

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, April 23, 2012 (7:30 PM)

Board Members: Sherry Whitmarsh, Linda Mayo, Lynne Dennler, Gary Eberhart, and Cheryl Hansen

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Steven Lawrence, Assistant Superintendents Julie Braun Martin, Mildred Browne, Rose Lock, General Counsel Gregory Rolan, and Chief Financial Officer Bryan Richards

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District was called to order by Sherry Whitmarsh at 6:00 p.m. in the Board room at the MDUSD Dent Center.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01p.m. in Room 6 at the Dent Center. In Closed Session the Board discussed negotiations, expulsions, Superintendent's evaluation, public employee discipline/dismissal/release/complaint, and existing litigation: Taylor, et al. v. MDUSD and Davis v. MDUSD.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 7:34 p.m. in the Board room. A moment of silence was held for Robert Boone, retired administrator, Karri Robison, teacher, and Woodside student Hadessa Nuri and her father Solaiman Nuri. Vice President Whitmarsh led the Pledge of Allegiance and reported action taken in Closed Session. In Closed session the Board voted to release certificated employee #30826 effective May 30, 2012.

EXPULSION RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Expulsion Recommendation Student #24-12

Dennler moved, Eberhart seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student #24-12 be expelled from all schools of Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student #24 -12 may apply for readmission after January 25, 2013. It is required that Student #24-12 participates in twenty (20) hours of counseling to address drug and alcohol issues; enroll in an Alcoholic Anonymous or Al-Anon program; complete thirty (30) hours of community service; attend COPS Drug/Alcohol Offender class; show proof of negative drug test; attend MDUSD's Drug/Alcohol Workshop and show evidence of a successful school experience with good attendance, at least 2.0 GPA and earn 45 credits by January 2013, prior to applying for readmission.

8.2 Expulsion Recommendation Student #25-12

Eberhart moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student #25-12 be expelled from all schools of Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student #25-12 may apply for readmission after January 25, 2013. It is required that Student # 25-12 participates in 20 hours of counseling to address life skills, decision making and possession of a dangerous object, complete 30 hours of community service, attend COPS Aggressive Offender Class, attend MDUSD's Teen Anger Management Workshop and show evidence of a successful school experience with at least a C average in all classes, prior to applying for an Interdistrict Transfer to Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Staff recommends that Student #25-12 be transferred back to his home district.

8.3 Expulsion Recommendation Student #26-12

Mayo moved, Eberhart seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student #26-12 be expelled from all schools of Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student #26-12 may apply for readmission after January 25, 2013. It is required that Student #26-12 participates in 20 hours of individual counseling to address drugs and alcohol and decision making skills, 30 hours of community service, completion of California Offender Program Service (COPS) – Alcohol/Drug Offender class, completion of MDUSD's Teen Anger Management and Drug and Alcohol Workshops, show proof of negative drug test and show evidence of a successful school experience to include good attendance, no suspendible behavior infractions, and a minimum of C average, prior to applying for readmission.

8.4 Expulsion Recommendation Student #27-12

Hansen moved, Mayo seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student # 27-12 be expelled from all schools of Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student # 27-12 may apply for readmission after April 23, 2013. It is required that Student #27-12 participates in 20 hours of individual counseling program designed to address substance abuse and decision making skills; completion of 30 hours of community service; completion of the California Offender Program Services (COPS) for Alcohol/Drug Offenders; show proof of negative drug test;

completion of MDUSD's Drug/Alcohol Workshop and show evidence of a successful school experience to include good attendance, no suspendible behavior infractions, a minimum of a C average, and earn 30 credits to graduate.

8.5 Expulsion Recommendation Student #28-12

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 5-0-that Student #28-12 be expelled from all schools of Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student #28-12 may apply for readmission after April 23, 2013. It is required that Student #28-12 participates in a minimum of 20 hours of individual counseling program designed to address substance abuse and decision making; completion of 30 hours of community service; completion of the California Offender Program Services (COPS) for Drug/Alcohol Offenders; completion of MDUSD's Drug and Alcohol Workshop; show proof of negative drug test; and show evidence of a successful school experience to include good attendance, no suspendible behavior infractions, a minimum of a C average, and earn more than 45 credits, prior to applying for readmission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Items #9.2 and #9.14 (pulled by Hansen), thereby approving the following:

9.2 (Item #3) Recommended Action for Certificated Personnel

Changes in status of certificated employees.

