

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Manhattan Beach, CA
April 21, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District held a regular Board meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 325 S. Peck Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California. The following were present:

Members of the Board Ida VanderPoorte, President
Amy Howorth, Vice President
Bill Fournell, Clerk
Ellen Rosenberg, Member
Penny Bordokas, Member
Dr. Beverly Rohrer, Superintendent
Jeff Whelan, Student Board Member
Sarah Keasler, Student Board Member

District Personnel Carolyn Seaton, Steve Romines, Kathy Hall, Nancy Bogart, and staff

Call to Order Ms. VanderPoorte called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and recessed to closed session to discuss:

1. Conference with district labor negotiator Steve Romines regarding MBUTA negotiations, per Government Code Section 54957.6.
2. Conference with district labor negotiator Steve Romines regarding CSEA negotiations, per Government Code Section 54957.6.
3. Public Employee Appointment, Superintendent of Schools, per Government Code Section 54957.
4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 45956.9. Two potential cases.
5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Case nos. 2009110620 and EEOC 480-2010-00949.

**Open Session
Reconvened** Open session was reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Andrew Caine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Report of Action Taken During Closed Session</u>	No action was reported.
<u>Approval of Agenda</u>	Mrs. Howorth moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Bordokas. Mrs. Seaton asked to table Item C.1, regarding a report on the elementary library media specialist and computer laboratory specialist program. Dr. Rohrer asked to pull Item B.3., recognition of Chevron, until a later date.
<u>Public Comment</u>	Mr. Willie Atkinson addressed the Board regarding naming a building after Sally Reed, and an Olympic wall for the many Olympians who have attended Mira Costa High School.
<u>Moment of Silence</u>	A Moment of Silence was held for Don Cohen, a community member and volunteer, who passed away on March 27, 2010.
<u>Appreciation</u>	Mr. Todd Loewenstein, Board member on the Redondo Beach Unified School District Board of Education, presented the Board with a plaque of appreciation for the use of the Mira Costa High School aquatic facilities during RBUSD's modernization.
<u>Teacher Spotlight</u>	The Teacher Spotlight for April 2010 was on Andrew Caine from Mira Costa High School.
<u>Sunshining of MBUSD Proposed Successor Agreement to the 2007-2010, CSEA Master Agreement</u>	The proposed Successor Agreement was sunshined.
<u>Board Member Announcements</u>	Board members shared announcements of interest.
<u>Student Board Member Report</u>	Mr. Whelan and Miss Keasler reported on events and activities taking place at the high school and elementary schools. Jina Stanfill reported on activities and events at Manhattan Beach Middle School.
<u>Report on Superintendent's Fiscal Advisory Committee</u>	<p>Mrs. Edie Babbe reported to the Board on items from the agenda of the Superintendent's Fiscal Advisory Committee. She updated the Board on the Energy Audit that the committee is researching for two other funding sources. Software Licensing is not an option for cost-savings next year, since the District is in the second year of a three-year contract. Sale of monies owed to school districts was analyzed by JP Morgan and they are not interested in moving forward at this time.</p> <p>Regarding a proposed information booth at the Olde Hometown Faire for community outreach, the Board agreed for this to go forward.</p> <p>Mrs. Babbe reported on providing learning opportunities for students that focus on skills and requirements for the 21st century. She said the committee requests that the Board approve a new Superintendent's Committee to focus on educating for the future. This item was addressed later in the agenda.</p>

She also reported that the committee was requesting direction from the Board to continue working on their proposal to create a new Superintendent's Committee to work to improve efficiency regarding internal costs. Mrs. Babbe said the committee had not completed the proposal at this time and more work was needed regarding the structure and responsibilities of the group. The Board agreed that the subcommittee should continue their work on the proposal.

Mrs. Babbe said the Energy Subcommittee had been working on many ideas for possible reductions in energy usage. She requested direction from the Board to continue working on the proposal to create a new Superintendent's committee to work to reduce energy costs. The Board agreed that the subcommittee should continue their work to reduce energy usage.

**Revised MCHS
Registration Process for
2010-2011**

Julie Ruisinger explained the process for registration and reviewed the changes to the registration process for 2010-2011, at MCHS. She explained that dates would be adjusted to allow all students to receive their course schedules prior to the first day of school. She said parents must continue to complete the *Infosnap* online registration process prior to registration. Mrs. Ruisinger and Mrs. Howorth responded to questions from the Board and from student board members.

