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## Superintendent's Newsletter

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS: October 29, 2003

**President Mike O'Neill called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board Members present: Avram Frankel, Connie Menefee and Joan Weideman. Betsy Massie arrived at 7:45 p.m.**

### Announcements

- President O'Neill announced that a final agreement had been reached for the sale the Westview site to the Olson Company effective October 17, 2003.

### Presentations

- Laurel Trask introduced Sunset Ridge Elementary School students Karla Denise Constantino, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Alexandra Mariano, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and their families. Carla and Alexandra will have their artwork displayed in the district office for the coming semester. Chris Elvander, a classroom teacher at Sunset Ridge, assisted with the presentation. To date, eighteen students from five schools have participated in our Arts Alive Program.

### Reports and Discussions

- Received petition requesting a Board vote on changing the name of the district to Pacifica School District effective January 1, 2004. A Public Hearing will be held at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Heard comments from two community members on the proposed Westview Sale.
- Heard Contract Negotiation proposals from LSEA, CSEA and the district.
- Heard Laguna Salada Asset Management Foundation report with an accompanying request for the district to support a change in Bylaws to change the priority from managing funds to obtaining and managing funds (i.e. a broader range). Decided to continue discussion at the November 19, 2003 Board meeting. A key question is "Should the foundation continue?"
- Heard Darcie Newton provide a summary of the Bond and Modernization Review Committee meetings. Total modernization expenditures to date are approximately \$53 million.
- Heard Linda Mar/Oddstad Merger Update provided by James Rogers. All plans are on the timeline.
- Agreed to postpone the Pacifica Girls Softball Field Use discussion to November 19<sup>th</sup> at PGSL request.
- Heard facilities update. Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School: Covered walkway still not in. Cabrillo: Working on punch list. Fencing has been added in various areas for safety reasons. Ortega: Progress continues on time and on budget. Number of portables needed on site for 2003-04 will be determined in the next two weeks. Phase II subcommittee held meeting. Ocean Shore: Construction documents are in development.
- Discussed Long Term Facility Planning. Agreed that the sale of Westview is critical to continued modernization plans. Already approved budget on new projects to date: \$10.3M. Discussed other possible projects, including district wide field and playground improvements, Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School theatre, district wide special education classrooms, modernization of district office, additional Ocean Shore site work, Sunset Ridge daycare buildings, Ortega amphitheatre and Vallemar music classroom for a total of \$10.6 million. Agreed to wait until exact amount of sale was known before prioritizing list.
- Reviewed disaggregated data from STAR tests. District wide, more girls tend to meet standard than boys in language arts. More boys tend to meet standard than girls in mathematics. A greater portion of economically disadvantaged students do not meet standards than district wide. This achievement gap needs to be addressed.
- Heard enrollment update. There are 26 more students in the district as of October 20<sup>th</sup> than on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Only Cabrillo School is operating at capacity.

### Action Items

- Approved District/Superintendent Goals for 2003-04 school year.
- Approved Bylaws, Policies and Administrative Regulations in 3000 series.
- Approved Oddstad School Site Plan. Approved the format of the Executive Summary.
- Approved Mid-Year Kindergarten Program to begin earlier this year (January 6<sup>th</sup>).
- Approved creation of a part-time classified management position: Modernization Coordinator to be paid out of the building fund.

### Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

- Held First Reading on revised policies in the 6000 series.

### The Next Board of Trustees Meetings

- November 19, 2003      7:30 p.m.      Regular
- December 9, 2003      7:30 p.m.      Reorganization (pending Board action) – note date change