9.3 (Item #4) Request to Increase and Decrease Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for the 2012-2013 School Year

Positions to be increased or decreased.

9.4 (Item #5) Recommended Action for Classified Personnel

Changes in status of classified employees.

9.5 (Item #6) Classified Personnel: Request to Create Positions for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 School Year

Positions to be created.

9.6 (Item #7) Classified Personnel: Request to Eliminate Positions for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 School Year

Positions requested to be eliminated.

9.7 (Item #8) Fiscal Transactions for the Month of March 2012

Payments have been made to meet the District's obligations for salaries, benefits, supplies, contract services equipment, capital improvements and other outgo.

9.8 (Item #9) Monthly budget Transfer and/or Budget Increases/Decreases for the Month of February 2012

Some revisions are a result of prior Board actions, changes in grant awards and changes in funding. Donations have been made to the District by private individuals and businesses. There are also deposits for payments to school sites for lab fees and other items for which the sites collect money. The appropriate revenue and expenditure budgets have already been increased by the amount of the donations.

9.9 (Item #10) Monthly Budget Transfer and/or Budget Increases/Decreases for the Month of March 2012

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9.10 (Item #11) Memorandum of Understanding between ConnectEd: The California Center for College and Career and Mt. Diablo Unified School District

The MOU between ConnectEd: The California Center for College and Career and Mt. Diablo Unified School District is to work in partnership to support the use of pre-algebra and algebra curriculum within the afterschool engineering club at Mt. Diablo High School.

9.11 (Item #12) Award of Bid for Bid #1593

Bid No. 1593 was called to provide Window Replacement at College Park High School. The lowest responsible, responsive bidder is ABG Group, for the total amount of \$299,400.00. (Base bid: \$290,000.00, Alternate #1: \$9,400.00) The scope of work includes, but is not limited to: Replacement of existing window wall systems at three buildings (H, J and Library). Work includes selective demolition of existing window wall and door systems,

protection, minor framing and installation of new windows. Work is anticipated to include site preparation, hazardous materials removal, framing and finishes for complete package at College Park High School. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$324,000.00

9.12 (Item #13) Award of Design Services Contract For Electronic Marquee at Concord High School

On June 28, 2011 the Board of Education approved facility enhancements for each of the comprehensive high schools and Olympic High School. As part of this greater approval the Board approved the installation of an electronic marquee for Concord High School. Staff has negotiated, and is now recommending, that a fully inclusive 'not to exceed' contract of \$5,200.00 be awarded to PHd Architects for comprehensive engineering, design and contract administration services necessary for the approval and satisfactory completion of this project.

9.13 (Item #15) Request to increase the amount paid on the existing Independent Services Contracts for The Event Group

On December 13, 2011, the Board approved Independent Services Contracts for The Event Group, an event planning service, totaling \$127,347.50. College Park High School and Mt. Diablo High School have submitted an increase to the existing contracts as follows: College Park High School Senior Ball: \$18,621.50 Mt. Diablo High School Senior Ball: \$10,000.00 This will bring the total amount for this contractor to \$155,969.00.

9.14 (Item #16) Approval of additional contract with Resource Development Associates, Inc. (RDA) to design and administer the Title I Parent/Family Involvement Survey for the thirteen Title I schools

Resource Development Associates, Inc. (RDA) will work with MDUSD staff to design and administer a survey to parents at the thirteen (13) Title 1 schools to solicit feedback on opportunities for parental involvement. The survey will be administered online, with opportunities for parents to participate at MDUSD computer labs; we will also offer paper-based surveys as needed. RDA will analyze survey results and compile a report that includes recommendations on how to increase parental involvement across the thirteen (13) Title 1 schools. In addition to demonstrating MDUSD's commitment to parent involvement and providing actionable information for the school sites' parent involvement plans, the survey tool can be used in future years to measure progress in the six domains of involvement: parenting, communicating, volunteering, learning at home, decision-making, and collaborating with the community.

9.15 (Item #17) Approve contract increase to independent service contract with Kristin Obrinsky, Physical Therapist

Kristin Obrinsky is an independent contractor that has served MDUSD as a Registered Physical Therapist for the previous two school years. Currently, Physical Therapist Kristin Obrinsky has two contracts with MDUSD for a total of \$24,900; one for \$10,000 to serve NPS students at her clinic with a rate of \$100 per hour; the other contract is to serve students at MDUSD sites at a rate of \$66 per hour for a total of \$14,900. Due to an increase in the overall Physical Therapy caseload from 70 students to 85 students, it is necessary to add an additional day of P.T. coverage for the 2011-12 school year. The contract needs to be increased by \$10,000 bringing the total of all contracts to \$34,900.

