

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

**November 15, 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:

Susan Andriacchi

Dennis Curtis

Israel Mora

Roger Bañuelos (absent)

Nelson Martinez

Roll Call

Administrators present:

Dr. Thomas R. Johnstone, Superintendent

David Wilson, Director of Budget and Accounting

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Da Vinci Innovation Academy Student, Ethan Barksdale.

The Board received a very positive and informative presentation from staff members, parents and students from Da Vinci Innovation Academy. The presenters included Principal, Nicole Tempel-Assisi; Assistant Principal, Michelle Rainey; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, Ethan Barksdale; Paula Barksdale -- Mother of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student; Mark Lucas, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, James “Luke” Lucas, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and their father, James Lucas; Chris Miko, a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Kelly Ann Wallace, Special Education Teacher; and Melissa Bartley, a Social Studies Teacher.

Special Presentation

The presentation focused on project-based learning and the social-emotional component at Da Vinci Innovation Academy and family-facilitated learning.

Chris Miko explained a project that his students completed on Ancient Egypt that took six weeks and he shared several student artifacts, including written reports. Kelly Ann Wallace expressed that she loves her assignment at Da Vinci Innovation Academy and appreciates the freedom to experiment and explore with her students along with the wonderful support that she gets from families. Ethan Barksdale, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, shared that he loves the group research project and the exhibition nights where they are able to demonstrate what they have learned with their parents and the community. Paula Barksdale, Da Vinci Innovation Academy parent, made a very enthusiastic presentation on what is working at Da Vinci Innovation Academy, especially how student centered and responsive the Da Vinci Innovation Academy staff is in supporting both students and parents. Mrs. Barksdale shared that the Da Vinci Innovation Academy experience has changed Ethan’s life and has stimulated his intellectual curiosity, and it has inspired her to become a better parent. The Lucas family shared their experiences and how the Da Vinci Innovation Academy experience addresses their family’s needs. They especially like the fact that the students intellectual curiosity is satisfied and that every day is very different.

In closing, Dr. Matt Wunder showed a Da Vinci Science video that focuses on potential future options for simultaneous high school college coursework.

Ms. Andriacchi gave an update on the Wiseburn Education Foundation and mentioned that President, Scott Morgan, will be resigning effective December 31, 2012 and mentioned that Danny Juarez will also be stepping down but both will continue to support the Education Foundation in an advisory role.

From the Board

In closing, Ms. Andriacchi thanked the Wiseburn community for their support with Measure CL.

From the Board  
(Cont'd.)

Mr. Curtis mentioned that the Construction Project at Peter Burnett is looking very good and that we are down to doing Punch List items as the project nears completion.

Mr. Mora expressed his gratitude to the Wiseburn community for the successful passage of Measure CL and Proposition 30 and he mentioned that the District looks forward to smaller class sizes and the elimination of furloughs.

Mr. Martinez expressed that the months of October and November were extremely busy. He also thanked the community for their support on November 6<sup>th</sup> with Measure CL and Proposition 30, and he specifically thanked the teachers for all their help with Measure CL.

He mentioned that the Annual Juan de Anza Parent Night Out at Delzano's netted \$6,700 for the Juan de Anza PTA, and he thanked Maria Pita, the Juan de Anza PTA and Delzano's for all of their support with this event.

He shared that the meeting with the El Segundo Unified School District Board was very productive and he specifically thanked Dr. Tom Johnstone and his family for their leadership role with Measure CL.

Mr. Wilson shared that the Department of Finance Report for the month of October was more optimistic with \$208,000,000 more collected in taxes than had been anticipated and that for the current year the tax receipts are only .07 percent under what had been forecast. Mr. Wilson stated that this better economic situation will be reflected in the First Interim Report, which will be delivered to the Board in December.

