

Solvang Elementary School

Science Discovery Center, Upper Campus, Solvang School
565 Atterdag Rd., Solvang, CA 93463

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Dec 10, 2007

5:30 Closed Session

6:00 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: 5:30 p.m. by President, Michele Saunders.

Board Members Present: Michele Saunders, Alfred Holzheu, Cris Avery and Peter Haws. Felix Fischer joined the meeting at 5:50.

Administration present: Steve Michaud, Supt./Principal; Meg Perry, Business Manager; Cynthia Micale, Administrative Assistant. (Mr. Michaud left the meeting at 6:30).

2. Closed Session

2A. Appeal/Review of Interdistrict Transfer

2B. Negotiations

3. Open Regular Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance: 6:44 p.m. Dr. Saunders led the pledge.

Staff Present: John Padfield, Sherry Shultz, Laurie Wright, Heide Moir.

Others Present: Cindy Fredette, Melody Hunt.

3.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session/Presentation of Tentative Agreement Dated 12/3/07 Between Solvang School District and Solvang Federation of Teachers. Dr. Saunders announced that no action had been taken on item 2A. Regarding item 2B, Dr. Saunders apologized on behalf of the district for the mislabeling of the negotiations document included in the packet. The document was an offer, not a tentative agreement and should not have been labeled as such. She announced that negotiations were ongoing.

4. Introductions/Recognition: None

5. (M) Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Haws and seconded by Mr. Holzheu. The motion passed 5/0.

6. (M) Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2007. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Holzheu. The motion passed 5/0.

7. Public Comment: Cindy Fredette announced that there would be a Safety Committee meeting on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. The committee meets every second Tuesday of the month. The committee is comprised of nine parents and two teachers. She invited board members to attend. She then expressed her concern over the lack of aide time, especially in kindergarten. Laurie Wright told the board that she felt it was crucial to the primary program to have a full time aide in each class. She feels the needs of the high end students are not being met. In addition, she appreciates the help of parent volunteers but they can not assist with conferences or other confidential student issues. Melody Hunt also addressed the board about teacher aides. She requested the board have a "vision workshop" to create a road map for our school. In addition, she would like to have designated days where board members visit the campus during school hours.

8. Correspondence/Committee Reports: Melody Hunt reported for PTO. She said the 2 hour Power program had 120 parents participating. In addition, parents have successfully banked and accessed funds for Outdoor School. Jan 17 will be another 5th grade spaghetti feed followed by 4th grade on Jan 30. 6th grade will host a fundraising dinner on Feb 28. Heide Moir presented the board with minutes from the Curriculum Committee. Sherry Shultz spoke on behalf of the Climate Committee. She indicated

that the district needed to formulate a policy on teacher's being first aide and CPR certified. She said this had been an ongoing request to obtain this information from administration. It lately became a concern when the 4th grade went on the Oso Flaco field trip and it was determined that a first aide certified staff member was mandated to go. Mrs. Shultz also said the Climate Committee would like to re-visit the district's policy of allowing teacher requests and would like a better system for establishing class lists during the summer.

9. (M) Approval of Consent Agenda

9.1 Approval of Commercial Warrants(*) (11/9, 11/16, 11/21)

9.2 Approval of Financial Reports(*)

9.3 Enrollment Report(*)

9.4 Acceptance of New Hire: Amy Lovelace, Temporary First Grade Position

9.5 Acceptance of Resignation: Kirsten Klitgaard, Instructional Aide.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Avery. The motion passed 5/0.

10. Board Member Reports: None.

11. Superintendent's Report

11.1 Facilities/Safety Modification Update

In Mr. Michaud's absence, Mrs. Micale reported that the security fencing project on the lower campus was underway. In addition, Mike Anderson would be installing peep holes in all the doors.

12. Board Action Items

12.1 (M) **Public Hearing: Accounting of Development Fees/Capital Facilities Fund #25 for the 2006-07 Fiscal Year.** Dr. Saunders opened the hearing at 7:04 p.m. There was no discussion. The hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

12.2 (M)(*) **Consideration for Approval: School Facility Fees Summary of Revenue & Expenses for the 2006-07 Fiscal Year.** A motion to approve was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Fischer. The motion passed 5/0.

12.3 (R)(*) **Consideration for Approval: Resolution 07-1210-01 Annual Accounting of Development Fees for Fiscal Year 2006-07.** A motion to approve was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Holzheu. The motion passed in a roll call vote with 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

12.4 (M) **Consideration for Approval: Election of Board President, Clerk of the Board and Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization.** A motion by Mr. Fischer was made for Alfred Holzheu to serve as President, Peter Haws to serve as Clerk and for Cris Avery to be the County Committee member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haws and passed 5/0.

12.5 (M) **Consideration for Approval: Set the Dates and Times for all Regular Board Meetings for 2008.** A motion to continue board meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Fischer. The meeting dates were set as follows: Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 17(third Monday), Dec 8. The motion passed 5/0.

12.6 (M)(*) **Consideration for Approval: First Interim Budget Report 2007-08.** A motion to approve was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Fischer. The motion passed 5/0.

12.7(M)(*) **Consideration for Approval: Contractual Agreements with The TDS Group to Serve as a Third Party Administrator for 457(b) and 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plans.** A motion to approve

was made by Mr. Haws and seconded by Mr. Holzheu. In discussion the board felt that TDS should make a presentation to the staff and other vendor options should be explored. The motion was tabled.

12.8(R)(*) Consideration for Approval: Resolution 07-1210-02-457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Adoption Agreement 2007. This item was tabled in conjunction with item 12.7.

12.9(M)(*) Consideration for Approval: Change of Solvang School Mascot from "The Suns" to "The Viking Warriors." A motion to re-consider for approval was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Holzheu. The motion passed 5/0.

13. Board Informational Items: None

14. Future Agenda Items: Campus Safety and Fencing.

At 7:27 the board went back in to closed session to continue discussion of Negotiations (agenda item 2B). There was no action taken or to report.

15. Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.

(*) Supporting material contained within the Board packet

(M) Motion Item (R) Roll Call Item

Signed

Attest