

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

**March 10, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:58 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      (arrived 6:03 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. Susan Andriacchi.

The Board entered closed session at 5:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:06 p.m. Closed Session

The Board recognized 7<sup>th</sup> grade Dana Middle School student, Andrew Clark, for winning the Dana Middle School Geography Bee. Andrew is the first Dana Middle School student ever to achieve such a high level on a rigorous National Geographic Society Geography Test and be recommended for the State Geography Bee in Sacramento on April 1, 2011. If Andrew is selected as the winner of the Geography Bee at the State level, he will travel to Washington D.C. on May 24-25 to participate in the National Geography Bee hosted by Alex Trebek. The Board is extremely proud of Andrew and wishes him well in the upcoming weeks. Special Presentation

The Board also recognized the winners of the District Spelling Bee on February 24, 2011. Taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Molly DeSimone, who is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Peter Burnett; winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Cayland Boston, who is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Dana Middle School. The winner was Jordan Pace, who is also a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Dana Middle School. Jordan was unable to attend the meeting. Jordan will advance to the Los Angeles County Spelling Bee to be held March 23, 2011. Congratulations to these fine spellers.

Juan Cabrillo Principal, Margaret Lynch, introduced Cabrillo School's presentation to the Board that focused on the visual and performing arts programs at Juan Cabrillo. Ms. Lynch introduced Carmen Bird who is the hands-on coordinator at Cabrillo School. Carmen gave an excellent presentation on the hands-on art projects this year, which include a fall project that was watercolor with crayon resist that focused on autumn leaves. Students learned about texture, composition and rubbing. The winter hands-on art project was Chigiri-E, which is Japanese torn paper art. With Chigiri-E students focus on fine motor skills and vocabulary and produce beautiful compositions with torn paper. The final spring project will be installation kites presenting the work of Jeanne-Claude. These workshops will be conducted in both English and Spanish. Currently there are five hands-on art docents that work with the students at Cabrillo under the direction of Carmen Bird.

1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Jami Kae, made a presentation on the ceramics program at Cabrillo School. Ms. Kae started by thanking Mrs. Bird and Ms. Dulce Stein for all of their support of the arts at Cabrillo. This year Cabrillo School has initiated a ceramics program featuring a new kiln. Retired Cabrillo Teacher, Rise Sedillo, volunteers to come in and do projects with students. Different classrooms were selected through a lottery system. Ms. Sedillo teaches the students how to work with clay (mold, loosen and create) and students learn ceramics vocabulary. To pay for ceramics materials Juan Cabrillo School Secretary, Stella Juarez, organized a coffee

fundraiser. Juan Cabrillo students are very much enjoying ceramics. Gloria Gutierrez shared assemblies for Cabrillo students sponsored by the PTA. These assemblies have included One World, featuring drums, excerpts from the play "Seussical" and Alley Cats. Tedde teacher, Kelly Schumacher, shared the IDAP (Individually Designed Arts Program) program. Consultant Dawn Dyson, works with every Cabrillo classroom for five sessions. Kindergarten students focus on dances from Denmark and Taiwan. 1<sup>st</sup> grade focuses on the U.S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade focuses on Mexico and India. Students learn about culture history and geography and also important vocabulary and dance terms such as loco motor, accio, gesture and rhythm. IDAP is funded through the Wiseburn Education Foundation, Arts for All, PTA and the Cabrillo Donation Account.

Special Presentation  
(Cont'd.)

In conclusion, Ms. Lynch shared information on the Harmony Project. 30 Juan Cabrillo students and 30 Juan de Anza students participate in afternoon sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays and on Saturdays they meet with students and families from Lawndale and Lennox for the Big Bang Orchestra. The visual and performing arts are alive and well at Cabrillo School.

Ms. Dulce Stein mentioned that she attends the Hawthorne Presidents' Council and the Hawthorne Presidents' Council will be recognizing Volunteers of the Year from the local middle schools and high schools. 20 students from Da Vinci will be selected and 10 from Dana Middle School. This is the first time that Wiseburn has participated in this volunteer recognition program. Ms. Stein also mentioned that the Homework Club at Peter Burnett School on Wednesday afternoons is going very well and is supported by student volunteers from both Da Vinci and Dana Middle School.

From the Public

Ms. Andriacchi mentioned that she had been able to participate in a 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Science Center on February 25, 2011 and that this was a great experience. Dr. Johnstone reported that he had been in contact with Scott Morgan of the Wiseburn Education Foundation and they were looking into showing "Race to Nowhere."