From the Director of  
Budget and Accounting

Dr. Johnstone shared that Peter Burnett Principal, Laura Sullivan, had received a \$5,000 donation from Food for Less. Dana Middle School received a \$5,000 donation from Chevron to support the Project Lead the Way Program.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone asked Emilio Flores from Caldwell Flores Winters to share with the Board the results of the interviews to select an underwriter for the sale of Measure AA bonds in December 2012. The District interviewed three firms, which included Stone and Youngberg, De La Rosa and Company and RBC Capital Markets. All of the firms represented themselves well but in the end the District has selected RBC Capital to work with.

Dr. Johnstone shared the Thanksgiving letter that will be hand-delivered to each residence in the Wiseburn community during the week of Thanksgiving.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he was working hard with Community Outreach Efforts for Wiseburn High School. On November 6<sup>th</sup> he and Board members met with the El Segundo City Council, on November 8<sup>th</sup> he met with the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce, on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> he met with the Commander of the Los Angeles Air Force Base, and on November 13<sup>th</sup> he and Board members met with the El Segundo Unified School District.

Dr. Johnstone shared that he and Dr. McDaniel and Mr. Cox and a representative from the The Planning Center had met with officials from the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) on November 6<sup>th</sup> for a four-hour meeting. This was a very productive meeting and it set timelines for the completion of the CEQA Process on the 201 Douglas Potential High School Site. There will be a public hearing to share results of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) on Tuesday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Dana Middle School. It is expected that the Draft EIR will be made public during the second week of January 2013.

Dr. Johnstone shared that the District would be entering into a contract with Dr. Bruce McDaniel who will provide support to the district as a Facilities Advisor for issues related to the Wiseburn High School Project.

In closing Dr. Johnstone shared that he had attended the BOOST Extravaganza on November 15 <sup>th</sup> at Juan Cabrillo School and that this is always a wonderful event.	From the Superintendent (Cont'd)
On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held October 25, 2012.	M12.140 Minutes
On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt Resolution #12/13.10, Authorizing a Preliminary Official Statement and a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Designating an Underwriter in Connection with the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, 2010 Election, 2012 Series C.	M12.141 Resolution #12/13.10, Authorizing Preliminary Official Statement
On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 4-0 to approve additional inspection and testing fees with Leighton Consulting, Inc., for the Peter Burnett Multi-Purpose Room at an amount not to exceed \$34,000, and the Dana Middle School Concession Stand at an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to be paid from Bond Funds.	M12.142 Leighton Consulting – Additional Fees
On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to approve purchase orders #100633-100722, warrants and miscellaneous receipts as submitted.	M12.143 Purchase Orders, Warrants and Miscellaneous Receipts
On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, 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:	M12.144 Conference Attendance
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Chris Jones at Riordan Foundation's "Leveraging Technology in Education in Los Angeles on October 29, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$35 to be paid from Title II Funds.</li> <li>2. Ms. Sarah Nitsos at the PTA's "Partners for Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in Long Beach on November 1, 2012 at no cost to the district.</li> <li>3. Jessica Aguilar at the Southwest SELPA's "Intervening with Suicidal &amp; Self-Injurious Students: Utilizing the Resources" in Redondo Beach on November 7, 2012 at no cost to the district.</li> <li>4. Ted Okasinski at The Boomerang Project's "WEB Information Training / Meeting" in Corona on November 7, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$50 to be paid from Dana Donation Funds.</li> <li>5. Paula Meyer at LACOE's "1099 Processing" in Downey on December 12, 2012 from 9:00-12:00 p.m. at an approximate cost of \$15 to be paid from the General Fund.</li> <li>6. Ana Montes at LACOE's "Commission on Teacher Credentialing Assignment Monitoring Webcast Meeting" in Downey on December 4, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$15 to be paid from the General Fund.</li> </ol>	
On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, 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:	M12.145 Additional Hours – Classified

#### District

1. Marco Chavez, Custodian/Groundskeeper, approve up to five (5) temporary overtime hours to provide custodial support for the Dana Middle School Spooktacular, effective October 26, 2012 to be paid at his appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.
2. Lisa Brescino, Julie Espinoza, Mary Penna, and Denise Galvan, Instructional Aides, approve up to 20 temporary hours each for translation needed for Parent Conferences, effective October 2012 through June 2013, to be paid at their appropriate Range/Step from EIA Funds.

