

May 11, 2005

- A. Call to Order** The Board of Education of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District met in regular session at 6:02 p.m. on the above date in the District Office Board Room, 700 Pacific Street, Monterey, California.
- The meeting was called to order by President Foss.
- B. Roll Call – Establishment of Quorum**
- Board Members Present: Robert Eggers
Resa Foss
Alan Haffa
Regena Lauterbach
Shanda LeBoeuf (arrived at 6:41 p.m.)
Carlos E. Noriega
Marjorie Troutman (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
- Staff Members Present: Robert Costa
Yvonne Despard
John Lamb
Carol Weesner
Tom Woodruff
- DLI/POM/NPS Representative Present: Cindy Rothstein
- Student Board Members Absent: Cristina Thomas, Monterey HS
Jonathan Wellman, Seaside HS
- The President declared that a quorum was present and the Board proceeded with the order of business.
- C. Public Comments on Closed Session Items** No public comments were made at this time.
- D. Closed Session** The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the following:
1. Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code section 54957)
- *Facilities Planner*
 2. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9
- *OAH Case No. N2005030357*
- E. Reconvene Open Session** The Board reconvened at 7:15 p.m. to take the following action:
- F. Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by President Foss.
- G. Report Action Taken in Closed Session, if any** No reportable actions were taken in closed session.
- H. Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Item** None

I. Action Items

- *1. Consider Hearing Officer's Recommendations - *Strategy 1*

President Foss said while we live in uncertain times, eliminating employees who will go somewhere else works against the best interest of the District, and she felt that the reduction of 42.5 FTE is too high. She said she didn't support the rationale discussed in terms of future actions.

Board Member Troutman said she didn't support eliminating employees, but with the uncertain times as a result of the state's economy and the District's particular economic situation, she would probably support the recommendation. She expressed her optimism and hoped that the District will be able to bring back the employees.

Board Member Noriega said the Board has a fiscal responsibility to do what is appropriate to balance the budget and ensure that learning continues, and that the Board has to do what is best for the organization.

Board Member Haffa said he was inclined to support the motion, although he was not happy about it. He said there are a lot of economic uncertainties, and the motion will give the District the flexibility needed. He felt confident that management will bring back as many employees as appropriate and as needed. Board Member Haffa spoke about the possibility of bringing this item back in 30 days to review the action taken.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to bring the item back in 30 days.

President Foss said she shared Board Member Haffa's concerns, and hoped that the parents who see their children begin school with substitutes will consider writing a letter to the governor and advocate general funding for education. She referred to an upcoming May 25 rally in Sacramento and Los Angeles urging the governor to make education more of a priority.

RESOLVED that the Board consider the adoption of the Hearing Officer's recommendation from the April 21, 2005, hearing regarding the layoff of certificated employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the decision of the Administrative Law Judge as its own, except for Factual Finding #7 and Legal Conclusion #2, which are specifically rejected.

MSC Eggers, Noriega
AYES: 6
NOES: 1 (Foss)

J. Information

- *1. Continue Discussion Regarding Bridge Financing – *Strategy 6*

At the April 18, 2005, meeting, the Board was informed of the cancellation of three state modernization projects. Contracts had been awarded for this work and the District is obligated to fulfill the award. At the May 2, 2005 meeting, Chief Business Officer Tom Woodruff spoke about the need for bridge financing to address the contracts, materials purchased, and the work that has already begun. He said it was essential that the work at Marshall and Marina Vista Elementary Schools be restarted, that a funding source be created in the interim, and said the best option in terms of short-term borrowing is a certificate of participation (COPs). Board members began their discussion on bridge financing, but due to the lateness of the hour, it was the consensus of the Board to continue its discussion at the May 11, 2005, special Board meeting.

Mr. Woodruff provided additional information regarding COPs and clarified questions from Board members. Information regarding the status of Office of Public School Construction-funded modernization projects and an analysis indicating the District's current unfunded liability of \$7 million was shared. The Board continued its discussion and review of financial information provided by Mr. Woodruff for consideration and action at the May 16, 2005 Board meeting.

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lamb
Interim Executive Secretary

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+Motion/Second/Carried