REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES WISEBURN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 8, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Roger Bañuelos, President, in the District Board Room.

Call to Order

Members present:

Roll Call

Roger Bañuelos JoAnne Kaneda Dennis Curtis (called in, but absent for vote) Nelson Martinez

Israel Mora

Administrators present:

Dr. Thomas R. Johnstone, Superintendent Dr. Chris Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Vince Madsen, Director of Facilities Planning

David Wilson, Chief Business Official

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Master Colin Martinez.

The Board entered closed session at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m. There was no reportable action during Closed Session.

Closed Session

Juan de Anza School has participated in the STAR Anti-Gang, Anti-Drug and Anti-Violence curriculum for 5th graders for the past several years. Due to budget cuts, Anza School was dropped from the program. Deputy Floris was so impressed by Anza School that he has volunteered to continue the program at Anza at no cost to the district. Juan de Anza Principal, Sarah Nitsos, introduced five students who made presentations on their impressions of the STAR program that focused on bullying, strategies to stop bullying and how students can work to stop graffiti, drugs and alcohol. The students were Christian Gaudio, Amelia Romero. Makayla Wilson, Aiden Martinez and Calvin Nitsos. The presentation was very well received by the entire Board.

Special Presentation

With the upcoming construction of the Wiseburn Da Vinci High School facility, the Board requested that Terry Tao of Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo come and discuss potential construction delivery methods for the project. Mr. Tao discussed four different delivery options, including Competitive Bid, Multiple Prime, Multiple Prime At-Risk and Lease-Lease Back. Mr. Tao discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each method and left the Board with sufficient information to make a decision in the next few weeks on which method to select.

Lease-leaseback will not be an option for this project due to the contribution of charter school funding. Charter schools cannot use Lease-Lease Back.

The Board requested that Mr. Madsen do a workshop on how to do the high school project given different time line challenges and different funding source challenges. Once the Board has made a decision, Terry Tao will draft the appropriate contract.

Ms. Kaneda thanked the Anza students for their wonderful presentation and their wonderful message that actions have consequences. Ms. Kaneda commented that it is great to get this lesson early in life.

From the Board

Mr. Martinez shared that it was great to see both of his boys making a presentation at the same Board meeting. Mr. Martinez expressed his gratitude to Deputy Floris and indicated that his

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son is very enthusiastic about school on the days that Mr. Floris comes to work with the students.

From the Board (Cont'd.)

In closing, Mr. Martinez commended Juan de Anza School and staff for a wonderful and priceless Christmas program.

Mr. Mora shared that he had attended the Winter Concert at Dana Middle School, which included performances by Dana students and Da Vinci High School students. The performances by all of the students were outstanding.

Mr. Mora shared that he looks very much forward to completing the Memorandum of Understanding between Da Vinci and Wiseburn.

Mr. Bañuelos welcomed everybody back and welcomed everybody into the new year, 2015. He especially singled out the Wiseburn teachers because all of his boys were very anxious to go back to school.

In closing, Mr. Bañuelos shared that he was very pleased to have completed the evaluation of Dr. Tom Johnstone and he is glad that Dr. Johnstone is the Wiseburn superintendent.

Mr. Wilson provided the Board with a brief update on the student enrollment at Wiseburn's 4 schools. Anza is down 36 students. Burnett is down 10. This is over projections at the start of the year. Cabrillo is down 2 and Dana is up 59. Overall our numbers are up by 24 students over projection. Currently the enrollment is 2,574 students. We had projected 2,550.

From the Chief Business Official

Dr. Jones shared with the Board that he is working on an emergency plan for the loss of electricity at our schools as this pertains to our servers and technology systems. Our servers are dependent upon air conditioning to keep them cool. And during power outages this can become a serious problem. The District is currently revising the maintenance plan for all of our generators and also designing a notification system so when the power goes down, we can tell whether the school is being powered by the generator or if the regular electricity has been restored.

