

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

January 24, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Nelson Martinez, President, in the District Board Room.

Call to Order

Members present:

Roll Call

Susan Andriacchi	Roger Bañuelos
Dennis Curtis (absent)	Nelson Martinez
Israel Mora	(arrived 7:30 p.m.)

Administrators present:

Dr. Thomas R. Johnstone, Superintendent
Thomas J. Cox, Chief Business Official

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Colleen O'Boyle.

Colleen O' Boyle, Da Vinci Design Principal, provided a very interesting presentation for the Board. She thanked the Board for the outstanding relationship that the Da Vinci Schools have with the District and with the Del Aire Community.

Special Presentation

There are currently 413 students at the Design School. This year the school has hired two outstanding counselors to work with 11th graders on the college application process. The counselors are Candice Baker and Karen Grace-Baker. In January, the counselors held a College Night for the junior class and 95% of the parents attended. All of the juniors have taken the Princeton Review Assessment (PRA) Exam to determine strengths and deficits, and compass learning is being used to help students work in areas that they need to strengthen. Students have the opportunity to take honors track classes in all 10th and 11th grade classes. These classes are very challenging both for the teachers and the students, and they are working with Antioch University in providing rigor for the classes. Honors classes include Chemistry, Algebra II, English, World History and Spanish.

Da Vinci Design is also working with The Art Center in Pasadena to provide an illustration course and the design process. Da Vinci Design students in the Documentary Class are also working on the Wiseburn History Project.

Ms. O'Boyle spoke to the Board about the Design Challenges that occur monthly on Fridays that focus on social awareness issues and issues such as homelessness.

The Board had several questions and expressed their appreciation to Ms. O'Boyle for the fine work that her school is doing.

Jeremy Cogan from Caldwell Flores Winters made a presentation of a \$1,000 check to Superintendent Dr. Tom Johnstone to be given to Vanessa Suarez, who is a graduating senior at Da Vinci Science.

The Caldwell Flores Winters Foundation was established 5 years ago and over the last five years has provided more than \$250,000 in scholarships. Their goal is to reward students who have persevered through obstacles in their lives. Vanessa Suarez is in the top 25% of her class and she has excelled in Theatre Arts. Dr. Johnstone will be presenting Vanessa with the check on February 7, 2012.

Ms. Aileen Harbeck, Dana Middle School Principal, thanked Dr. Johnstone for being the Master of Ceremonies for the Geography Bee.

From the Public

Dr. Chris Jones, Juan de Anza School Principal, shared that the Technology Committee is working on the Technology Plan Revision for the next three years, which will be presented to the Board in late spring. And he also mentioned that the Technology Festival will be occurring on March 10, 2012.

Ms. Andriacchi gave an overview of the Girls on the Run Program and expressed that she would be interested in launching a Girls on the Run Program for girls 8-13 years old in Wiseburn. The Girls on the Run Program is focused on issues of self-esteem and cardiovascular health and targets girls who normally wouldn't run. The program would need a space, a coach and accommodations for a 12-week program that would culminate with a 5K race at the end.

From the Board

Ms. Andriacchi also asked for an update on the Burnett Multipurpose Room Project.

Mr. Cox stated that the bids would be submitted by the contractors on February 1, 2012 and that a determination would be made on a contractor by the end of February.

Mr. Bañuelos commented that he had attended the Bulldog Best Ceremony on January 13, 2012. Mr. Bañuelos mentioned that the students were very enthusiastic and it was a great celebration of academic achievement and school pride.

Mr. Bañuelos expressed a concern about safety and traffic flow at the intersection of Isis and 135th Street and inquired about the process of requesting a Crossing Guard from the City of Hawthorne.

In closing, Mr. Bañuelos asked if we might consider turning the marquees off sooner as an energy savings measure and also look at other energy savings plans to in a small way help protect the budget.

