

## BOARD MEETING: April 28, 2009

**ATTENDANCE:** Board: Gary Eberhart, Paul Strange, Dick Allen, Linda Mayo, Sherry Whitmarsh  
Administrative Staff: Interim Superintendent Dick Nicoll; Associate Superintendent Alan Young; assistant superintendents Mildred Browne, Gail Isseman, Rose Lock, Pete Pedersen; General Counsel Greg Rolan  
Student Representatives: Araceli Montoya, Mt. Diablo (voting); Michael Sullivan, College Park; Brandon Bratcher, Ygnacio Valley; and Jesus Nkunku and Tim Smith, Olympic

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Eberhart called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room at the MDUSD Dent Center.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CLOSED SESSION:** The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:06 p.m. in Room 6 at the Dent Center. Topics discussed included negotiations; 7 expulsions and 1 request for readmission; existing litigation (A. Phillips v. MDUSD; Rainwater v. MDUSD); anticipated litigation (one potential case); and public employee discipline/dismissal/release/complaint.

### Readmission

Mayo moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve staff's recommendation to admit one student, who met the conditions of the rehabilitation plan.

### Anticipated Litigation

- Phillips v MDUSD  
Whitmarsh moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to authorize \$36,500 for the settlement of this case.
- Rainwater v MDUSD  
Strange moved, Whitmarsh seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to authorize up to \$150,000 for the settlement of Rainwater v MDUSD, with two stipulations.

2. **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:** The Board returned to Open Session in the in the Multi-Use Room at Monte Gardens Elementary School at 7:38 p.m. President Eberhart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Expulsion

Student 41-09: Whitmarsh moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student 41-09 be expelled from all schools and programs of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student 41-09 may apply for readmission after January 29, 2010. It is required that Student 41-09 participate in individual counseling, community service, the COPS program, the District's Teen Anger Management Workshop, and show evidence of a successful school experience, prior to applying for readmission.

Student 42-09: Mayo moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student 42-09 be expelled from all schools and programs of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student 42-09 may apply for readmission after January 29, 2010. It is required that Student 42-09 participate in individual counseling, community service, the COPS program, the District's Teen Anger Management Workshop, pay restitution in the amount of half the cost of replacement of electronic devices damaged during assault in classroom, and show evidence of a successful school experience, prior to applying for readmission.

Student 43-09: Strange moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student 43-09 be expelled from all schools and programs of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student 43-09 may apply for readmission after April 28, 2010. It is required that Student 43-09 participate in individual counseling, the COPS program, the District's Teen Anger Management Workshop, write an essay on what student has learned from this experience, and show evidence of a successful school experience, prior to applying for readmission.

Student 44-09: Allen moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student 44-09 be expelled from all schools and programs of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student 44-09 may apply for readmission after January 29, 2010. It is required that Student 44-09 participate in individual counseling, community service, the COPS program, the District's Teen Anger Management Workshop, and show evidence of a successful school experience, prior to applying for readmission.

Student 45-09: Whitmarsh moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student 45-09 be expelled from all schools and programs of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student 45-09 may apply for readmission after April 28, 2010. It is required that Student 45-09 participate in individual counseling, community service, the COPS program, write a four-page essay on appropriate sexual behavior towards females, and show evidence of a successful school experience, prior to applying for readmission.

Student 46-09: Mayo moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student 46-09 be expelled from all schools and programs of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student 46-09 may apply for readmission after January 29, 2010. It is required that Student 46-09 participate in individual counseling, community service, the COPS program, the District's Teen Anger Management and its Drug and Alcohol Workshop, provide proof of a negative drug test, pay restitution in the amount of half the cost of replacement of electronic devices damaged during assault in classroom, and show evidence of a successful school experience, prior to applying for readmission.

Student 47-09: Strange moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student 47-09 be expelled from all schools and programs of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student 47-09 may apply for readmission after January 29, 2010. It is required that Student 47-09 participate in individual counseling, community service, the COPS program, the District's Teen Anger Management Workshop and its Drug and Alcohol Workshop, provide proof of a negative drug test, and show evidence of a successful school experience, prior to applying for readmission.