From the Deputy Superintendent

In closing, Dr. Jones shared that Dr. Matt Wunder, Dr. Tom Johnstone and he had a very successful meeting with the Del Aire Neighborhood Association on January 6, 2015.

Mr. Madsen was very pleased to inform the Board that Wiseburn has received DSA Close Out letters for Juan Cabrillo and Dana Middle Schools and that the Burnett Construction Project should be closed out by the end of January. This would make Wiseburn one of the very few districts in the State with all of their projects closed out.

From Director of Facilities Planning

In closing Mr. Madsen shared that he and Dr. Johnstone had attended two meetings with DSA to discuss fire, life and safety issues and structural issues. The fire life and safety issues are moving in a very positive direction and we hope to have revised plans back to DSA in early February.

Dr. Johnstone asked Emilio Flores of Caldwell Flores Winters and Liesel Lee Wells from Nixon and Peabody to provide the Board with information regarding the refunding of 2005 and 2007 Series Bonds. The refunding will involve \$22,500,000 in bonds and will save Wiseburn taxpayers \$2,400,000. Most of these savings will be realized by commercial land holders, but the average Wiseburn resident will save \$84 over the final years of refinancing the bonds.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone shared two pieces of correspondence from Lawndale and Centinela Valley regarding their Board officers for 2015. Dr. Johnstone also shared with the Board that the State of California has come up with an alternative school recognition program while the new SBAC tests are being designed. This first year the State will be recognizing middle schools and high schools. Dana Middle School is applying for a California Golden School Award and also an Exemplary Program Award that will highlight the Cross Fit and Nutrition Programs.

Page 67, Minutes January 8, 2015 Dr. Johnstone thanked the Board for allowing him and Board members, Roger Bañuelos and Nelson Martinez to attend the CSBA Conference in San Francisco this year.

From the Superintendent (Cont'd.)

Dr. Johnstone echoed Board member Israel Mora's comments on the outstanding Dana Middle School Winter Concert.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he was very impressed with the St. Margaret's Christmas Event at Morningside High School. The event served 437 families, many of them from Wiseburn. Dr. Johnstone thanked Dr. Don Brann and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, and Israel Mora for participating in the program.

Dr. Johnstone informed the Board that eight people from Wiseburn and Da Vinci will be attending the School Services initial Governor's Budget Conference in Ontario on January 14, 2015.

In closing, Dr. Johnstone worked with the Board to attempt to come up with a common date for the Joint Board meeting with Da Vinci Schools.

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held December 11, 2014.

M14.248 Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Ms. Kaneda, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt Resolution #14/15.17 – Authorizing the issuance and sale of Wiseburn Unified School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2015 Series A and 2015 Series B, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$22,500,000 and approving certain other matters relating to the bonds.

M14.249 Resolution #14/15.17 – G.O. Bond Refunding

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve an agreement with Murdoch, Walrath & Holmes for consultative services regarding unification and the High School Facility, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at a cost of \$240 per hour, not to exceed \$12,000, to be paid from Bond Funds.

M14.250 Murdoch, Walrath & Holmes

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc., to act as consultant and financial advisor related to District facilities. The amendment extends the original contract for a term of five years and shall expire no later than December 31, 2019, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

M14.251 Amendment No. 1 -CFW

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Chief Business Official to make interfund cash transfers among the District's various funds in accordance with the 2014-15 adopted and modified District budgets and Education Code section 42603.