9.16 (Item #18) Approval of Resolution - Asian Pacific Heritage Month

The California Department of Education has designated May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month. The resolution recognizes the many contributions made by the people from the Asian Pacific lands to the growth and development of California's Heritage.

9.17 (Item #19) Natural Gas Refueling Agreement between MDUSD & Pinnacle CNG Company

Attached is the Amended and Restated Natural Gas Refueling Agreement Between MDUSD & Pinnacle CNG Company. This Agreement is a renewal of the ten year contract that has expired. Compressed Natural Gas costs 2.58 GGE (gasoline gallon equivalent) as opposed to \$3.87 per gallon diesel and \$4.01 per gallon for gas. Transportation has 14 CNG school buses.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

10.1 (Item #2) Minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2012

Corrected minutes will be returned at the next regular Board meeting.

10.2 (Item #14) Williams Quarterly Summary Report

The Williams legislation is a package of state laws resulting from the settlement of class action lawsuit filed in San Francisco County Superior Court in 2000, Eliezer Williams et al, vs. State of California. The basis of the lawsuit was that agencies failed to provide public school students with equal access to instructional materials, safe and decent school facilities, and qualified teachers. The Contra Costa County of Education has requested quarterly reports on specific complaints designated in the Williams lawsuit settlement. Quarterly reports reflect complaints regarding textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancies or misassignments, facilities conditions and Valenzuela/CAHSEE support. This quarter's report includes the months of January through March 31, 2012.

Eberhart moved, Mayo seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Williams Quarterly Summary Report as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized Spelling and Geography Bee Finalists, Northgate Locker Project - Georgia Barnes, and Concord High School - Odyssey of the Mind Team.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Tormey, Mt. Diablo Alternative Education Foundation (MDAEF), described the scholarship program. He invited the Board and audience to attend the Foundation's art and wine fundraiser at Heather Farms on May 6.

Debbi LaDue, MDEA representative, spoke about a recent article on the Walnut Creek School District.

The following spoke against moving Horizons Center for Independent Study (CIS) and Prospect to Ygnacio Valley High School: Stephanie Perry, student; JoAnn Semas, grandparent; Mary Rodigou, parent; and Ashtyn Friday, student.

Carolyn Accatino, Librarian, asked that the Board consider boundary changes that would best serve students.

Odessa Lefrancos, EC/NAACP, thanked the Board members and staff that attended the 55th annual banquet.

The following shared concerns regarding communication and safety at Sun Terrace Elementary: Corie Irving, parent; Katherine Friedman, parent; Karen Gamez, parent; Louis Acevedo, parent; and Willie Mims, EC/NAACP/BPA.

Dan Roll, After School Enrichment, said he feels the Sun Terrace principal is addressing concerns parents have about communication and safety.

Yazmin Llamas-Morales, DLAC President thanked the Board for having an EL master plan and asked that the bilingual program at Meadow Homes continue.

John Ferrante, expressed concern that the solar project dedication is being held during the work day.

Board Direction: Gary Eberhart asked the Superintendent to provide an update on Sun Terrace. Cheryl Hansen asked the Superintendent for information on the possible move of Horizons CIS and Prospect.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lorrie Davis, Chairperson of Community Advisory Committee, said that parents are concerned about Dr. Browne's contract not being included with the other contract renewals. Ms. Davis also said that the CAC would like to be one of the parent focus groups in the FCMAT review.

Carmen Terrones-Torres, President of CST Local One, spoke on behalf of CST members whose reclassifications have been denied.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

14.1 Annual Report of the 2010 Measure C Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

John Ferrante presented the Annual Report for the 2010 Measure C Oversight Committee which included a PowerPoint presentation.

14.2 Master Plan for Services to English Learners

The final draft of Master Plan for Services to English Learners has been completed. It is a document that was created by the Task Force of 40 School/Community members over seven months. The document is based on research that was reviewed by the Task Force during this period of time. Stakeholder input was sought over a two week period in February/March. Nearly 500 comments were submitted and were considered by the Task Force. The Master Plan will become the road map for the Mt Diablo USD in providing operational guidance for programs for the over 7,000 English Learners in the district. It is compliant with State and Federal regulations.