#### Anza

3. All Juan de Anza School Instructional Aides, approve up to 9 hours per week each on a

rotating basis to cover half the shift of an employee who is out on medical leave for 30 days, effective October 29, 2012 through November 30, 2012 to be paid at each aide's appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.

M12.145  
Additional Hours –  
Classified (Cont'd.)

4. Bianca Perez, Noon Duty Supervisor, approve up to 6.25 part-time hours per week, effective as soon as fingerprints clear through June 14, 2013 to replace Laurie Chipeco to be paid at her appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.
5. Lauren Torres, Instructional Aide, approve up to 15 part-time hours per week, effective October 29, 2012 through June 15, 2013 to replace Christine Bathauer, who resigned, to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step A from Special Education Funds.
6. Veronica Leeder, Bianca Perez and Raymond O'Dell, Noon Duty Supervisors, approve up to 3 temporary hours per week to cover shifts for other aides, effective October 29, 2012 through June 14, 2013 to be paid at each aide's appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.

#### Cabrillo

7. Joyce Tomizawa Mendoza, approve 19.75 part-time hours to supervise a new student coming from Inglewood, effective October 30, 2012 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step A from Special Education Funds. Wiseburn to invoice Inglewood Unified School District to be reimbursed.

#### Dana

8. Gigi Hunt, Instructional Aide, approve up to 13.75 hours per week as a one-on-one aide for a new student, effective October 29, 2012 through June 14, 2013 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step A from Special Education Funds.
9. Jean Maldonado, Instructional Aide, approve an increase in hours from 16.25 to 19.75 hours per week, to be paid at his appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund. Jean was voluntarily transferred to a vacant position.
10. Meena Shrestha, Instructional Aide, approve an increase in hours from 16.25 to 17.50 hours per week per IEP, effective October 29, 2012 to be paid at her appropriate Range/Step from Special Education Funds.
11. Mark Rehbein, Back Pack Club Intervention, approve 1 to 2 hours per month to supervise Back Pack Club Intervention Program, not to exceed 12 hours, effective October 29, 2012 through June 17, 2013 to be paid at his appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.
12. Daysi Castro Lopez, Instructional Aide, approve 16.25 part-time hours per week for a student with an IEP, effective November 2, 2012 to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step A from the General Fund.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify three (3) additional hours for Emily Witkowski, Substitute Teacher, to coordinate with Vivianne Coe to prepare for sub coverage of classroom, to be paid at \$30 per hour from the General Fund.

M12.146  
Additional Hours -  
Witkowski

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to approve up to three (3) additional days for Sara Esfahani, Psychologist, to finish testing of student per IEP and provide some overlap time with returning Psychologist, Rina Shah, effective January 1, 2013 through January 31, 2013. Salary placement continues at Step II of the Psychologist Salary Schedule and to be paid from the General Fund.

M12.147  
Additional Days -  
Esfahani

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify the following certificated participants to attend the Loyola Marymount University CMAST Math Professional Development, effective November 2, 2012, not to exceed 2.5 hours each at a rate of \$30 per hour to be paid from Dana Donation Funds (Boeing):

M12.148  
CMAST Professional  
Development - Math

- Evelyn Andrade
- Maria Garcia
- Candy Gray
- Rebecca Laszacs
- Carol Martinez
- Elizabeth Snider

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify the following certificated participants to attend the Loyola Marymount University CMAST Science Professional Development, effective November 2, 2012, not to exceed 1 hour each at a rate of \$30 per hour to be paid from Dana Donation Funds (Boeing):

- Scott Nguyen
- Kris Torrey
- Barry Williams

M12.149  
CMAST Professional  
Development - Science

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify Carol Martinez and Lisa Wilbert as CREST teachers who will teach a one-hour English Language Arts or Math Intervention class two times per week, effective November 5, 2012 through June 7, 2013 to be paid \$30 per hour for up to 2 hours per week to be paid from Intervention Funds.