M14.252 Interfund Cash Transfers

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, 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 50ϕ per mile, or lowest reasonable air fare as appropriate:

M14.253 Conference Attendance

- 1. Jose Briseno, Marco Chavez and Jared Crugnale, Custodian/Groundskeepers, approve up to 8 temporary overtime hours each to provide support to the Harmony Project at the Dana Middle School MPR on designated Saturdays in January and February 2015 to be paid at each person's appropriate Range/Step from Gym Fees. All costs to be reimbursed to the District by the Harmony Project.
- 2. Jesus de Jesus and Barry Williams at UCLA's "NSTA Conference UCLA TIIP IV" in Long Beach on December 4-6, 2014 at no cost to the district. All expenses paid through UCLA TIIP Grant.
- 3. Maria Garcia at Creative Smarts, Incorporated's "Greg Tang Math Creative Smarts Inc." in Ontario on December 8-9, 2014 at an approximate cost of \$441 to be paid through

Page 68, Minutes January 8, 2015 Common Core Funds.

4. Aileen Harbeck, Mary Nies, Janae Jeffery and Joy Yamane at Dataworks Educational Seminars' "Demystifying Common Core Assessment" in Buena Park on January 13, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$408 to be paid from Common Core Funds.

Conference Attendance (Cont'd.)

M14.253

- 5. Melissa Coughlin at Association of California School Administrators' "2015 Every Child Counts Symposium" in Monterey on January 14-16, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$1,215 to be paid from Special Education Funds.
- 6. Tom Johnstone, David Wilson, Ana Montes, Alicia Galindo and Margaret Patterson at Capitol Advisors' "2015-16 Governor's Budget Workshop" in Downey on January 26, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$20 to be paid from the General Fund.
- 7. Aracelia Fernandez and Silke Tecun at LACOE's "PC Products Workshop" in Downey on January 27, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$50 to be paid from the General Fund.
- 8. Andrea Kabwasa at Think Social Publishing Incorporated's "Social Thinking Conference" in Long Beach on January 28-30, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$462 to be paid from Supplemental Funds.
- 9. Janae Jeffery at the Southwest SELPA's "If It Isn't Written Down, It Didn't Happen" in Redondo Beach on February 5, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$138 to be paid from Special Education Funds.
- 10. Margaret Lynch, Chris Jones, Aileen Harbeck, Cathy Waller, Sarah Nitsos, Laura Sullivan and Blake Silvers at ACSA's "Having Hard Conversations 1" in Manhattan Beach on February 12, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$1,855 to be paid from General Fund
- 11. Janae Jeffery at the Southwest SELPA's "Academic RTI" in Redondo Beach on March 19, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$83 to be paid from Special Education Funds.
- 12. Vince Madsen at C.A.S.H.'s "C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy" in Sacramento on various dates between March 19, 2015 through January 16, 2016 at an approximate cost of \$9,300 to be paid by Developer Fee Funds.

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, 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:

M14.254 Additional Hours – Classified

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- 1. Nelly Niebla, Instructional Aide, approve up to 2 temporary hours per week to support Pre-K assessment of bilingual students, effective December 5, 2014 through December 19, 2015 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step E from Special Education Funds.
- 2. Michelle Garcia, Instructional Aide, approve up to 11.25 temporary part-time hours per week to help cover vacant position, effective December 12, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step E from the General Fund.
- 3. Armando Zepeda, Instructional Aide, approve up to 19.75 part-time hours per week to cover a one-on-one instructional aide position, effective December 12, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step C from the General Fund.
- 4. June Christine Hall, Food Service Worker, approve up to 19.75 hours per week at Dana Middle School, effective January 5, 2015 to be paid at Classified Range 1, Step A from Cafeteria Funds.

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify additional hours for Talking Teaching Common Core State Standards Planning Meetings for Dana Middle School Math and Science Department, in an amount not to exceed one (1) hour per teacher per month for 10 months to be paid at \$30 per hour, effective December 15, 2014 through June 19, 2015 to be paid from Common Core Funds:

M14.255 Additional Hours – Talking Teaching

Evelyn Andrade Gabrielle Irvin
Jesus de Jesus Scott Nguyen
Luis Gamez Ramon Rodriguez
Maria Garcia Jessica Shim
Candy Gray Elizabeth Snider

Elvira Spadafora Kris Torrey Barry Williams On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve additional hours for Deanna Ableser, who will work with students in a program called "Calling All Actors and Writers" Program, effective January 16, 2015 through March 20, 2015, to be paid at \$30 per hour for up to 15 hours total to be paid from Parent Fees.

