

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

**April 14, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Dennis Curtis, President, in the District Board Room.

Call to Order

Members present:

Roll Call

Susan Andriacchi

Roger Bañuelos

Dennis Curtis

Nelson Martinez

Israel Mora (absent)

Administrators present:

Dr. Thomas R. Johnstone, Superintendent

Thomas J. Cox, Chief Business Official

The Board entered closed session at 6:03 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Closed Session

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Dana Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Andrew Clark.

Andrew Clark shared his experience in Sacramento as one of the finalists for the State Geography Bee. Andrew did very well, answering 7 out of 8 questions correctly in the opening round. The question he got stumped on was related to the Chickasaw Indian Tribe in the State of Mississippi. Andrew is excited about preparing and going to Sacramento next year as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, where he hopes to win the State Championship. Andrew was joined by his parents, his grandfather and Kathy Ory.

Special Presentation

Shannon Tupper and Kathy Ory provided the Board with a very interesting presentation on the new Destiny Library Management System that was purchased this year for all of our schools. The new Destiny System is much faster and efficient and allows our library technicians to access the system from home. Teachers and students can access the Destiny program from anywhere on campus or from anywhere in Wiseburn. Teachers and students can check the library collections at each of the other schools. Students can also determine if a book is checked out or available from any computer on campus. Other nice features of the program include a list of the top 10 books that have been checked out, all new arrival books and a system where teachers and students can write book reviews on any and all books they read. The Destiny System also has a strong link with our Accelerated Reader Program, so it's easy for students to get an Accelerated Reader level and the number of points that each book is worth.

Rick Porter provided an update on recent Rainbow River activities at Juan de Anza, Juan Cabrillo and Peter Burnett. He mentioned an interesting fact that this year's preschool will be the 2025 graduating class at Wiseburn High School.

From the Public

Mr. Dennis Curtis thanked Rick Porter for Rainbow River's co-sponsoring of Rock Around the Block. Rainbow River donated \$500 to the Wiseburn Education Foundation for this event. Rainbow River will be spending their 23<sup>rd</sup> summer providing daycare/summer camp for Wiseburn students. On a sad note, Mr. Porter mentioned that his dog, Feather, passed away recently after 17 years as a furry ambassador for Rainbow River. Rainbow River has a new furry ambassador and his name is Rainbow Blessings. Mr. Porter invited all of the Board members and the public to Juan Cabrillo Rainbow River's Annual Extravaganza that will be held at 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2011 at Dana Middle School.

Ms. Margaret Lynch publically thanked Dr. Tom Johnstone and Ms. Wendy Tsubaki for attending the BOOST Performance on March 28, 2011, and Mr. Tom Cox and Dr. Tom Johnstone for attending the Tedde presentation on April 13, 2011.

From the Public  
(Cont'd.)

Mr. Dennis Curtis thanked Ms. Laura Sullivan and the Peter Burnett staff for their outstanding support for the Rock Around the Block activity on April 9, 2011.

Ms. Andriacchi commented that she had attended the Student-led conferences on April 14, 2011. She was particularly impressed with the organizational skills that Dana Middle School reinforces with all students. She commented that the student-led conferences were a great experience and that she is very pleased with her son's overall experience at Dana Middle School.

From the Board

Mr. Bañuelos expressed that he was very pleased with the Scholar's Breakfast at Dana Middle School. There were more than 200 Dana Middle School students recognized for having a 3.5 GPA or better held on April 6, 2011. Mr. Bañuelos thanked Dana teachers, Brian Jaffe and Susan Coulbourne for organizing this outstanding event every year. Mr. Bañuelos thanked the entire Wiseburn community for their excellent involvement in Rock Around the Block on April 9, 2011. He loved how the community pitched in to ensure a safe walk through the Hollyglen neighborhood. He also mentioned that there will be a Rock Around the Block Recap Meeting at Dana Middle School on April 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Martinez also commented on what a great Scholar's Breakfast that Dana Middle School held on April 6, 2011. He enjoyed shaking the hand of every student and indicated that he was looking forward to doing it every year. Mr. Martinez publically thanked Wiseburn Education Foundation President, Scott Morgan, for his incredible investment of time to organize the Rock Around the Block event and that the community very much appreciates Scott. He also thanked the teachers and staff at Peter Burnett School and Nicole Jeffrey for the outstanding musical performances.