Eberhart reported the issues discussed and action taken during Closed Session.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

After removing Item 3.13.3 at Mayo's request, Mayo moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt the Consent Agenda, thereby approving the following:

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of March 24 and April 7, 2009.

#### **3.2 Certificated Personnel**

##### **3.2.1 Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements, Employment**

##### **3.2.2 Reduction of Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) for the 2009-10 School Year**

Eliminated 2.25 full-time equivalent Adult Teacher Coordinator positions in the Mt. Diablo Adult Education Program. Fiscal Impact: \$186,666 decrease in the Categorical Fund expenditure budget Funding Source: \$84,690 from Administration; \$17,286 from Adults with Disabilities; \$84,690 from Career Technical Education

##### **3.2.3 Resolution 08/09-69 Variable Term Waiver Requests**

Adopted Resolution 08/09-69, authorizing Matt Kelly to apply for a Variable Term Waiver, giving him additional time to complete certain requirements for the credential that authorizes his service. The waiver request is made when there is not a properly credentialed person available for the position.

##### **3.2.4 Resolution 08/09-72 Board Authorization**

Adopted Resolution 08/09-72, authorizing Paul Renaud, who holds a California teaching credential and has 18 lower division units or 9 upper division units or graduate coursework in a subject, to teach that subject for the 2008-09 school year, as per Ed. Code 44263.

##### **3.2.5 Agreement for Furnishing Clinical Experience and the Use of Clinical Facilities with California State University, East Bay for the Period of December 3, 2008 through December 31, 2011**

Approved agreement that allows students in the Speech Pathology Program at California State University, East Bay, to use District's facilities to accommodate their clinical experience.

##### **3.2.6 Student Teaching Agreement with Patton University for the term of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2011**

Approved an agreement with Patton University for cooperating teachers who have a student teacher to receive a stipend for their services. In order for colleges or universities to pay this stipend, there must be a signed contract on file with each institution.

#### **3.3 Classified Personnel**

##### **3.3.1 Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements, Employment**

3.4 Monthly Budget Transfers and/or Budget Increases/Decreases for the Month of March 2009

3.5 Fiscal Transaction Corrections for February 2009

3.6 Fiscal Transactions for March 2009

3.7 Award of Bid 1543 to Kel Tec Builders, Inc.

Awarded Bid 1543 in the amount of \$36,000 to Kel Tec Builders, Inc. to provide the path of travel corrections at Gregory Gardens Elementary School. Funding Source: Measure C