M14.256 Additional Hours – Actors/Writers Program

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify up to one hour of pay for each listed employee (Classified), for training on use of epiPens in case of emergency as per new law, effective January 1, 2015. Temporary one hour is for aides and other classified employees listed. All others received training as part of their regular work day. Overtime hours will apply for those who work a regular 8-hour day / 40 hours per week and training was not part of their regular 40 hours:

M14.257 Additional Hours – epiPen Training

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve membership in the Small School Districts Association (SSDA) at an approximate cost of \$1,980 to be paid from the General Fund.

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M14.258 Membership - SSDA

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify additional funds to the Consultant's Agreement with Dr. Diana Hiatt-Michael for the development of an Extended Day Program in an amount not to exceed an additional \$500, effective September 29, 2014 through June 30, 2015, to be paid from the General Fund and reimbursed by the Dana Extended Day Program Funds.

M14.259 Consultant's Agreement – Additional Funds

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify a Consultant's Agreement with Dr. Diana Hiatt-Michael as Program Director for the Extended Day Program at Dana Middle School at \$45 per hour, not to exceed a total of \$11,200 or approximately 249 hours, effective December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to be paid from the General Fund and reimbursed by the Dana Extended Day Program Funds.

M14.260 Consultant's Agreement – Dr. Diana Hiatt-Michael

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify a Consultant's Agreement with Dr. Lori Travis, for two workshops for students at Dana Middle School Extended Day Program, not to exceed \$50, effective December 17, 2014 to be paid from Extended Day Program Fees.

M14.261 Consultant's Agreement – Dr. Lori Travis On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify a Consultant's Agreement with Perry S. Shimanoff for the Custodial Staffing Survey, not to exceed \$1,995, effective January 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015 to be paid from the General Fund.

M14.262 Consultant's Agreement – Perry S. Shimanoff

On a motion by Ms. Kaneda, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the following Southwest SELPA Consultants for the 2014-15 school year, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

M14.263 Southwest SELPA Consultants

- <u>Dr. Tasha Arneson</u>, Aggression Replacement Training (ART), effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, to be paid an amount not to exceed \$2,500.
- Emily Iland, Inc., Back to School Safety Forum (Be Safe Interactive Screening), effective October 28, 2014 to be paid at an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to be paid from Southwest SELPA Funds.
- John Lucas, SW SELPA LACOE Program Return Feasibility Study, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, to be paid in an amount not to exceed \$14,000 to be paid from SW SELPA Funds.

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the resignation of Tianesha Brown, Food Services Worker, effective November 21, 2014.

M14.264 Resignation - Classified

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to terminate Substitute Teacher, Evan Rabins, effective December 1, 2014.

M14.265 Termination

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Amy Primbsch as a temporary teacher working a 40% assignment and job sharing with two tenured staff members who are on partial paid leaves, effective August 25, 2014 through June 19, 2015 and to be paid at Certificated Salary Schedule Column III, Step 8 from the General Fund.

M14.266 Temporary Teacher – 40%

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Ileana M. Stanley as an On-Call Substitute Teacher, effective January 5, 2015 to be paid at \$115 per day from the General Fund.

M14.267 On-Call Substitute Teacher

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the job description and salary ranges for the newly created position, Facility Support Custodian. This position will assist with the scheduling and providing support in connection with the District's civic center usage.

M14.268 Job Description – Facilities Support Custodian

The Board entered closed session at 9:25 p.m. and reconvened at 10:14 p.m. There was no reportable action during Closed Session.

Closed Session

Ms. Kaneda moved and Mr. Martinez seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Israel Mora Clerk of the Board
Tom Johnstone
Secretary of the Board