Public Comment

Sue Talarico, teacher and EL task force member, thanked the Board for making English Learners a priority.

Willie Mims, EC NAACP/BPA, expressed his concern that the master plan is still called a draft.

Joyce Densmore-Thomas, teacher and EL task force member, said the master plan is a bold step and an opportunity for Mt. Diablo to be a leader.

Maria Panameno-Bailey, member of the EL task force and United Latino Voices, expressed concern about a change in the wording of the document.

Concepcion James, Executive Co-Chair of United Latino Voices, recognized the parents who participated on the task force.

Jeanne Duarte Armas, ex officio member of the EL task force, provided the Board with the revised plan and gave a Power Point presentation. Carmen Garces, ex officio member of the EL task force thanked Lynne Dennler and Cheryl Hansen for attending the task force meetings. Diane Burns, teacher, stated the next steps are critical and there needs to be a clearly articulated program for bilingual teachers with clear guidelines. Ernie Trinidad, parent, said the task force worked faithfully and with dedication

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

16.1 Appointment of Social Work Specialist

Interviews have been conducted and a candidate has been selected to fill the position of Social Work Specialist. This is a new position that was created and approved at the March 12, 2012 Board meeting.

Mayo moved, Hansen seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the appointment of Deonne Wesley as Social Work Specialist.

16.2 Appointment of Replacement 2012 Extended Year Summer Program Administrator

On January 23, 2012, Extended Year Summer Program Administrators were appointed for the summer of 2012. The Extended Year Vice Principal for Olympic/Alliance has resigned the position and will be replaced by Eric Wood. Mr. Wood is currently the Vice Principal at Riverview Middle School.

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the appointment of Eric Wood as Extended Year Summer Program Administrator.

16.3 Resolution 11/12-39 Day of the Teacher

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education wishes to adopt a resolution acknowledging the lifelong influence that teachers can have on the lives of our children and to express its appreciation for the creativity, dedication, and talent of teachers in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

Public Comment

Dan Reynolds, teacher, acknowledged administrative professionals.

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Resolution 11/12-39 Day of the Teacher.

16.4 Consider Accelerating the Sale of the Remaining 2010 Measure C Bonds

At the March 26 Board meeting a group of community members submitted a written request that the Board consider accelerating the sales of the 2010 Measure C bonds and specifically avoid the use of Capital Appreciation Bonds in order to reduce the total cost of borrowing to District property taxpayers. The Board requested and held a study session on Monday, April 2. After hearing input from the community and staff the Board directed the Superintendent to craft a newsletter explaining the issue being considered, to hold public forums on this issue, and to conduct a random phone survey to gather input from the broader community. The Superintendent sent out a newsletter update on Wednesday April 10 and used the School Messenger system to alert parents to the newsletter in case they did not receive it electronically. The Newsletter was also posted on the District website. The Superintendent also held four public forums April 16 – 19 at Riverview, College Park HS, Ygnacio Valley HS, and Monte Gardens elementary. The attached survey, in English and Spanish, was provided to members of the public who attended the public forums to gather input to share with the Board. The district also worked with Isom Advisors to conduct a phone poll of four hundred residents during the week of April 16 with results to be shared with the Board. Recommendation: Based on the request from the community to accelerate the issuance of the 2010 Measure C bond, staff has identified five benefits: 1) complete projects sooner so that students currently in our schools will benefit from them; 2) sell bonds during a time of low interest rates; 3) enable the district to take advantage the current favorable construction market; 4) create needed construction jobs in our local community. Staff also is sensitive to people on a fixed income during these difficult financial times. Therefore, if the Board chooses to move forward with accelerating the sale of the remaining 2010 Measure C bonds, staff recommends the district implement Option 3. The average assessed value for a home in our district is currently \$287,000. Therefore, choosing option 3 would on average raise community members' annual property tax bill by approximately \$86.

Jon Isom gave a Power Point presentation with the survey results.

Public Comment

Michael Langley, asked the Board to consider option 2.

Linda Loza, stated that concerned community members are adamantly opposed to option 1 and asked the Board to proceed with option 2, but preferably option 3.

Hansen moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 4-1-0 (Mayo – no) to approve option 3 in accelerating the sale of the remaining 2010 Measure C Bonds.

16.5 Resolution 11/12-37 of the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Authorizing the Issuance of not to Exceed \$227,000,000 of Mt. Diablo Unified School District General Obligation Bonds, 2010 Election, 20

Public Comment

Alicia Minyen expressed concern with the resolution.