Mr. Curtis thanked Brian Jaffe and Susan Coulbourne for the Scholar event and expressed great appreciation to the students and parents of the students who continue to excel. Mr. Curtis echoed the comments of the other Board members related to the outstanding Rock Around the Block event. He thanked the Da Vinci students for braving the cold in the dunking tank and their overall support for Rock Around the Block. He also thanked Scott and Jennifer Morgan and made an appeal for more leaders to step up to assist with the huge task of running the Wiseburn Education Foundation.

Dr. Johnstone shared a letter that the district received from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) confirming Wiseburn's Positive Certification on the Second Interim Spending Report.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone distributed a newspaper article about Hawthorne Math and Science Academy receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School and that HMSA is one of only 42 schools nationally that received this highest honor. Dr. Johnstone represented Wiseburn School District at this event.

Dr. Johnstone shared that parent volunteer, Dulce Stein, was recognized as a Volunteer of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bilingual Director's Association. Tom Cox and Dulce Stein's mother, Maria Palacios, accompanied her to that event.

Dr. Johnstone commented that Wiseburn is working with Dr. Bill Saunders of UCLA and the ABC and Culver City Unified School Districts to begin a process of studying the new Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. The focus of this study will be on successful implementation of the common core standards for maximum student achievement.

Dr. Johnstone had mentioned that he had met with Dana Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Andy DeSeriere, and Dr. Michael Johnson, who presented at Dana Middle School's Career Day, to discuss plans for doing a local history project that will include students and community members and Dr. Don Brann to write the second half of the history of the Wiseburn School District from 1960 to present. Jack Goode, who was a teacher and Juan Cabrillo Principal, wrote a book on the history of Wiseburn from 1896 to 1960. This project will include interviewing many of our long-time Wiseburn residents.

From the Superintendent  
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Dr. Johnstone mentioned that through the efforts of Dr. Ray Haynes, Da Vinci students will be able to participate with undergraduate and graduate students at UCLA in a competition to stimulate creative thinking and promote the entrepreneurial spirit through the use of technology advancements using an android platform with Sampson Galaxy tablets that are being donated to Da Vinci Schools. This is a very exciting opportunity for the students at Da Vinci.

Dr. Johnstone shared information that will allow our Board members to read their district e-mail at home.

In closing, Dr. Johnstone shared that Mr. Nelson Martinez will be on vacation during the April 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, and Mr. Dennis Curtis will be out of town for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

M10.310  
Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Amendment No. 2 to the lease agreement with Rainbow River, Inc., for the use of the following school site spaces. The total monthly payment for fiscal year 2011-12 is: \$7,312.50:

M10.311  
Rainbow River Lease

<u>SCHOOL SITE</u>	<u>MONTHLY PAYMENT</u>
Anza School – 3 classrooms (child care wing)	\$2,437.50
Burnett School – 2 portable buildings	\$ 812.50
Cabrillo School – 7 classrooms (child care wing)	\$4,062.50

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted 4-0 to approve purchase orders #99279-99419, warrants and miscellaneous receipts as submitted.

M10.312  
Purchase Orders,  
Warrants &  
Miscellaneous Receipts

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt Resolution #10/11.31- Requesting the issuance of 2011-12 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS), up to \$5,000,000, for the District by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

M10.313  
Resolution #10/11.31 –  
Participation in 2011-12  
TRANS

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt Resolution #10/11.32 - Temporary Interfund Transfers during fiscal year 2011-12 to maintain cash flow throughout the year.

M10.314  
Resolution #10/11.32 -  
Temporary Cash  
Interfund Transfers for  
Fiscal Year 2011-12

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Resolution #10/11.33 - Regarding Temporary Transfers from the School Pools Fund Maintained by the Los Angeles County Treasurer.

M10.315  
Resolution #10/11.33 -  
Cash Borrowing

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Resolution #10/11.34 - Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers.

M10.316  
Resolution #10/11.34 –  
Annual Delegation of  
Administrative Authority

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Resolution #10/11.35 – Rendering Local Zoning Ordinances Inapplicable to Da Vinci Charter Schools Classroom Facilities.

