
- *Cynthia Rajshan*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of a nutritionally sound lunch program provided by a new vendor.
- *Jodi Block*, DMUSD parent, spoke in favor of a new lunch program with both organic and processed food with one of the three vendors submitting bids.
- *Barbara Harper*, former DMUSD parent, spoke of her work with districts to provide a nutritionally sound lunch program and finding the middle ground.

4. Board Direction on the Award of Agreement for Vended Meal Service Provider

Superintendent Peabody thanked the public for their input and summarized the need for re-opening bids to ensure all requirements for the lunch program are satisfied. He shared that in order to comply with law the Board may want to consider moving forward with a Brown Act Committee. Superintendent Peabody summarized the three Options presented to the Board for consideration, as follows: Option 1, Work with the current three bidders on the sixteen items silent in the RFP; Option 2, Reopen the bidding process with a revised RFP; Option 3, Continue with the San Dieguito Union High School District lunch program.

Board discussion:

The Board expressed appreciation to community members and staff for their input and hard work to improve the lunch program for students. Staff fielded questions from the Board relative to the rebidding process and its timeframe, the formation of a Brown Act Committee and its purpose, the challenges of working with the current three bidders, the content and language in a new RFP, etc. The Board discussed the formation of a Brown Act committee for the purpose of continuing the work of the ad-hoc Lunch Committee. The Board directed staff to proceed with the tentative development of a Brown Act committee.

Staff confirmed that Option Two can be brought into compliance and that, as a school district, we are obligated to invite other school districts to participate in the bidding process. Staff also cautioned that if the Board approves a bid from an outside vendor the district must show evidence to support the decision to award a contract to an outside vendor versus a school district.

Motion to adopt Option Two with an expedited timetable, the usage of more inclusive language in the RFP and with the understanding that a Special Board Meeting may be called to meet the shortened timetable.

Motion Perkins
Second Gibson
Unanimous (4-0-0)

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a Motion to Adjourn at 11:58 a.m.

Motion Gibson
Second Perkins
Unanimous



Scott Wooden, Clerk

5/25/11

Date



James Peabody, Superintendent

5/25/11

Date