Ralph Austin, Northgate Pride, asked that the resolution be brought back to the next Board meeting with wording that no new property can be purchased if it could not be resolved.

Linda Loza expressed her concern with the resolution and asked that it be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Hansen moved to postpone until May 7. Motion failed for lack of second.

Amended Motion

Eberhart moved, Mayo seconded and the Board voted 4-1-0 (Hansen – no) to approve 16.5 to modify the resolution so the changes reflect the will of the Board around option 3 and real property/land acquisition.

16.6 Authorize Funds for Additional High School Projects

If the Board decides to accelerate the sales of the 2010 Measure C bonds, we also need to address another request made by the community group recommending the acceleration of the sales of bond. They recommended that staff review the project list for each site with the site staff. Since the project list identified those priorities that were not completed in the 2002 Measure C and those needs were reviewed with the principals during the spring of 2010, the District staff recommends completion of the existing approved project list. Staff is also recommending that we identify funds that can be provided to the high schools (both comprehensive and alternative ed) to prioritize

additional projects to meet their students' needs. Staff recommends focusing any available funds on our high schools because all our children ultimately will attend a high school campus. Each one needs significant upgrades in order to provide opportunities comparable to the features of a high school built in the last ten years. Staff has identified \$42 million in funding that can be reprioritized to focus on additional high school projects. The \$42 million was identified based on \$31.3 million in savings in our overall solar project, the elimination of our irrigation project, and the deferral of our lighting upgrade projects. Staff feels that the irrigation project can be eliminated due to the fact that we have not been able to substantiate original savings estimates from these projects. Staff feels the lighting upgrade project can be deferred. If approved by the Board each comprehensive and alternative education program will be given a designated budget. Each site would be expected to create a facilities committee comprised of parents, teachers and administrators to consider various needs and create a prioritized list of projects. This group needs to be representative of the school community. This group will work with the facilities staff to create cost estimates for the projects being considered so that the committee knows they are within their budget. The prioritized list would then need to be approved by the school site council. If this action item is approved, the goal would be to bring each site's approved priority list back to the Board by the second Board meeting in June. This will allow the facilities team the summer to identify critical path activities and project timelines.

Public Comment

Dan Reynolds, teacher, said he is happy the funds have become available to the high schools and would like to see each site have a facilities committee.

Amended Motion

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to allocate \$2 million for alternative high schools and \$40 million to be allocated between six comprehensive high schools.

Meeting Extension

At 10:48 p.m. Mayo moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 (Eberhart - abstained) to extend the meeting until 12:30 a.m.

16.7 Contract Extensions for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Student Achievement and School Support, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services, Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel

President Whitmarsh has requested the Board consider extending the contracts for the following members of Council through June, 2015: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Student Achievement and School Support, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services, Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel.

Public Comment

The following spoke against renewing the contracts at this time: Michael Langley, President of MDEA; Debbi LaDue; Ron Hansen, retiree; John Parker; Anita Johnson, MDEA; Dan Reynolds, teacher; Ernie DeTrinidad, parent; Deberal Hickey (Debbie), Vice President CST Local One; and Willie Mims, EC NAACP/BPA.

Dana Morris, Northgate High School parent, and Kevin Hennessy, President of UMDAF, support the contract extensions.

Isabel Lara, District employee, expressed disappointment that Dr. Browne's contract was not on the list for renewal.

Amended Motion #1

Hansen moved to postpone the vote until the new Board is seated. Motion failed for lack of second.

Original Motion

Whitmarsh moved to approve as presented. Motion failed for lack of second.

Amended Motion #2

Eberhart moved to approve contract extensions as presented for one year, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 4-1-0 (Hansen – no). Motion carried.

Amended Motion #3

Hansen moved that each position be acted upon independently. Motion failed for lack of second.

Mayo asked for point of order. Whitmarsh said point of order well taken and asked for the vote on Amended Motion #4.

Amended Motion #4

Mayo moved, Hansen seconded and the Board voted 2-3-0 (Whitmarsh, Dennler and Eberhart – no) to remove General Counsel's contract.

16.8 Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) Review of Special Education and Home to School Transportation

Eberhart moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the FCMAT agreement for the review of Transportation and Special Education.