M10.317  
Resolution #10/11.35 –  
Rendering Local Zoning  
Ordinances Inapplicable  
to Da Vinci Classroom  
Facilities

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, 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:

M10.318  
Conference Attendance

1. Mary P. Ring at ACSA's "Leadership 3.0 Symposium" in Irvine on April 14, 2011 at an approximate cost of \$500 to be paid from SELPA Funds.
2. Diana Bowlby and Sue Kawasaki at the Southwest SELPA's "Bringing Best Practices into the Classroom" in Carson on March 23, 2011 at no cost to the district.
3. Michael Bull, Margaret Cook, Mwikali Hayes, Lenore Hess, Janae Jeffery, Andrea Kabwasa, Cathy Roth, Carrie Schat, Joy Yamane and Grace Yoo at the Wiseburn School District's "Special Education Teacher Inservice" at Juan Cabrillo School on April 27, 2011 at an approximate cost of \$1,150 for substitute teachers to be paid from Special Education Funds.
4. Mr. Tom Cox, Dulce Stein and Maria Palacios at the Los Angeles County Bilingual Directors' Association's "35<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition and Scholarship Event" in Long Beach on April 9, 2011 at an approximate cost of \$195 to be paid from EIA Funds.

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, 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:

M10.319  
Additional Hours –  
Classified

#### District

1. Gumercindo Cabeza and John Grady, Custodian/Groundskeepers, approve overtime not to exceed 5 hours each, effective April 9, 2011, to be paid at each custodian/groundskeeper's appropriate Range/Step, to provide custodial support for the Wiseburn Education Foundation's "Rock Around the Block" event to be held at Peter Burnett School. All costs related to overtime will be reimbursed by the Wiseburn Education Foundation.

#### Burnett

2. Steven LaCour, Instructional Aide, approve up to 2.5 temporary hours to provide coverage and supervision of students, effective March 17, 2011, to be paid at Steven's appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.

#### Cabrillo

3. Cristy Leyva, Computer Aide, approve 2 temporary hours for Cristy to attend Lexia training to assist with classroom implementation of Lexia, effective March 23, 2011, to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step D from the General Fund.
4. Nellie Niebla and Cindy Sandbakken, Instructional Aides, approve up to 3 temporary hours (1 hour for Nellie and 2 hours for Cindy) as one-on-one aides for field trip, effective May 20, 2011, to be paid at each instructional aide's appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.
5. Erica Marshall and Emily Witkowski, Instructional Aides, approve up to five temporary hours (2 hours for Emily and 3 hours for Erica) to provide support for Special Education as needed, effective April 4, 2011 through June 10, 2011, to be paid at each instructional aide's appropriate Range/Step from Special Education Funds.

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify an amended Master & Individual Service Agreement with Personal Coaching Systems, a Nonpublic School providing basic educational services to a Wiseburn special needs student, effective March 23, 2011 through August 31, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$24,000, to be paid from Special Education Funds. Amended Master & Individual Service Agreements are needed to include the cost of a 1-on-1 aide.

M10.320  
Amended Master &  
Individual Service  
Agreement – Personal  
Coaching Systems

The Board entered closed session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

Closed Session

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the resignation of the following classified employees per their effective dates:

M10.321  
Resignation - Classified

<u>Classified Employee</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Gumerindo Cabeza	July 31, 2011
Beverly Mulligan	June 18, 2011

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify Jason Kryske as a probationary 75% classified custodian/groundskeeper to be paid at Classified Salary Schedule Range 11, Step A, effective April 1, 2011. This position is eligible for prorated health and welfare benefits. Mr. Kryske replaces Candida Medina, who retired.

M10.322  
Probationary 75%  
Classified Employee

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify the following on-call substitute teachers, per their effective dates:

M10.323  
Substitute Teachers

<u>Substitute Teacher</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kyle Michele James	March 22, 2011
Megan Nelson	April 4, 2011

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Ms. Kyle James as a long-term substitute teacher, effective April 14, 2011 through June 17, 2011.

M10.324  
Long-Term Substitute  
Teacher

Mr. Martinez moved and Mr. Bañuelos seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

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Nelson Martinez  
Clerk of the Board

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Tom Johnstone  
Secretary of the Board