

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harrigan at 6:00 p.m.
PRESENT	Mrs. Margot Harrigan, President; Mr. Bill Cooper, Vice-President; Mr. Mark Goines, Clerk; Ms. Tamara Logan, Member; Mr. Doug Smith, Member
ABSENT	None
ADMINISTRATION	Mr. Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent; Mrs. Alyssa Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Randall Kenyon, Assistant Superintendent, Business
STAFF	Marcy Birnie, Amy Romem, Terri Stromfeld, Tracy Wait, Hillary Sterne, Jim Grijalva, Ruth Cantwell, Roberta Robertson, Nancy McClain
PRESS	None
OTHERS	Drew Descourouez, Shawn Descourouez, Harjit Punj, Julian Marshall, Wendy Marshall, Kelly Johnson, Mark Johnson, Wendy Sarathy, Kalai Kulandaivelu, Kathleen Stukenborg, Bill Orner, Sanden Kandel, Steve Taglio, Tom Campbell, Pat Kapp, Kathy Brady, Kelly Toshach, Kristine Bardman, Lucy Donovan
CLOSED SESSION	The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. for anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54957.
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION	The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mrs. Harrigan asked the public to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
CLOSED SESSION REPORT	Mrs. Harrigan reported no action was taken in Closed Session.
AGENDA APPROVAL	MSC: Mr. Cooper, Mr. Goines to approve the agenda of the meeting.  <div> <div>AYES: 5</div> <div>NOES: 0</div> <div>ABSENT: 0</div> </div>
STAFF AND STUDENT SUCCESSES	<p>Mr. Baier reported Mr. Curtis Schneider, Egan science teacher, received an Award of Merit for excellence as an educator both inside and outside the classroom from the Kiwanis Club of Mountain View.</p> <p>Mr. Baier introduced Andrew Descourouez, eighth grade student at Blach. Andrew reported he and one other student from Southern California have been asked to serve as a youth representative on the Board of Free the Children. He will be representing the youth of the United States and will work on ways to best engage the youth with this organization.</p>

SCHOOL PRESENTATION	Hillary Stern and Tracy Wait, sixth grade teachers at Springer School, introduced the sixth grade student council members who shared a video presentation of the activities at Springer that take place outside the classroom. Josef Orner, Marina Hindman, Rachel Stukenborg, Matt McDermott, Evan Marshall, Anand Kulandaivelu, Lucy Johnson and Rohan Sarathy highlighted the following activities: Nature Club, morning flag salute, Springer Singers, Juggling Club, Art Club, after school activities, Fine Arts and Physical Education Program, Chess Club, Computer Lab, WOW (Walk or Wheel) Program, lunchtime games, Gogo Club, Run for Your Life and Origami Program.		
SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE	Mr. Baier reported the State has approved the district's self-study on the compliance of a range of measurements in meeting the requirements of our Special Education students.		
CONSENT ITEMS	MSC: Mr. Goines, Mr. Cooper to approve Consent Items 1.1 through 1.4:		
	1.1	Regular Board Meeting Minutes, October 25, 2010	
	1.2	Purchase Orders	
	1.3	BP 4112.8, Employment of Relatives (certificated)	
		BP 4212.8, Employment of Relatives (classified)	
		BP 4312.8, Employment of Relatives (management)	
	1.4	Personnel Actions	
		<u>Certificated</u>	
	1.	Request to Change FTE	
	1.1	Diane Rabago, 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Loyola School (.500 FTE to .600 FTE)	
		Effective: November 18, 2010	
	1.2	Emily White, 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Loyola School (.500 FTE to .400 FTE)	
		Effective: November 18, 2010	
	2.	Resignation	
	2.1	Jeffrey Allyn, TSDC Teacher, Santa Rita School	
		Effective: December 31, 2010	
		<u>Classified</u>	
	1.	Employment	
	1.1	Lenore Neal, Noon Duty Assistant, Loyola School	
		Effective: November 3, 2010	
	2.	Re-Employment	
	2.1	Stephanie Yamada, Instructional Assistant – Special Education	
		Effective: November 1, 2010	
	AYES: 5	NOES: 0	ABSENT: 0
EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD	Jim Grijalva, LATA President, had no items to report on at this time.		
	Kris Swenson, CSEA President, was unable to attend the meeting.		
COMMUNITY COMMENTS	None		

INFORMATION/  
ACTION ITEMSSister School Visit  
to Hangzhou, China

Mrs. Stromfeld, Almond School Principal, and Mrs. Romem, Oak School Principal, reported on their visit to and sister school agreement with Yucai School in Hangzhou, China. Yucai School focuses on internationalism and has several international sister school agreements. Representatives from the school contacted our district as they were looking to partner with two of our schools based on our high academic excellence. The district did perform a reference check before committing to the visit. There are similarities with our schools and their school as both have high academic values and strong parent support. There are 1000 students enrolled at each campus and most students live there during the week. Acceptance at the school is highly selective with 250 applicants for each student selected. English, math, Chinese and science are the core subjects with class sizes of 35 students.

