

**LOMA PRIETA JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 14, 2015

Loma Prieta Community Center Conference (CC) Room

BOARD MEMBERS: Shannon Hickok, Member
Jennifer Straw, Member
Deana Arnold, Member
Paula Lacey, Member
Rachelle Lopp, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SECRETARY PRESENT: Corey Kidwell

ROLL CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Approved 5-0

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Ms. Lacey to approve the agenda as presented.

Public Concerns – None

Superintendent Kidwell called the open session to order in honor and memory of Ms. Tessa Davis.

Mrs. Shoemate led the flag salute.

Ms. Lopp reported the Superintendent's evaluation was discussed in closed session. No action was taken.

Written Correspondence – Ms. Hickok summarized a letter from the District Business and Advisory Services Department of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, which provided a positive certification of the District's fiscal solvency following review of the First Interim Report. The County Office encouraged continued conservative and cautious approach to multiyear forecasting.

Public Comment – None.

REPORTS

Board of Trustees – Ms. Lopp reported 2015 liaison positions as follows: Ms. Lopp – CT Home and School Club, Ms. Arnold – Loma Home and School Club, Ms. Hickok – Loma Public Education Fund, Ms. Lacey – School Site Council, Ms. Lacey and Ms. Arnold (rotating) - Loma Prieta Community Foundation/Theater in the Mountains, and a rotation among all board members to the Superintendent's Coordinating Council. Ms. Lopp reported the CT Home and School Club is seeking new leadership and has moved

meetings to the evening. Ms. Arnold reported her attendance at the CSBA Annual Education Conference and attended a 2015-16 budget perspectives workshop. Ms. Hickok, Ms. Straw and Ms. Lacey had no report.

Superintendent (Ms. Kidwell) – Ms. Kidwell reported the recent Superintendent’s Coordinating Council meeting was well attended. Good input was received from community representatives. She attended the monthly superintendents’ meeting at the Santa Clara County Office of Education where PERS/STRS deductions was discussed at length. Ms. Kidwell indicated she plans to attend the ACSA Superintendents’ Symposium at the end of January. Ms. Kidwell reported with a heavy heart the receipt of a copy of a letter of resignation of Ms. Straw from the Board of Trustees due to changes in demands at work. Ms. Straw’s resignation is effective January 31, 2015. Ms. Kidwell thanked Ms. Straw for her many positive contributions during her term and invited Ms. Straw to the February meeting for recognition of her service. Ms. Kidwell reported no complaints pursuant to the Williams Settlement.

Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator (Ms. Carino) – Ms. Carino expressed her appreciation for the work being done by Mr. Patino. He has organized a football league for 4th/5th grade students and helped to settle many students through physical activity. Ms. Carino reported Ms. Blasi is working with students on lunchtime activities. Ms. Carino is also asking for more parent support during lunch. She reported the CT faculty is initiating a process for adoption of instructional materials purchased using Common Core funds. Loma faculty is reviewing curriculum maps and comparing to assessments in advance of Common Core materials consideration, selection, adoption and purchase. Ms. Hickok expressed her appreciation for the good work Mr. Patino is doing.

CBO (Ms. Vance) – Ms. Vance reported the Governor’s 2015-16 budget proposal has been released. In her review, she indicated the revenue projections match the funding levels of 2007-08. She reported the District may receive a one time reimbursement of \$60,000 to \$70,000 in mandated cost expenditures.

Director of Maintenance and Operations (Mr. Levenhagen) – Mr. Levenhagen reported the maintenance staff took some time off during the December break. The kitchen floor was waxed and the LED lighting installation in the parking lot was completed. As a result, all exterior LED lighting projects are complete. Planning for gym lighting installation is underway with a possible installation occurring during the Spring Recess. Mr. Levenhagen reported a letter of record has been sent to the general contractor of the Loma Elementary stucco project to formally document the staining, flaking and cracking visible on the job. The general contractor will engage a plaster forensics person for evaluation of the conditions. Final payment for the stucco project has been retained. To Ms. Lacey’s question, Mr. Levenhagen indicated the forensics expert will conduct a full evaluation and provide his recommendation for corrective action. Mr. Levenhagen reported a significant reduction of surplus materials following recent board action. He advised the effort to reduce will continue. Regarding the multiuse project on the North Campus, Mr. Levenhagen reported the DSA accepted the project on January 9, 2015. DSA approval is expected in mid-March, construction is anticipated to begin mid-April to May with completion in August, 2015.