- 3.8 Final Change Order to Bid 1519, Contract C-885 Biland Construction Company  
Approved Final Change Order to Bid 1519, Contract C-885, Biland Construction Company in the amount of \$13,736 for site work for build-back of F and G Wings at Olympic High School. Funding Source: Prop. 55
- 3.9 Notice of Completion to Contract C-885, Bid 1519  
Approved Notice of Completion to Bid 1519, Contract C-885, to Biland Construction Company in the amount of \$773,736 for new classrooms and restrooms at Olympic High School. Funding Source: Proposition 55
- 3.10 Multi-year Contract for Mandated Safety and Health Assessments, Chemical Hygiene Plans and Surveys, Inventory and Reporting of Chemical Reagents in District Science Classrooms  
Approved new three-year agreement with MS Environmental, Inc. to provide statutory safety and health assessments, chemical surveys, inventory and reporting of all chemical reagents in all District science classrooms. Fiscal Impact: \$29,400 Funding Source: Hazardous Materials Compliance Budget (Gen. Purpose)
- 3.11 Consider Approval to Amendment of an Independent Service Contract with San Francisco State University to Provide Professional Development Workshops for ADEPT (A Developmental English Proficiency Test) for the 2008-2009 School Year  
Approved amendment to agreement that San Francisco State University provide three additional workshops for staff on the use of the ADEPT. Fiscal Impact: \$22,000 Funding Source: Title II Highly Qualified Teachers
- 3.12 Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Funds for 2009-2010  
Approved submittal of an application for Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology funding in 2009-2010. The allocation will be approximately \$200,000 for secondary education and approximately \$67,000 for adult education. There is no cost to the General Fund or to the Adult Education Fund. No matching Funds are required. Funding Source: Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Funds
- 3.13 Grant Application Requests  
Approved submittal of applications for the following:
- 3.13.1 Technical and Assistance Training (CalStat) Grant to Serve as a CalStat Regional Institute Host Site  
Fiscal Impact: Grant will generate up to \$18,000. There is no cost to the General Fund. Funding is provided by California Services for Technical and Assistance Training (CalStat).
- 3.13.2 Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services for a Family and Children's Trust (FACT) Grant to provide support services for teen parents at Crossroads High School. Fiscal Impact: Grant will generate up to \$78,699 for one year. There is no impact to the General Fund. Funding is provided by the Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Family and Children's Trust (FACT).
- 3.13.3 First 5 Contra Costa School-Readiness Grant—See "Separate Action" below.
- 3.13.4 State Fiscal Stabilization Fund of the American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) Act of 2009  
Fiscal Impact: Grant amount is unknown at this time. There is no cost to the General Fund. Funding Source: Funding is provided by the California Department of Education.
- 3.14 Approve Amendment to Master Contract between Mt. Diablo Unified School District and Inside Out to Provide Behavioral Services for the 2008-2009 School Year  
Approved amendment to contract with Inside Out, a Non-Public Agency provider of behavioral health services designated in a student's Individualized Education Plans. Initial services were to terminate by January 2009, but must be extended to the end of the school year. Fiscal Impact: Increase of \$20,000 for fiscal year 2008-09 is already a budgeted expense. Funding Source: General Purpose/Special Education Program 1661.
- 3.15 Approve Amendment in Independent Service Contract between Victor Gomez for Spanish Language Interpreting and Translation Services for the Special Education Department and Student Services for School Year 2008-2009  
Approved amendment to contract with Victor Gomez, interpreter for Spanish-speaking students and their families, to secure his services for the rest of the school year. Fiscal Impact: Increase of \$8,000 is already budgeted. Funding Source: \$5,000 from Student Services Prg. 5045; \$3,000 from Special Ed. Prg. 300

#### **SEPARATE ACTION**

3.13.3 First 5 Contra Costa School-Readiness Grant  
Board comment/action Mayo pointed out that this funding would be available if Proposition 1D on the May 19 ballot is approved. She described the benefits of the First Five programs. Mayo then moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to approve the submittal of an application to First 5 Contra Costa for a grant of approximately \$253,313 to implement a school-readiness program from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Fiscal Impact: There is no impact to the General Fund. Adult Education provides matching funds in the amount of \$30,000 through its attendance revenue. MDUSD also matches \$40,000 in Title I funds to support parent involvement in school-readiness activities.

**4. RECOGNITIONS**

**4.1 Teacher of the Year Nominees**

On behalf of the Board, President Eberhart presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Valley View Middle School teacher Jacques Casamajor, one of the District's two nominees for Contra Costa County 2009 Teacher of the Year. Casamajor thanked the Board and also the "great Resource Teachers I've worked with over the years."

**4.2 Assistance League of Diablo Valley – Operation School Bell**

Nicoll reviewed the many volunteer activities and contributions the Assistance League of Diablo Valley sponsors in Contra Costa County. Much of the group's effort, including the Operation School Bell program that provides clothing for students, directly supports the Mt. Diablo school district. President Eberhart presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lori Quinlan, chairperson of Operation School Bell. Ms. Quinlan said the program provided new clothes—underwear through backpacks—to 1,700 MDUSD children in 22 schools this year. The group hopes to raise that number to 1,900 next year.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brandon Sullivan, Valley View Middle School student, described how important the custodian, campus supervisor, and vice principal are. He said their positions will be saved if voters approve Measure D on the May 19 ballot. Stacy Parrish, parent, said she is willing to help raise funds for athletics and offered some suggestions. Teresa Torbett, founder of Ygnacio Valley Community Action Group, thanked many people who were involved in the acquisition and installation of a new electronic marquee at Ygnacio Valley High.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**6.1 Student Representatives**