On the first day of their visit, Mrs. Stromfeld and Mrs. Romem participated in a treaty signing ceremony. The agreement states that 24 students from the Yucai School will visit Almond and Oak Schools the week of February 6, 2011. The students and their parents will stay with our host families while they are here. The students will spend three days on our campuses to experience an American school and then they will visit San Francisco, the Tech Museum and Los Angeles.

Single Plans for  
Student Achievement

Mrs. Gallagher presented each school's Single Plan for Student Achievement for approval. The board also received each school's goals from last year with an update from each principal. The common themes with this year's goals are improving school climate with Project Cornerstone, systems of support, continuing to support the math adoption and utilizing technology to support student learning.

MSC: Ms. Logan, Mr. Smith to approve the Single Plans for Student Achievement as presented.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

## Financial Update

Mr. Kenyon reported the Legislative Analyst's Office has projected the state budget deficit is at \$25.4B and shortfalls in revenues are expected through 2015-16. The 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Financial Report will be presented at the December 6 meeting and CACF will use that information for their six-year forecast. The monies from the Federal Education Jobs Act will be included in the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Financial Report and recommendations on how to spend the monies will be brought to the board after 1<sup>st</sup> Interim. All flexibility provisions will sunset beginning in July 2012.

District Goals/  
Educational Blueprint  
Retreat

Mr. Baier reported school, parent and community representatives met on November 2 to discuss long term planning for the district. At that meeting, goals and companion objectives were set. The district adopted goals last June and there is now an opportunity to meld the two sets of goals. Staff shared the progress that has been made in meeting the current goals in the areas of curriculum and instruction, personnel, communication and community, finance and capital and facilities planning.

There are many overlaps in comparing the current goals and objectives with those set at the November 2 meeting. If the two sets of goals are consolidated, the new goals will include:

- Develop innovation in instructional delivery and demonstration of student learning
- Increase teacher training and sharing of best practices
- Achieve financial stability
- Strengthen the working relationship between the charter school and Los Altos School District
- Meet the individual needs of students
- Keep staff, parents and community members engaged with and committed to the district's mission

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MSC: Mr. Cooper moved to approve the six goals as presented. Ms. Logan amended the motion to approve the goals, mission statement and objectives as presented. Mr. Cooper seconded the amended motion.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

Parcel Tax Feasibility  
and Planning Update

Mr. Baier presented the options for parcel tax elections in 2011. If the board were to pursue a parcel tax on the March 8, 2011 ballot, the board must pass a resolution at the December 6, 2010 meeting. The board could choose to let the deadline pass if there is no interest in the March election. Following board discussion, there was agreement to continue with a May election.

Mr. Kenyon reported the district's survey consultant would like to test two representative tax amounts with the survey. One amount would be the tax needed to maintain our current level of programs without the one-time support the district is receiving from LAEF and PTA. The other amount would be the tax needed to maintain our current level of programs with the additional support provided this year continuing indefinitely. Timing is an issue as the pollster will be conducting the survey with the estimated tax amounts before the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Financial Report has been presented and CACF has completed the six-year forecast. Mr. Kenyon can give the pollster estimated tax amounts for the survey but the actual tax amount will be determined by the board in late January. Following board discussion, Mr. Kenyon was directed to provide estimated tax amounts to the pollster for the survey.

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.

Mr. Baier will continue visiting schools with members of KLASS. He will also be visiting school staffs during lunch.

Mrs. Gallagher shared the kindergarten information night flyer with the board. The flyer has also been sent to the local preschools and the district will be reaching out to offer kindergarten readiness panels at the preschools. Mrs. Gallagher reported the Khan Academy will be piloted in four math classes: one fifth grade class at both Santa Rita and Covington and two pre-algebra readiness classes at Egan. Parent information meetings will be held three consecutive evenings at each participating school beginning on November 16.

Mr. Kenyon reported the CACF will be meeting on November 17. The water district will be holding a neighborhood meeting at Blach to get additional input from the neighbors and requested a board member attend that meeting. The water district has been asked to attend the January 10 meeting to give a full presentation to the board on the project.

Mr. Cooper reported he will notify CHAC to let them know the district supports their efforts but the board representative may not be able to attend every meeting. The representative will keep in contact with CHAC and will attend meetings when necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Harrigan adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeffrey Baier, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Doug Smith, Clerk