LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes Los Altos School District Board Room 201 Covington Road, Los Altos April 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cooper at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT Mr. Bill Cooper, President; Mr. Mark Goines, Vice-President; Mr. Doug Smith, Clerk;

Mrs. Margot Harrigan, Member; Ms. Tamara Logan, Member

ABSENT None

ADMINISTRATION Mr. Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent; Mr. Randall Kenyon, Assistant Superintendent, Business

STAFF Marcy Birnie, Jim Grijalva, Kris Swenson, Jennifer Finley, Beth Rubinstein, Susan Goforth-Mauthes,

Roberta Robertson, Susan Evard, Niki Mitchell, Doug Core, Sandy Carse, Kim Nero

PRESS Traci Newell

OTHERS Robin Abrams, Vladimir Ivanovic, Tom Campbell, Joe Seither, Kristine Bardman, Audrey Crowley,

Margaret Yen

CLOSED SESSION The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. for anticipated litigation pursuant to

Government Code §54957, conference regarding negotiations with LATA, CSEA and non-represented groups pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 and student discipline.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Cooper asked the public to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mr. Cooper reported no action was taken in Closed Session.

AGENDA APPROVAL MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Ms. Logan to approve the agenda of the meeting.

AYES

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Baier reported an Educational Blueprint update meeting will be held on April 5, 2011.

The Egan chess team won the state championship.

CONSENT ITEMS MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. Smith to approve Consent Items 1.1 through 1.5:

1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2011

1.2 Purchase Orders

1.3 Denial of Interdistrict Transfer Requests #11/12-08 and 11/12-010

1.4 Approval of Representatives to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Finance

CONSENT ITEMS (continued)

1.5 Personnel Actions Classified

- Resignation
 - Patricia Sisler, Instructional Assistant Special Education

Effective: June 11, 2011

Amanda Villa, Instructional Assistant – Special Education 1.2

Effective: March 26, 2011

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0

EMPLOYEE REOUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jim Grijalva, LATA President, reported he and Niki Mitchell have been visiting staff to discuss negotiations and temporary and long-term solutions, as well as to get feedback from their members.

Kris Swenson, CSEA President, had nothing to report at this time.

COMMUNITY **COMMENTS**

None.

INFORMATION/ **ACTION ITEMS**

Financial Update

Mr. Kenyon reported the governor would not be placing a tax extension measure on the June ballot due to lack of support. Mr. Kenyon shared the options available to the governor with a legislative solution, which could include an all-cuts budget that would result in additional cuts to K-12 education. If the governor proceeds with this action, the district's deficit could increase to \$6.5M. Additional information on the state budget may not be known until mid-June at the earliest.

The district has identified \$4.5M in program cuts in order to have a balanced budget for 2011-12. Some of the program cuts could be restored if LAEF funding remains at the current level, Measure E were to pass, furlough days are extended and other employee concessions are negotiated. If this funding does not come through, possible elements of a contingency plan to deal with the deficit could include a hiring freeze, additional classified layoffs, salary rollbacks, declare a fiscal emergency and suspend collective bargaining agreements, use retiree benefit reserves, draw district reserves to \$0, close a school, use Bond Fund monies to pay debt service, ask parents to increase their commitments to PTA/LAEF or seek donations from local agencies and/or foundations. Negotiations with both LATA and CSEA will continue on April 8, 2011.

Program Priorities

Mr. Baier and Mr. Kenyon presented the program prioritization based on data received from the LAEF and staff surveys, as well as recommendations from the Budget Review Committee and administration. Based on this information each program was prioritized as high middle or low, with class size being the top priority. Staff requested input from the board on their priorities for the presented programs.

Following board discussion, the board requested additional information for each program presented.

Third Reading of Board Policy 5118, Open Enrollment Act Transfers

Mr. Kenyon presented the updated board policy for approval.

MSC: Ms. Logan, Mr. Goines to approve Board Policy 5118 as presented.

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0

CSEA Negotiations	Mr. Kenyon reported the classified employee association has submitted their initial negotiation proposal for 2011-12.		
	MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Ms. Logan to accept the CSEA proposal as presented.		
	AYES: 5	NOES: 0	ABSENT: 0
LATA Negotiations	Mr. Kenyon reported LATA has submitted their initial negotiation proposal for 2011-12.		
	MSC: Mr. Smith, Mr. Goines to accept the LATA proposal as presented.		
	AYES: 5	NOES: 0	ABSENT: 0
BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS, UPDATES, QUESTIONS, ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS	The board members used this opportunity to share their participation in district and community events followed by comments and concerns.		
ADJOURNMENT	MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.		
	AYES: 5	NOES: 0	ABSENT: 0
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	Date		
	Jeffrey Baier, Secretary to the Board of Trustees		
	Doug Smith, Clerk		