Reporting on events, activities, and issues at their respective schools were Jesus Nkunku and Tim Smith, Olympic; Brandon Bratcher, Ygnacio Valley; Michael Sullivan, College Park; Araceli Montoya, Mt. Diablo

**6.2 District Organizations**

Annie Nolen, CSEA vice president, said "the state should be ashamed of the way it funds education." She spoke of the important services members of her unit provide to students and teachers. She said the District "desperately needs these support positions for students and teachers," "a parcel tax to fund all this," and extra help in all areas.

**7. REPORTS/INFORMATION: None**

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Nicoll said he attended Clayton Valley High's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Centre Concord, which was "just phenomenal," with performances by alumni and students. He read a letter from a Clayton Valley High parent who was an English language learner as a child and whose son has benefitted from the Mt. Diablo school district's programs and staff.

**9. BUSINESS**

**9.1 Resolution 08/09-65 Day of the Teacher – May 13, 2009**

Mayo moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt Resolution 08/09-65, recognizing May 13, 2009, as Day of the Teacher, acknowledging the lifelong influence that teachers can have on the lives of our children, and expressing the Board's appreciation for the creativity, dedication, and talent of teachers in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

**9.2 Resolution 08/09-66 Classified School Employees' Week, May 18-22, 2009**

Whitmarsh moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt Resolution 08/09-66, recognizing and honoring the contribution of the classified school employee to quality education in California and in the Mt. Diablo USD and declaring May 18-22, 2009, Classified School Employees' Week.

**9.3 Resolution 08/09-68 Asian Pacific Heritage Month**

Strange moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt Resolution 08/09-68, acknowledging the designation of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month and recognizing the many contributions made by the people from the Asian Pacific lands to the growth and development of California's Heritage.

**9.4 Resolution 08/09-70 California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform: Health Care Costs, 2009-2010**

Strange moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt Resolution 08/09-70, acknowledging the service the health care industry provides the district employer and all employees. The District has the expectation that health care providers will do everything in their power to maintain current costs and levels of health care programs through increased efficiencies, pricing restraint, support of quality and appropriate care, and will, where possible, after thorough and joint analyses, reduce premium costs for the foreseeable future.

Board comment Mayo noted that the California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform provides training and wondered if the District would be involved in any of the training. In response to Eberhart, Nicoll explained that the County Superintendents group and the Coalition all brought this resolution to MDUSD staff's attention. Eberhart said the resolution states that school districts contribute \$5.3 billion to health care in California, an amount that continues to increase. This year the state is not providing the Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) that pays for benefit cost increases. He suggested that the District's Health Benefits Committee begin meeting again.

9.5 Ygnacio Valley Elementary School Voluntary School Uniform Dress Code--PULLED

9.6 Resolution 08/09-71 Elimination of One (1) Full-Time Administrative Secretary Position; Creation of One (1) Full-Time, Eleven (11) Month Account Clerk Position

At its February 10, 2009, meeting the Board eliminated the position of Director, Maintenance, Operations and Facilities. That action eliminated the need for an administrative support position for that directorship. At its March 3, 2009, meeting the Board eliminated an 11-month Account Clerk position assigned to the Transportation Department effective June 30, 2009.

At this meeting staff recommended that 1) the Administrative Secretary position previously assigned to the Director of Maintenance and Operations be eliminated, effective June 30, 2009; 2) the elimination of the Account Clerk position be rescinded; and 3) the Account Clerk position be restored using the savings realized from the elimination of the Administrative Secretary position. Fiscal Impact: Savings of \$13,114

Board comment Allen said he is not comfortable restoring individual positions until more positions can be considered, which will be after funding is available. Strange voiced support for the recommended action because it is part of the Assistant Superintendent's plan to reorganize Administrative Services. Eberhart noted the plan, which includes eliminating one position and creating another, saves costs.