M12.150  
CREST Intervention  
Teachers

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify Charles “Andy” DeSeriere to teach the GATE Intervention class twice a week, effective November 6, 2012 through June 7, 2013, to be paid \$30 per hour for two hours per week to be paid from Intervention Funds.

M12.151  
GATE Intervention

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify participation of 10 identified Dana Middle School drama class students and Ms. Deanna Ableser to participate in the DTASC Fall Festival Drama Competition on November 3, 2012. Competition to be held at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Glendale with parents providing transportation to and from the event. Registration fees are being paid through the Dana Middle School ASB account and will be charged against future earnings from drama productions.

M12.152  
DTASC Fall Festival

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to approve participation of Dana Middle School students, district staff and consultants in the following programs:

M12.153  
Parent-Pay Trips/Camps

- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Catalina Trip** –April 5-7, 2013. Located at Toyon Bay. Students will travel by bus and boat to Catalina Island. Camp operated by *Guided Discoveries*. This is a parent-pay activity including transportation, lodging, and fees. Fee is \$350.00 per student.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Study Trip** – May 28-June 1, 2013. Trip operated by *WorldStrides*. Students will be based in Washington D.C. with one day in Gettysburg. This is a parent-pay activity including transportation, lodging, and fees. Fee is \$1,615.00 (all inclusive) per student.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Curtis, the Board voted 4-0 to approve/ratify the following Southwest SELPA Consultants for the 2012-13 school year:

M12.154  
Southwest SELPA  
Consultants

- DreamBox, as a consultant for the Southwest SELPA website, effective September 18, 2012 through October 31, 2012, not to exceed 3 hours to be paid \$120 per hour, not to exceed \$360 to be paid from Southwest SELPA Funds.
- John Lucas, as a consultant for Review of L.A. County Special Education Program costs, effective October 31, 2012 through June 30, 2013, to be paid \$150 per hour, not to exceed \$4,000 to be paid from Southwest SELPA Funds.
- Praed Foundation, as a consultant for CANS Training, effective September 19, 2012 through September 19, 2014 at an amount not to exceed \$1,500 to be paid from Southwest SELPA Funds.

The Board entered closed session at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 10:18 p.m.

Closed Session

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the resignation of Joyce Tomizawa Mendoza, Instructional Aide, effective November 6, 2012.

M12.155  
Resignation - Classified

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify the redistribution of weekly hours for school nurses. Currently school nurses are approved to work 10 hours each for a total of 20 hours of nurse services district-wide per week. Effective October 26, 2012 each will work more/less than 10 hours per week. They will not exceed 20 hours within each week.

M12.156  
Redistribution of Nurses  
Hours

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify Meena Shrestha, Instructional Aide, to transfer to Juan Cabrillo School from Dana Middle School, effective November 9, 2012. No change to hourly rate, will work 19.75 hours per week and continues to be on probationary status; this is a lateral transfer.

M12.157  
Transfer – Instructional  
Aide

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify Dr. Bruce McDaniel as the Facilities Advisor to provide assistance and support to the Business Office regarding facilities, effective October 26, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to be paid at \$95 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000 to be paid from Bond Funds (21.2).

M12.158  
Facilities Advisor

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify Emily Witkowski as an On-Call Substitute Teacher, effective October 24, 2012.

M12.159  
On-Call Substitute  
Teacher

Ms. Andriacchi moved and Mr. Mora seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

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Roger Bañuelos  
Clerk of the Board

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Tom Johnstone  
Secretary of the Board