Transportation Supervisor (Ms. Smrt) – Ms. Smrt reported the new bus has arrived. The transportation budget remains on target and ridership remains consistent. Ms. Smrt summarized the receipt of new buses indicating 3 buses have been provided through

grants from the Bay Area Air Quality Management agency and 2 buses from the Small School Districts Association grants.

LPTA (Ms. Ray) – Ms. Ray reported she will attend a CTA Presidents’ meeting on January 21. Ms. Ray indicated the negotiation team members are Ms. Ignoffo, Ms. Denues and Mr. Cohen. Ms. Ray reported she is drawing the attention of teachers to a good quality teaching conference scheduled for the end of January.

CSEA (Ms. Fulton) – No report.

LPEF (Ms. Thomas) – Ms. Thomas reported LPEF is gearing up for Spring events. The KEEP survey is ready to go to parents. The KEEP Campaign will launch shortly after the parent survey concludes. Sip for Schools will be held at the Loma Prieta Winery on April 25 and 26. The golf tournament efforts will kick off in February.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Adopt Res. #15-XIV – Resolution for Lease Financing Approved 5-0

Ms. Perkins of Stifel brokerage and investment banking firm and Ms. Abrahams of Stradling law firm provided information regarding the processes for and expectations of the District’s effort to borrow funds for the improvements to the multiuse facilities on the North Campus through the preparation, sale and delivery of a Lease/Purchase Agreement between the District and the Public Property Financing Corporation of California. Ms. Perkins stated she would lock in the interest rate on January 15 and expected the loan to close on or around January 28 at an indicative interest rate of 2.38 to 2.42%. The lease documents would undergo review between January 15 and 28. The cost of issuance was budgeted at \$40,000 and will not be funded by the loan. The resolution presented effectuates the lease. CT English buildings are being considered as collateral for the loan in order to keep other areas of the school available as collateral for future loans if necessary.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Lacey and seconded by Ms. Arnold to adopt resolution 15-XIV as presented.

Discuss/Adopt 2015-16 District Calendar Approved 3-1-1

Ms. Kidwell explained the rationale behind the recommended calendar. She offered mitigating the financial impact on working parents by providing Kids & Co attendance at no cost for the Monday and Tuesday preceding Thanksgiving for those students who regularly attend the daycare program. Ms. Lacey stated she values the argument for a slow start to the school year. Ms. Straw stated she would abstain from voting on the item as she would not be a member of the school board while the calendar was in effect. Ms. Lacey expressed concern for the recommended changes to this calendar and consistency in future years when Halloween was not on a weekend day. Ms. Lopp requested notification to the parents that the changes reflected in the calendar are not permanent.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Ms. Lopp to adopt the calendar as recommended with students returning to start the school year on August 19, 2015, three local holidays before Thanksgiving day, and an end date to the school year of June 8, 2016.

Adopt Recommended District Funding Priorities for the Loma Public Education Fund Approved 5-0

Ms. Kidwell presented priorities. They were not stated in rank order.

KEEP Priority #1

Preserve our existing instructional program supports

- ✦ Loma Developmental PE
- ✦ CTE & Loma Library Services
- ✦ K-8 Student Support Services and Counseling
- ✦ Additional .2 elective options at CT
- ✦

KEEP Priority # 2

Keep increased programmatic options at both school

- ✦ .4 Increase in electives at CT
 - ✦ Art in action, music, Yosemite, 6th grade transition, etc.
- ✦ K-5 Music
 - ✦ Excellent teacher!

KEEP Priority # 3

Continue to grow expanding opportunities for students

- ✦ Technology Instructional Support - Educational Technology Specialist
- ✦ Inclusive enrichment grades 4-8
 - ✦ coordinated activities such as performing arts, speech and debate, writing anthologies, math and science STEM or STEAM, grade level trips such as the Yosemite Institute, science camp, living history experiences, etc.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Straw and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve KEEP priorities as presented.

Discuss Progress on District Goals and Mid-year Adjustments

Ms. Kidwell stated the Administration and staff are on track to meet District goals. No changes or adjustments are recommended.

Approval of Consent Items

Approved 5-0

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Ms. Lacey to approve the consent items which included Personnel Report #01/14/15; board meeting minutes of December 10, 2014; December warrants in the amount of \$106,669.05; open purchase orders through December 2014 in the encumbered amount of \$618,932.84, liquidated amount of \$318,533.94, and remaining balance of \$300,398.90; a cash donation from the Gerhardt-Newman family; and approval of the fourth grade overnight study trip to the Gold Country.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:54 p.m.

Submitted by:

Corey Kidwell
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