Board action

- Allen moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the elimination of one full-time Administrative Secretary position.
- Whitmarsh moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 3-2-0 (Allen, Mayo, no; Student Rep, yes) to create an 11-month Account Clerk position in the Transportation Department.

9.7 Resolution 08/09-74 Relative to Elimination of Classified Positions

Whitmarsh moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt Resolution 08/09-74, eliminating and reducing one classified position in the Local One, Clerical, Secretarial, and Technical unit and one in the California School Employees Association unit as of June 30, 2009. The action is necessary due to program modifications and budgetary limitations. Fiscal Impact: \$93,066 savings to the First Five School Readiness Fund. Mayo noted that these positions might be restored if Proposition 1D is approved in the special state election on May 19.

9.8 Membership Recommendation for Community Advisory Committee

Strange moved, Whitmarsh seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to appoint Morena Grimaldi to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) as recommended by the CAC.

9.9 Approval of Measure D Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws

Measure D requires the creation of an independent oversight committee appointed Board of Education to ensure that the proceeds from this proposition are expended for the purpose described in the measure. At this meeting the Board considered draft bylaws for the committee. The draft states that the committee shall consist of ten (10) community members, representing the diverse interest of the District's stakeholders. Each trustee shall appoint two (2) members of the oversight committee. Members shall reside within District residential boundaries. Staff requested that each Board member identify their two recommendations for approval at the May 12 Board meeting.

Board comment Mayo suggested that the members' terms be staggered, as is done on the Measure C Oversight Committee. Strange said each Board member could appoint one person for two years and, initially, one for three years. In response to Mayo, Nicoll said Fiscal Director Bryan Richards will be the staff liaison to the committee. His assistant will take and post the committee meeting minutes. Also in response to Mayo, Nicoll said he would expect the committee to report to the Board once a year, again as the Measure C committee does. The report would be prior to the Board's adoption of the coming year's budget. An independent auditor would monitor the committee's work. Whitmarsh asked how members would be appointed. Consensus was that anyone interested should contact an individual Board member.

Board action Strange moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to create an independent oversight committee, as required by Measure D,

- 9.10 Request to Approve Tentative Agreement reached between Public Employees' Union, Local One, Clerical, Secretarial, Technical (CST) and Mt. Diablo Unified School District regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement to be in effect July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010  
Strange moved, Whitmarsh seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to approve the tentative agreement between Local One CST and MDUSD pursuant to the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement to the 2004-2007 Agreement. Eberhart thanked the members of the District and the Local One bargaining teams for their work toward this agreement.
- 9.11 Revision of 2007-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement with California School Employees' Association  
On February 10, 2009, the Board of Education approved the 2007-2010 successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with the California School Employees' Association. Subsequent to February 10, the District and another recognized exclusive representative negotiated, and the specific bargaining unit ratified, a total compensation increase different from that approved for CSEA. Therefore, CSEA and the District met on April 9 and negotiated "equitable adjustments" to the Total Compensation as stated in the January 7 Tentative Agreement signed by the parties.
- Board action Strange moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the revised tentative agreement.
- 9.12 One-Year Contract Extension for Associate Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents  
Allen moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to approve one-year extensions to the contracts for three of the six Superintendent's Council members, which were to expire on June 30, 2009:  
Alan Young, Associate Superintendent  
Mildred Browne, Assistant Superintendent  
Gail Isserman, Assistant Superintendent  
Contracts for the other three Council members expire on June 30, 2010. Approval of the extension made the contracts consistent for all Council members.
- 9.13 Board Bylaw 9012 – Board Member Electronic Communications  
Board Bylaw 9320 – Meetings and Notices  
Board Bylaw 9322 – Agenda/Meeting Materials  
Strange moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to approve new Board Bylaw 9012 and revised Board Bylaws 9320 and 9322, with the following text added under the heading "Regular Meetings" on Board Bylaw 9320 as follows: "The Board shall establish a calendar of regular meetings at the annual Organization Meeting in December." Amendments to existing Board Bylaws and the creation of a new Board Bylaw regarding Board member electronic communications were required by changes in the Brown Act law. Presented as information at the April 7 meeting, this item was returned for action at this time.
- 9.14 Adoption of High School AP Art History Materials  
Strange moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt *Gardner's Art Through the Ages: A Global History* for the AP Art History course as recommended by a committee of secondary art teachers. Presented as information at the April 7 meeting, this item was returned for action at this time.
- 9.15 Adoption of the AIMS – Mathematics 6 (Academic Intervention for Math Success) Course of Study  
Strange moved, Mayo moved, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt a new course of study developed by a committee of secondary teachers and the Mathematics Curriculum Specialist to provide additional support for students to acquire the necessary mathematical skills and knowledge for success in Mathematics 6. Presented as information at the April 7 meeting, this item was returned for action at this time.
- 9.16 Adoption of AIMS – Pre-Algebra (Academic Intervention for Math Success) Course of Study  
Allen moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt a course of study developed by a committee of secondary teachers and the Mathematics Curriculum Specialist to provide additional support to students to acquire the necessary mathematical skills and knowledge for success in Pre-Algebra. Presented as information at the April 7 meeting, this item was returned for action at this time.
- 9.17 Adoption of the AIMS III (Academic Intervention for Math Success in Geometry) Course of Study  
Mayo moved, Whitmarsh seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt a course of study developed by a committee of secondary teachers and the Mathematics Curriculum Specialist to provide additional support for students to acquire the necessary mathematical skills and knowledge for success in Geometry. Presented as information at the April 7 meeting, this item was returned for action at this time.