From the Board

Mr. Bañuelos reported that he had attended the PTA Spaghetti Night at Juan Cabrillo School and that this was an awesome community-building activity that included teachers, parents, students and Cabrillo staff. This activity was part of Bring Your Family to School Week.

Mr. Mora reported that he is in awe of the teachers in Wiseburn and all of the time they spend volunteering and attending community events. He thanked the teachers and staff for their love and dedication to the Wiseburn community.

Mr. Martinez reported that he wanted to echo Mr. Mora's sentiments and that it is the sense of volunteerism in Wiseburn that makes the community unique. He thanked everybody and asked the principals to pass the thanks on to both teachers and the PTA.

Mr. Martinez indicated that he had attended the Pancake Breakfast at Juan de Anza School to support the arts program.

Mr. Curtis also echoed the sentiments of both Mr. Mora and Mr. Martinez and all the things that the community does to pull together. Working in Wiseburn is not just a job it's a passion, and there is much pride in the community.

Mr. Cox reviewed the timeline for issuing a second series of bonds for Measure AA. Mr. Cox will be bringing a resolution to issue more bonds to the March 24 Board meeting.

From the Chief Business  
Official

Mr. Bañuelos requested that Mr. Cox look into the possibility of refinancing existing bonds. Mr. Cox also gave an update on the State budget and indicated that there would likely be a vote on the new budget either over the weekend or next week. The education coalition is pushing for a tax extension that would protect education funding for the 2011-12 school year.

Dr. Johnstone publically recognized Tom Cox for all of his hard work and leadership in working with public officials and our real estate broker and different consultants to move the property acquisition forward for a new Wiseburn High School. This work is extremely complex and tedious and Mr. Cox deserves a great deal of recognition for his efforts. Mr. Cox received a loud ovation.

Dr. Johnstone announced that he had attended Career Day at Dana Middle School on March 4, 2011. After two years of presenting, Dr. Johnstone was able to be a spectator this year and was able to view 17 different presentations that included the FBI, bankers, engineers, firefighters, police detectives and many other fascinating presenters. Career Day is always a fantastic event at Dana Middle School, and Dr. Johnstone recognized Alyssa Feely and her Loyola Marymount counseling interns for the excellent work they did in putting on this event.

Dr. Johnstone mentioned that he had attended the Wiseburn Little League Opening Day on March 5, 2011 and that the weather was perfect. He will be attending Aviation Little League's opening day this Saturday, March 12, 2011.

Dr. Johnstone mentioned that he had attended the Presidents' Council Meeting in Hawthorne on Monday, March 7, 2011. Wiseburn was well represented at this meeting and Dana Middle School will be receiving a \$250 grant to support the music program.

Dr. Johnstone announced that the STARTALK program would be back at Dana Middle School for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive summer and STARTALK would be interested in exploring the possibility of brining Mandarin Chinese to Da Vinci as an additional foreign language elective.

Dr. Johnstone also mentioned that the District was working on a Spanish Immersion Summer Camp Program for the summer of 2011.

In closing Dr. Johnstone mentioned that the district had been very active this week in a budget campaign for a June election. 22 letters were sent out to various legislators both Democrat and Republican. Wiseburn Faculty Association supported by the PTA will pass out flyers at every school on March 11, 2011 and Dr. Johnstone is scheduled to visit with Steven Bradford, our state assembly person on Friday, March 11, 2011.

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 24, 2011.

M10.289  
Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted by roll call vote to adopt Resolutions #10/11.15-23, Regarding Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees and Related Actions. The roll call vote was as follows:

M10.290  
Resolution #10/11.15-23  
Non-Reelection of  
Temporary Certificated  
Employees and Related  
Actions

Approval: Susan Andriacchi, Roger Bañuelos, Dennis Curtis, Nelson Martinez,  
Israel Mora  
Dissenting: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted by roll call vote to adopt Resolution #10/11.24, Reduction in Work Year of Certificated Administrators. The roll call vote was as follows:

M10.291  
Resolution #10/11.24,  
Reduction of Work Year  
Of Certificated  
Administrators

Approval: Susan Andriacchi, Roger Bañuelos, Dennis Curtis, Nelson Martinez,  
Israel Mora  
Dissenting: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted by roll call vote to adopt Resolution #10/11.25 – Tie Break Criteria for Seniority for Certificated Personnel, Order of Termination. The roll call vote was as follows:

M10.292  
Resolution #10/11.25,  
Tie Break Criteria for  
Seniority for Certificated  
Personnel, Order of  
Termination

Approval: Susan Andriacchi, Roger Bañuelos, Dennis Curtis, Nelson Martinez,  
Israel Mora  
Dissenting: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted by roll call vote to adopt Resolution #10/11.27 Regarding Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Service. The roll call vote was as follows:

M10.293  
Resolution #10/11.27  
Reduction or  
Discontinuance of  
Particular Kinds of  
Service

Approval: Susan Andriacchi, Roger Bañuelos, Dennis Curtis, Nelson Martinez,  
Israel Mora  
Dissenting: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to hereby declare all management, confidential and other unrepresented employee salaries indefinite for 2011-12.