16.9 Approve adjustments to Contracts/PO in Residential Non-Public School Placements for 2011/12 School Year

Non-Public School (NPS) contracts are reviewed and updated several times during the fiscal year. Changes to contracts are required due to changes in residency, students entering and exiting placements, increase/decrease in intensity of services, and corrective actions/settlement agreements to assure a free and appropriate public education. The details for these changes as well as rationale for the changes can be found in the attached documentation.

Mayo moved, Eberhart seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve contract adjustments as presented.

16.10 Approve Non-Public School Contracts/Purchase Adjustments for the 2011/12 School Year

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Eberhart moved, Mayo seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve adjustments as presented.

16.11 Food and Nutrition Services Purchases 2011 - 2012

Food and Nutrition Services requests approval from the Board of Education to increase purchase order to Round Table Pizza. To provide food and delivery service for the student meal programs Kindergarten through grade 12 in district schools.

Dennler moved, Mayo seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the increase of the purchase order as presented for food services.

16.12 Approve adjustments to MCF Consulting, Inc. (Practi-Cal) contract for the 2011/2012 school year

On September 28, 2010, The Board of Education approved a three-year contract with MCF Consulting, Inc. (Practi-Cal) to provide the LEA Medi-Cal claims reimbursement services through June 2013. Due to increased staff participation in 2010/2011, there is a substantial increase in billing.

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the contract adjustments with MCF Consulting, Inc. (Practi-Cal) as presented.

16.13 Health Benefits for Board Members

MDUSD has been in the unfortunate position of making ongoing fiscal cuts in an effort to keep our district solvent. Many staff members have experienced not only a loss of work hours but an accompanying loss of health benefits. In recognition of this sacrifice, all MDUSD School Board members will be eligible for medical coverage capped at the Kaiser premium one-party health plan rate. This cap on all Board members' health benefits and resulting savings to the district will become effective July 1, 2012.

Public Comment

Michael Langley, President of MDEA, supports capping the Board members' health benefits.

John Parker, supports the current benefits of the Board members.

Hansen moved. Motion failed for lack of second.

16.14 Format of the Public Input and Informational Meetings

On February 6, 2012, the Board approved holding six Public Input and Informational Meetings. On February 22, 2012, concerns arose around ensuring that those meetings had specific topics which could be placed on a public agenda. Consequently, on March 12, 2012, the superintendent and general counsel proposed a format for those input meetings that focused only on the strategic plan. The Board defeated the motion to approve the format as presented. However, the six Public Input and Informational Meetings remain approved and the meeting format and dates still need to be determined. In an effort to address expressed concerns that these meetings have a clearly delineated focus, following are proposed topics for the six approved meetings: 1) Two meetings for input on the Strategic Plan to bring it to closure so it can begin implementation in Fall 2012 2) Two meetings for input on Bay Point School Planning as well as attendance and boundary issues throughout the district 3) Two meetings on Measure C Projects, Planning, and Concerns.

Public Comment

Willie Mims, EC NAACP/BPA, questioned the number of meetings.

Hansen moved. Motion failed for lack of second.

16.15 Potential Board Bylaw

First reading of potential new Board bylaw. Board will provide staff with direction whether or not to bring back as an action item at a future meeting.

Public Comment

Michael Langley, President of MDEA, said there is already sufficient language in the bylaws.

Willie Mims, EC NAACP/BPA, expressed his concern about the operation of the Board and using diplomacy.

Presented as information only.

16.16 Revision of Job Description for Program Specialist, Educational Technology

The District is requesting a revision of the job description for Program Specialist, Educational Technology. The revised job description more accurately describes the duties involved in this position.

Presented as information only and will be brought back for approval at the next Board meeting.

16.17 Job Description for S3 Safety Grant Liaison

The District is requesting the approval of a new job description for S3 Safety Grant Liaison. Under the supervision of the school administrator, this position is responsible for supporting the S3 Coordinator with grant services assisting with coordinating all aspects of the S3 safety grant, supporting safety and security guidelines, and assisting with student conflict resolutions.

Presented as information only and will be brought back for approval at the next Board meeting.

16.18 Televised Board Meetings

The Board directs the superintendent to investigate and develop a plan of action to televise to the public all regular and special Board meetings, either through video streaming or through Contra Costa Television (CCTV). This plan will include a working budget that itemizes both startup and ongoing costs.

Public Comment

Willie Mims, EC NAACP/BPA, commended the Board for considering televised meetings.

Presented as information only.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Cheryl Hansen and Linda Mayo.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.