9.18 Revision of the Geometry Course of Study

Whitmarsh moved, Strange seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (Student Rep, yes) to adopt the Geometry course of study revised and updated by a committee of secondary teachers and the Mathematics Curriculum Specialist to include grades 8-12 and align with the District's course of study format. Presented as information at the April 7 meeting, this item was returned for action at this time.

9.19 Board Policy and Administrative Rule 6171 – Title I Programs

As required by California Education Code, staff has updated the District's Title I policy to meet all state and federal guidelines. Presented at this time as information only, this item will be returned for action at a subsequent meeting.

9.20 Adoption of the Art and the Palate Course of Study

A curriculum specialist met with high school teachers to develop the Art and the Palate course of study. Presented at this time as information only, this item will be returned for action at a subsequent meeting.

**10. BOARD FORUM**

This item is here for the Board of Education to discuss any issues of concern.

10.1 Committee Minutes

10.2 Board Reports

Mayo reported that the YVHS marquee dedication was a wonderful event. She also attended a retirement party for former MDEA president Lynn Faulkes, who worked for CTA for the last several years.

Whitmarsh visited Monte Gardens and El Monte elementary schools and the Prospect, Horizons, and Crossroads programs. She announced that Concord High's instrumental and vocal music students competed in the Heritage Music program in Seattle the previous weekend, and took a first or second place in every category. Two CHS students received individual awards. She announced that at the next Board meeting she will be participating via teleconference from Angola, at no cost to District.

Eberhart said he has received several e-mails regarding the flu outbreak. Staff have distributed letters and a phone notification to parents to make sure they have accurate information. He announced that the Carpenters' Union donated \$2,500 to the Measure D campaign earlier in the day and that he'd attended a County Supervisors' meeting to hear the panel consider the District Attorney's proposal to cut expenses by not prosecuting misdemeanor offenses. Eberhart believes the proposal would not be in the best interest of young people. He reported that on Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 6 p.m. the Board will be interviewing three firms and choosing one to lead the search for a permanent superintendent.

Nicoll asked if the Board would be open to considering a request from the District's new Athletic Committee to relax the rules on renaming school facilities. Board members said they would be.

10.3 Issues of Concern

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:18 p.m. Eberhart adjourned the meeting in honor of Melvin Freitas, a 40-year veteran teacher in the District, the last 24 of them at Fair Oaks, who died April 24.

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Richard Nicoll, Secretary