Mr. Martinez thanked the Dana Middle School and Da Vinci staffs for their patience through yet another power outage on Monday, January 23, 2012. Dana Middle School experienced the same issues that they did on November 30, 2011 with regard to needing portable generators to run the ovens in the kitchen and the same issue of the automatic flush valves on the toilets not working without power.

Mr. Martinez thanked Dr. Jones for an outstanding Anza Art Night sponsored by PS Arts on January 20, 2012, and he thanked Dr. Jones for his hard work on the Local Education Agency Plan (LEA). The Board requested more time to read the Single Plans for Student Achievement.

Mr. Cox provided further information on the Burnett Multipurpose Room Project. He explained the bidding process and commented that we are still on target to select a contractor and begin construction in late March. Mr. Cox mentioned that he and Dr. Johnstone met with the Leadership Team at Peter Burnett on January 20, 2012 to answer any final questions and decide on some exterior colors for the Burnett Multipurpose Room.

From the Chief Business
Official

Mr. Cox gave a brief overview of the grave situation of the State Budget. He mentioned that the Governor's Budget Proposal for education for 2012-13 is a very bad proposal that will hurt all schools. The transportation issue still needs to be resolved. And the way that the current budget proposal is structured, schools would receive no increased funding for 2012-13 and could end up with a cut of \$270 per child which would bankrupt hundreds of districts.

Dr. Johnstone shared a correspondence that the district received the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to Nelson Martinez expressing that our budget had been approved by the County with a positive certification.

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Dr. Johnstone shared the winners of the Geography Bee at Dana Middle School on January 20, 2012.

From the Superintendent
(Cont'd.)

This year's first place winner is Walter Hines, who is an 8th grader; second place went to Kelly Crabtree, who is a 7th grader, third place went to Andrew Clark, an 8th grader, and 4th place went to Andrea Garcia, who is a 6th grader.

Walter Hines took a test during the week of January 23, 2012, which was sent to the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. for correction and we are waiting for scoring.

Dr. Johnstone shared that 8th grade Math Teacher, Kevin Corrinet was selected as the Veterans of Foreign War Teacher of the Year for the State of California, and he is now in competition for the National Veterans of Foreign War Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Johnstone shared the Big Bang Orchestra schedule for the remainder of the school year.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he had met with students in the Documentary Class at Da Vinci Design to discuss the Wiseburn History Project. Krisha Moeller is the teacher for the Documentary and Film Making Class and will be working with the students as this project unfolds.

Dr. Johnstone mentioned that he would be joining Nelson Martinez and any of the other Board members that are interested in touring Peter Burnett and Dana Middle Schools on February 3, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Johnstone reminded the Board that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 instead of Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012. Dr. Johnstone mentioned that he would be on a humanitarian trip with Rotary International to Puerto Rico from February 9, 2012 through February 13, 2012.

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 12, 2012.

M11.219
Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Banuelos, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan for the Wiseburn School District for 2012.

M11.220
LEA Plan

The item related to the Single Plan for Student Achievement for Juan de Anza, Peter Burnett and Juan Cabrillo Elementary Schools and Dana Middle School for 2012 was tabled and will be brought to the February 23, 2012 meeting.

M11.221
Single Plan for Student
Achievement

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 4-0 to receive the Audit Report for the 2010-11 school year.

M11.222
Audit Report

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify/approve attendance at the following meetings or conferences, including provision of substitute teachers as needed, and transportation by car at 40¢ per mile, or lowest reasonable air fare as appropriate:

M11.223
Conference Attendance

1. Elizabeth (Dee Dee) Zirbel at BTSA's "Mentor Training" in El Segundo on January 12, 2012 at no cost to the district.
2. Roshelle Chavez at the Los Angeles County of Education's (LACOE's) "Getting Started with Common Core" in Downey on January 13, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$100 to be paid from Southwest SELPA Funds.
3. Melissa Craig at Handwriting Without Tears' "Handwriting Without Tears" Conference in Los Angeles on January 14, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$60 for transportation and meals (Registration was free) to be paid from Title II Funds.
4. Jeff Krabel at the Southwest SELPA's "Behavior Management" in Redondo Beach on January 18, 2012 at no cost to the district.