Ms. VanderPoorte called the Consent Calendar and asked if any member of the audience or staff wished to pull an item and there were none. She asked if any member of the Board wished to pull an item and there were none. Mr. Whelan moved approval of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Howorth. Board members voted unanimously to:

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

General

1. Approve consultant agreement with David Ghoogasian of The Lyceum, to present three workshops in April 2010, in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,200.00, charged to acct. #01.0 40350.0 11100 10000 5850 1120, Title II, Improving Teacher Quality.
2. Approve application for a waiver for the student #920006604, as prescribed in *Education Code* Section 56101, for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).
3. Ratify the Amendment to District Master Contract for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency Services (NPA) with Behavior and Education, Inc. Amendment is necessary to add services for the 2009/10 fiscal year, as mandated by Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The Master Contract is effective from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. Amount not-to-exceed \$103,543.25. This is an increase of \$7,853.25, and within planned budget for services. A transfer is being made from an existing provider contract. Funds to be paid from Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency Services account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-11801-5810-0000051. No change to existing overall budget.
4. Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic School Services (NPS) with Switzer Learning Center. Contract is necessary to correct the rates for related services provided by Switzer as approved by SW SELPA. The Master Contract is effective from February 22, 2010, through June 30, 2010. Amount not-to-exceed \$11,659.60. This is an increase of \$492.10 to the original contract. This is

within planned budget for services. Funds to be paid from Nonsectarian, Nonpublic School Services account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-11802-5810-0000052. No change to overall budget.

5. Ratify District Master Contract for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic School Services (NPS) with UHS of Delaware, Inc. dba Provo Canyon School – Springville. Contract is necessary due to a change in placement, as mandated by Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The Master Contract is effective from March 15, 2010, through June 30, 2010. Amount not-to-exceed \$11,500.00. This is within planned budget for services. Funds to be paid from Nonsectarian, Nonpublic School Services account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-11802-5810-0000051. No change to overall budget.
6. Ratify Student Services Special Employment Agreement for 2009/10 fiscal year with Pam Ajang, Ph.D., to provide educational consultant services, from March 25, 2010, through June 30, 2010. This is a new special employment contract. The amount is within the planned budget for services, therefore no change to existing overall budget. Amount not-to-exceed \$3,062.50. Funds to be paid from Special Education account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-31200-5850-0000052. This item has been budgeted.
7. Ratify Student Services Special Employment Agreement for 2009/10 fiscal year with Susan H. Norwell, M.A., to provide educational consultant services, for the period March 22, 2010, through June 30, 2010. This is a new special employment contract. The amount is within the planned budget for services, therefore no change to existing overall budget. Amount not-to-exceed \$4,500.00. Funds to be paid from Special Education account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-31200-5850-0000113. This item has been budgeted.
8. Ratify agreement per Individualized Education Plan (IEP) mandated service to reimburse parents for educational costs of not to exceed \$1,800.00, incurred from September 29, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and in accordance with our reimbursement policy. Funds to be paid from Special Education Other Services account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-71101-5890-0000051. This item is within planned budget. No change to overall budget.
9. Ratify reimbursement to parent for educational fees and costs of not-to-exceed \$27,000.00, as per Final Settlement and Release Agreement, Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Case No. 2009110620, finalized on April 12, 2010. Funds to be paid from Special Education Other Services account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-71101-5890-0000053. This item is within planned budget. No change to overall budget.
10. Ratify payment to Newman, Aaronson, and Vanaman, Attorneys at Law, for attorney's fees and costs of not-to-exceed \$10,500.00, as per Final Settlement and Release Agreement, Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Case No. 2009110620, finalized on April 12, 2010. Funds to be paid from Special Education Other Services account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-71100-5820-0000053. This item is within planned budget. No change to overall budget.

