



UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Minutes - Special Meeting

Date: January 26, 2009

Place: District Administration Building
5175 Union Avenue
San Jose, California 95124

Time: 4:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Board Present: Sheila Billings, President
Vickie Brown, Vice President
Janice Hector, Clerk
Cindy Goodsell
Harold Stuart

Staff Present: Dr. Jacqueline Horejs, Superintendent
Audrey Ostrowski-Gallagher, Asst. Supt.
Michael O'Laughlin, Assistant Supt.
Mary Berkey, Assistant Supt.
Nan Wojcik, CFO

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Billings called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

3. BOARD WORKSHOP

The Board and staff participated in a Board workshop. Dr. Horejs and CFO, Nan Wojcik, shared a summary of efficiencies with the Board that followed input gathering meetings with management personnel, school site staff, special education staff, various classified employee groups, and Parent Leadership Council members. The efficiencies listed cost saving measures and the approximate savings to the District if implemented. For the current school year, the District will need to cut \$1.3 million from its budget and an additional \$1.2 million from next year's budget. The Board reviewed and discussed the various cost saving measures it could possibly implement, but with the current year commitments in place it will be difficult to implement many of the proposals. In addition, some of the proposals are subject to State ruling and union negotiations. The Board asked Dr. Horejs and staff to reevaluate the proposed list and come back to them with what would be workable cost saving recommendations for the rest of this year. In addition, they asked the Superintendent to contact neighboring school districts to see what they are doing regarding layoffs and the class size reduction program, use some reserve monies for this year, and to continue discussions with the Board as more budget information is known.

The Board and staff continued their discussions on a bond or parcel tax election. The consensus of the Board is favorable on conducting a successful election, but the choice between a bond or parcel tax and the best timing to ensure passage will still require further discussions.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session with its representatives, Superintendent Horejs, and Labor Negotiator Mary Berkey, to discuss negotiations with the Union District Educators Association.

5. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board discussed negotiations with the Union District Educators Association. There was no action taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stuart moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Mrs. Brown seconded and the Board unanimously agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jacqueline Horejs
Superintendent

Approved by Board Action:

Clerk