5. David Wilson at LACOE's HRS Training, "Tables – District Maintained," "EDB Maintenance," "District Benefits & SFS Tables," and "PERS Retirement Coding & Prior Period Adjustment" in Downey on January 11, 2012, January 12, 2012 and February 21, 2012 at no cost to the district except for use of personal vehicle on district business. M11.223
Conference Attendance
(Cont'd.)

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve/ratify the following classified employment/additional hours to be paid from the Classified Salary Schedule unless otherwise noted: M11.224
Additional Hours –
Classified

Anza

1. Anthony Dunaway and Kathy Tiano, Noon Duty Supervision, approve up to 16 hours each for the 2011-12 school year to cover for other noon duty supervisors who are out, effective January 3, 2012 through June 14, 2012, to be paid at Classified Range 4, Step A to be paid from the General Fund.

Cabrillo

2. Kesia Maumalanga, SDC Instructional Aide, approve five (5) additional hours per week until the position is filled replacing Bobbie Worden, who resigned, effective January 5, 2012 through January 31, 2012 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step B from Special Education Funds.
3. Marsha Rhoades, Instructional Aide, approve up to 15 temporary hours as needed to help with classroom clay projects, effective January 11, 2012 through June 15, 2012 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step E from SI Funding.

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify one (1) additional hour each week for Andy DeSeriore and Mary Nies to teach an enrichment class – GATE and Intervention – at a rate of \$30 per hour, effective January 4, 2012 through June 8, 2012, not to exceed 20 hours per teacher to be paid from Intervention Funds. M11.225
Additional Hours -
Certificated

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve six (6) release days for Amber Franco and Grace Houzvicka, English Language Teachers, to work on the District's English Language Development Master Plan, effective January 10, 2012 through June 16, 2012 at a cost not to exceed approximately \$1,380 – the cost of substitute teachers – to be paid from the General Fund. M11.226
Release Days

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify Kathy Pittluck as the Reading Intervention Advisor providing after-school support for Juan de Anza students in grades K-5 who are experiencing difficulties with their reading skills, effective January 9, 2012 through May 25, 2012, to be paid at \$30 per hour for up to nine (9) hours per week, plus ten (10) hours of prep time, to be paid from Intervention Funds. M11.227
Reading Intervention
Advisor

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve an increase in assignment for Vivianne Coe, Teacher/SDC, from 60% to 75%, effective February 1, 2012. This will provide for an increase to salary and benefits, also effective February 1, 2012. M11.228
Increase Certificated
Assignment

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a Consultant's Agreement with Jennifer Brown for the Reading Intervention Program, to be paid \$20 per hour, not to exceed \$9,000, effective January through June 2012 to be paid from Intervention Funds. M11.229
Consultant's Agreement
– Jennifer Brown

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify a Consultant's Agreement with STAR, Inc., to provide direct one-on-one counseling, group and consultation support per IEP for students newly enrolled in the Prairie Vista Program, effective January 4, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at a cost of \$64 per hour for up to 10 hours per week, not to exceed \$20,000 to be paid from Southwest SELPA Funds. M11.230
Consultant's Agreement
– STAR, Inc. (SW
SELPA)

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to declare the following items from Juan Cabrillo School as obsolete:

M11.231
Obsolete Property

- 5 – ELMO Overhead Projectors

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve participation of 24 identified Dana Middle School students and staff liaison in the following program:

M11.232
After-School Enrichment
Program

- **Inside Out Community Arts program.** February 15, 2012 – May 25, 2012. Program will include weekly workshops with Teaching Artists, a field trip to see a professional performance, and culminates with a student written performance. This program is offered at no cost to parents and students. To be determined is the cost/fund location for bus transportation to two off-site activities.

The Board entered closed session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Mora moved and Ms. Andriacchi seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Roger Bañuelos
Clerk of the Board

Tom Johnstone
Secretary of the Board