M10.294  
Declaration of Indefinite  
Salaries for 2011-12

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Joint Powers Consultant Agreement with SEAC, School Employers Association of California for an approximate cost of \$994 to be paid from the General Fund, effective March 11, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

M10.295  
SEAC

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted unanimously to approve custodial expenses to be paid to the Lennox School District related to the Harmony Project, not to exceed \$3,000, effective March 2011 through June 2012 to be paid from the General Fund.

M10.296  
Harmony Project  
Expenses

On a motion by Ms. Andriacchi, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Second Interim Report and all related Budget Revisions and Transfers as a Positive Certification.

M10.297  
Second Interim

On a motion by Mr. Bañuelos, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution #10/11.28 – Peter Burnett School Multipurpose Room and Resolution #10/11.29 – Dana Middle School Restroom and Snack Stand and authorize staff to sign documents after negotiations are complete.

M10.298  
Resolution #10/11.28 &  
Resolution #10/11.29

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to approve purchase orders #99176-99321, warrants and miscellaneous receipts as submitted.

M10.299  
Purchase Orders,  
Warrants &  
Miscellaneous Receipts

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously 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:

M10.300  
Conference Attendance

1. Bonnie Olguin at STAR Education’s “Assembly Showcase” in Culver City on March 10, 2011 at an approximate cost of \$70 to be paid from Title II Funds.
2. Ruby del Rio, Mary Nies and Krista Pachuta at the CUE Conference on March 18 & 19, 2011 at an approximate cost of \$345 to be paid from Title II Funds.

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| 3. Kimberly Feldman at CSUN's "26 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference" in San Diego on March 18, 2011, at no cost to the district.   | M10.300<br>Conference Attendance<br>(Cont'd.) |
| 4. Amber Franco, Grace Houzvicka, Diana Myers, Denise Galvan, Veronica Hunter, Julie Espinosa and Mary Penna at CAFE's "CAFE 2011 Conference" in Long Beach on March 23-25, 2011, at an approximate cost of \$2,688 to be paid from Title II Funds. |   |
| 5. Julie Espinosa at EDS's "CELDT Scoring Training of Trainers Workshop" in Downey on April 13, 2011 at no cost to the district.  |   |

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve/ratify the following classified employment/additional hours to be paid from the Classified Salary Schedule unless otherwise noted:	M10.301 Additional Hours – Classified
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District

1. Jose Briseno, Custodian/Groundskeeper, approve temporary overtime hours to provide support for the Pancake Breakfast, not to exceed 7 hours, effective March 5, 2011, to be paid at \$36 per hour, which is inclusive of all benefits. Cost to be reimbursed by the Music Program.

Burnett

2. Erika Rodas, General Clerk, approve up to 20 temporary hours as needed to translate for Intervention/Parent Night Meetings, effective February 23, 2011 through June 10, 2011, to be paid at her appropriate Range/Step from the General Fund.

Dana

3. Heather Simundson, Instructional Aide, approve up to 5.95 temporary hours to assist an SDC student on a field trip, effective May 26, 2011, to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step E from the General Fund.

The Board entered closed session at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:34 p.m.	Closed Session
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On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Pamelyn Spriggs, Dana Middle School Teacher, effective June 17, 2011.	M10.302 Resignation - Certificated
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On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Monica Boen, Substitute Teacher, effective February 28, 2011.	M10.303 Resignation – Substitute Teacher
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On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the new job description of Assistant SELPA Director for the Southwest SELPA (Attachment A). All costs to be reimbursed by the Southwest SELPA.	M10.304 Job Description – Assistant SELPA Director
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On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Ms. Andriacchi, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mary P. Ring as the Assistant SELPA Director, approve placement on Step 5 of Assistant SELPA Director Salary Range, to be paid from SELPA Funds.	M10.305 Approve Assistant SELPA Director
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Mr. Bañuelos moved and Mr. Martinez seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.	Adjournment
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The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, March 24, 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