Personnel

11. Ratify leave of absence for classified employees at effective dates as listed:
 - Adams, Michelle, IBI, MBMS, (Contract Article 6) effective 04/01/10 – 05/01/10
 - Moreno, Gilberto, Operations Worker, MCHS, (Contract Article 6) effective 02/23/10 – 05/06/10
 - Myers, Valerie, Staff Secretary, Food Services, (Contract Article 6) effective 03/12/10 – 07/22/10
12. Ratify employment of classified personnel to serve as substitute and/or short term/intermittent, district wide, at effective dates listed:
 - Lomeli-Chuntz, Angelica, effective 03/26/10
 - Oliver, Norma, effective 04/05/10
 - Thomson, Brandon, effective 03/09/10
 - Watkins, Kara, effective 03/17/10
13. Ratify leave of absence for certificated staff per MBUTA Contract Article #11.9, #11.10, #11.18 as follows:
 - Skaggs-Brown, Megan (PAC), from 3/8/10 to 6/24/10
 - Wheeler, Susan (GV), from 3/8/10 to 5/28/10
14. Ratify employment of certificated substitutes at current rate of pay as follows:
 - Blake, Eric eff. 3/12/10
 - Dexter, Margaret eff. 3/18/10
 - Yarbrough, Pamela eff. 3/16/10
15. Ratify change in status for Cubillos, Deborah (MEA), change from Col. IV, Step 4, to Col. V, Step 4, eff. 3/1/10

Romines Business

16. Ratify purchase orders to date.
17. Approve Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report for the second quarter.
18. Declare that all Management, Confidential and Other Unrepresented Employee Salaries are Indefinite for 2010-2011.
19. Accept Developer Fee report for the month of March 2010.

**Proposal by the City of
Manhattan Beach to
Hold Elections on the
Same Date in
November**

Ms. VanderPoorte said the City Council had discussed moving their elections from March to November. She said it would not be possible for the District to change to March because of budget cycle. She asked if there were any objections and there were none. Ms. VanderPoorte said this proposal by the City to move to a November election would save money and create a greater voter turnout. Ms. VanderPoorte will be the spokesperson for the Board to the City.

Formation of a new Superintendent's Committee, District Employee Benefits Study

Dr. Rohrer said this committee would operate under the direction of Dr. Romines and would study benefits related to medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance. Mrs. Bordokas and Mrs. Howorth will serve on this committee.

Formation of a New Superintendent's Committee, 21st Century Learning Advanced Study Task Force

Dr. Rohrer said the subcommittee is moving forward on the request by the Superintendent's Fiscal Advisory Committee to create this task force. She said Mrs. Seaton is very knowledgeable in 21st century teaching and learning. Dr. Rohrer talked about all of the research being done. Mrs. Howorth and Mrs. Rosenberg will serve on this committee.

Approval of Board Workshops

The Board approved May 12, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., as the date and time of a workshop regarding MCHS modernization schematic plans. Dr. Romines said that an additional workshop may be scheduled after this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Howorth moved approval of the following Board meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Rosenberg and unanimously approved by the Board:

January 13, 2010, Regular Board Meeting
February 24, 2010, Regular Board Meeting
March 8, 2010, Regular Board Meeting

Superintendent/Cabinet Report

Chris Miko, Outstanding Alumni Recipient, UCI Extension

Mrs. Seaton said this fifth grade teacher at Meadows, won the alumni award on behalf of his work with gifted and talented students, in the area of science. She said he would be honored in June at the Irvine campus, and would be the keynote speaker.

Robotics Competition

Mrs. Seaton said the Beach Cities Robotics team won the World Championship in Atlanta, GA. She said there were 500 teams from 30 countries. She also noted that the team is looking for sponsors to support their fundraising efforts. SoCalROC is also interested possibly offering this as a class.

Superintendent Search Update

Dr. Rohrer updated the Board on the continuing superintendent search process.

AARA Budget Update

Mrs. Schneider reported on the disposition of the funds from the government that support new curriculum in the Special Education Department.

Enrollment Permits

Mrs. Schneider reported that 2010-2011, district wide enrollment may increase slightly, but is not declining. She said there is a steady application process for permits, although permits cannot be officially accepted until June 1st, according to District policy. Mrs. Schneider said the District is already very impacted at 2nd grade for next year and kindergarten registration has slightly increased.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Bordokas moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Howorth and unanimously approved by the Board.

BILL FOURNELL, CLERK
Board of Trustees

BEVERLY J. ROHRER, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools