

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Ryan invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. There were no public comments.

D. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion. President Ryan invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent.

- 1.1. **Approval of Minutes**
- 2.1. **Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests**
- 2.2. **Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants**
- 2.3. **Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders**
- 2.4. **Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report**
- 2.5. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.6. **Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers**
- 3.1. **Approval of Kinder Play Structure Purchase and Installation at PRIDE Academy at Prospect Avenue School**
- 3.2. **Approval of Architectural Services with Webb Cleff Architects for Project Safe Facility Needs at Hill Creek, and Rio Seco**
- 3.3. **Authorization to Purchase Relocatable Buildings Utilizing the Silver Creek Modular Building Piggy Back Bid**
- 3.4. *This item was pulled from the consent agenda and moved to Discussion and/or Action.*
- 3.5. **Approval/Ratification of Logical Choice for Promethium Board Removal and Reinstallations at PRIDE Academy at Prospect Avenue School**
- 3.6. **Approval of Builders' Risk Insurance for Capital Improvement Program**
- 4.1. **Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plans**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Approval to Replace a Vacant Clerk Typist II Position with Bus Driver II Position**
- 5.3. **Approval of New Job Description for Out-of-School Time Program Group Leader Specialist**
- 5.4. **Approval of Revisions to Campus Aide Job Description**
- 5.5. **Approval of Revisions to Certificated Non-Management Job Descriptions: Classroom Teacher; Resource Specialist; and Language Arts Specialist**
- 5.6. **Ratification of Certificated Non-Management Retirement Incentive**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: *El-Hajj* **Second:** *Bartholomew* **Vote:** *5-0*

E DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President Ryan invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action.

1.1. California School Boards Association 2011 Delegate Assembly Election

Board members held a brief discussion about casting their vote for up to seven candidates on the ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly. Member Bartholomew moved to cast the Board's votes for the seven incumbents. President Ryan asked to notify the Districts' of the incumbents to let them know the Board voted for their candidate.

Motion: *Bartholomew* **Second:** *Burns* **Vote:** *5-0*

1.2. Adoption of Resolution In Support of Placing a Measure on the Ballot for the Extension of Temporary Revenues Available for School Agency Use

Dr. Shaw said the new Governor's budget proposal may have far reaching effects, not only in Santee School District but in our own families. He attended a workshop this week and learned that Districts must base their second interim report with the projected \$349 per ADA less per student, which would be realized if tax extensions are not on the ballot or are not passed by the voters.

He is questioning how we close the achievement gap when the funding for education continues to be reduced. Fortunately, Santee does not have to give lay off notices next year but he is uncertain about after that. The resolution presented to the Board is to encourage legislators to vote to place the tax extensions on the ballot and let the voters of California decide. The language for the resolution was recommended by CSBA. Dr. Shaw hopes that the voters in California have the opportunity to decide if the taxes should be extended or not. He is extremely concerned after hearing that an administrator recently received a message from State Senator Joel Anderson that education was not the top priority.

Dr. Shaw recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution #1011-13 in support of placing a measure on the ballot for the extension of temporary revenues available for school agency use.

Member Bartholomew said he has been considering this item and does not believe as an individual citizen he would support a tax extension; therefore, he cannot support the resolution. Member Burns cannot support the resolution the way it is written. President Ryan agreed and suggest taking out paragraph #1. She said it needs to be very clear that the Board is requesting that the legislature put this on the ballot so the people can decide. She believes a letter to our representatives would be more appropriate and she would prefer that over adopting a resolution. Member Burns would also prefer to write a letter. Member Bartholomew said the resolution may send the wrong message to the legislators.

Member Fox moved to support placing the tax extensions on the ballot in the form of a letter. The Board asked Dr. Shaw to develop a letter indicating the Board's support to place the tax extensions on the ballot.

Motion: Fox Second: El-Hajj Vote: 4-1 (Bartholomew, no)

1.3. Chet F. Harritt Classroom Building, Learning Resource Center, and Multi-Purpose Room

Dr. Shaw reported Administration met with the Board at the CIP workshop in January. At that time there was a plan to put a 10-classroom building at Chet F. Harritt (CFH) but plans had not been finalized for the Learning Resource Center (LRC) or the Multi-Purpose Room. These items come at a total cost of \$10 million. At that time, several other options were presented for Board consideration with the goal to provide enough space for the 6-8 program, classroom expansion, and a separate LRC and Multi-Purpose Room. The Board asked administration to seek input from the CFH staff and community about the options. During the interim, it was discovered that option 2 as it was presented, would lose \$1.1 million in grant funding. Administration worked to develop a plan for an 8-classroom building using the 10-classroom building design, with an LRC on the bottom floor. The CFH staff and community preferred the 10-classroom (option 3), did not want option 1, and had few comments about option 2, the 8-classroom building. Continued discussion and planning shows that an 8-classroom building is the best value and provides CFH with the classrooms they desire, gives them a new separate LRC, and a separate Multi-Purpose Room.

Chet F. Harritt Principal, Andy Johnston, thanked the Board for coming to talk to the staff and families at CFH. There is great excitement at CFH about the upcoming modernization. He believes the level of support for a 10-classroom building has diminished since the staff and families have understood what option 2, the 8-classroom building, has to offer. It provides the needed and desired amenities at a significantly reduced cost. He has had numerous conversations with staff and parents and they are excited that CFH will be realizing modernized classrooms very soon and a new classroom building in the future. Mr. Johnston understands during these economic times the decisions can be very difficult. The Board is second to none in their dedication to students and he will continue to work to provide with his teachers the best learning environment possible for students.

Mr. William Dudley, CFH parent, address the Board on this item. He said the more he hears about option 2, the more exciting it is. The concern is that there is frustration that CFH is being left behind. He believes the key is to make a decision and then try to find the money to do it. He said he invited the Mayor and City Council to the meeting to see if they could assist in any way but he had not received a response.

Member Bartholomew thanked the speakers. He likes option 2, the 8-classroom building, and believes it is closer to providing equity. Member Burns said he is concerned about making a decision when the District does not have the dollars to do the work. He asked Dr. Shaw why action needed to be taken at this time since funding is not available. Dr. Shaw said it is uncertain what the future will bring. He heard from the CFH staff that they will activity work to increase their enrollment to use the extra classroom space. Making a decision solidifies the direction for facilities at CFH. When a 10-classroom was approved there were no concrete plans for an LRC or Multi-Purpose Room. Administration is looking optimistically that we will get it done and in a reasonable amount of time.

Member Burns is concerned that there will still be enough money for Pepper Drive. Dr. Shaw said Pepper Drive is not eligible for modernization until 2017 and believes the remaining bonds will be available for their modernization.

Member Burns shared that he was concerned about making a decision at this time but would support an 8-classroom building at CFH. He wants to make certain that Pepper Drive is not left out.

Member El-Hajj said she appreciated hearing from the community. Hearing how the 8-classroom building has evolved over the last few weeks has been exciting. It is the best of both worlds, using the space and dollars efficiently to provide great classrooms for kids. She believes it is right to make a decision on the direction the Board will go. She is concerned about losing some of the joint use money.

Member Fox likes option 2, the 8-classroom building, and believes a commitment needs to be made to the school and the community so they know the direction of the Board.

Member Burns asked Christina Becker to make sure she gets money for Pepper Drive's modernization. Mrs. Becker said she is waiting to find out what the new State program will be and has a master plan for Pepper Drive when it is

eligible to be modernized. The focus will be to do everything possible for Pepper Drive until all schools are modernized. Member El-Hajj said community space is really needed in the Pepper Drive area. Mrs. Becker said joint use applications will be made for Pepper Drive.

Member El-Hajj moved to approve the construction of an 8-classroom structure that also provides a Learning Resource Center at Chet F. Harritt School, and convert the existing Media Center to a separate Multipurpose Center, as soon as the funding becomes available.

Motion: *El-Hajj* **Second:** *Bartholomew* **Vote:** *5-0*

2.1. Qualified School Construction Bond and General Obligation Bond Update

Karl Christensen reported the District is once again moving forward after construction was halted due to suspension of State grants that were due to the District. The District recently received \$31 million of these grant funds and expects to receive \$7 million within the next couple of weeks. These proceeds will be used to pay off the \$12.2 million BAN, modernized Chet. F. Harritt, Hill Creek, and PRIDE Academy, and complete the two remaining ball fields at Chet. F. Harritt. In order to provide funding for the one or two of the classroom building additions we must use a portion of the \$18.5 remaining GO bonds.

Two funding options were presented seven months ago for the Board to consider. The options were a Bond sale netting \$5.9 million (enough to build one classroom addition) and/or a Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) which would net \$13 million and provide enough for two classroom additions. Since that time, the municipal bond market has heated up and interest has skyrocketed, resulting in significantly less net proceeds from either of these options. Mr. Christensen introduced Bruce Kerns and Anna Van Degna from Stone and Youngberg, who provided information on the current status of the bond market. There is a large climb in interest rates, mostly due to the general concerns expressed about local government's ability to support their expenditures and about the credit quality of public agencies issuing bonds. In October 2010, we could have assumed \$5.9 million in construction proceeds, but now the same issue would only assume \$4.2 million. If the interest rate fell ½% we could get an additional \$700,000. A QSCB previously would have provided \$12.2 million, but now would provide \$9 million. A QSCB would have to be paid off in five (5) years and there is a risk that if bonds could not be sold at that time, the debt service could be a burden on the general fund. The lower proceeds would reflect the higher borrowing fees for bonds at this time. The debt service would not begin in 2024 when the assessed value goes below \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. Mr. Christensen shared several scenarios for an upward or downward movement in the assessed valuation (AV) growth.

Dianne believed that 5% seemed to be a fairly responsible assumption for AV growth rate. President Ryan believed that it was too high of a projection. Mr. Christensen said that is what we would be projecting based on the 30 year history. The risk is that in five years, when we had to pay off the BAN, we don't know where the AV will be, which may put the general fund at risk.

Member Bartholomew asked about the terms for the interest and when it would come due if the Board decided to issue a SQCB. Mr. Christensen said under the QSCB there is zero net interest because the federal government subsidizes the interest. Member Bartholomew asked how much that was in a dollar amount. Ms. Van Degna said it was approximately 5.2%, or about \$2.5 million.

Dianne asked if there was any reason we would not qualify. Mr. Christensen said not as long as we are qualified on our multi-year projections. We also expect to get another \$3.4 million from State grants within the next five years from the new additions at CFH and HC.

Mr. Christensen said if we get a QSCB we should try to get the \$9.7 million to do both classroom additions. If we don't go for the QSCB, we can achieve almost as much through getting near \$6 million in GO bonds and the joint use funds for the new classrooms buildings. We would be short nearly \$400,000 which would hopefully return from the contingencies of the current modernizations.

Member Bartholomew asked about the timeline for a QSCB to be able to begin construction at Chet F. Harritt. Mr. Christensen said the BAN would need to be issued by July and construction could be initiated very quickly and simultaneously with Hill Creek. Member Bartholomew said the idea of leveraging \$9 million interest free for five years and to have the cash in hand to move forward on our Capital Improvement Program is very appealing although he knows there is some risk to the general fund after five years. Mr. Christensen feels uncomfortable about putting the general fund at risk at all.

President Ryan is not hearing there is an expected 5% growth in assessed valuation. Mr. Kerns said there will be years upcoming where the assessed valuation will be added back to the properties that were rolled back, which will provide a larger assessed valuation increase. The information is determined on information from the Assessor. Mr. Kerns advised not to move too quickly to see what happens with assessed valuation in June or July of this year. President Ryan believes it is too big a risk in these economic times to plan on 5% per year increase in assessed value.

Mr. Christensen said in order to not lose the QSCB opportunity the Board would need to make a decision in early May. If we do continue to pursue the QSCB and is there an amount that we want to know we can get, such as \$9.7 million, he would like to know when to trigger action.

Member El-Hajj asked if there is a penalty for an early pay off for a COPS. Mr. Christensen said he is uncertain but it should be addressed in the agreement. It should not be before 10 years.

Member El-Hajj moved to authorize Administration to prepare for issuance of a QSCB with the threshold of enough construction proceeds for both Chet F. Harritt and Hill Creek additions (\$9.7 million). Member Bartholomew seconded the motion. The motion was defeated.

Motion: *El-Hajj* **Second:** *Bartholomew* **Vote:** *2-3 Burns, Ryan, Fox, nos*

Member El-Hajj asked Christina Becker how much longer our DSA approvals would be valid before they must return for another approval. Mrs. Becker said in December we were placed on the unfunded list. DSA plans were stamped out in July, and expire in 18 months. Because of the climate, extensions are being granted for up to three years.

2.2. Approval of City Improvements to Rio Seco Ball Fields

City of Santee has discussed with District Administration plans for field improvements at Rio Seco to address concerns from Santana National Little League. The City is seeking the District's approval to provide the following improvements: turf and irrigate outfields on two existing DG fields, between fields and in front of the snack bar, connect all turf areas to recycled water, replace temporary outfield fences with permanent chain link fencing, grade and improve drainage for area between fields, provide picnic tables on concrete pads, provide ADA compliant sidewalk connecting the park and Rio Seco fields, and provide specific fencing to separate the parking area from the field area.

If the Board approves these improvements, a Memorandum of Understanding would be executed. There would be no costs to the District for the improvements and any increase in water costs would be paid by the City under a reimbursement arrangement.

Member Burns moved to approve the City improvements to the Rio Seco ball fields and authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), with the MOU to include language that protects the school district in the future in any case of having to move any fields, the City would not require the District to build five new fields somewhere in Santee.

Motion: *Burns* **Second:** *El-Hajj* **Vote:** *5-0*

3.1. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Eleventh Amendment (Phase IV – Hill Creek School Modernization) to Construction Services Agreement for Lease-Leaseback, Site Lease, and Sublease Agreement

Member El-Hajj moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to Amendment 11 to the Lease-Leaseback Construction Agreement with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$8,812,518.

Motion: *El-Hajj* **Second:** *Bartholomew* **Vote:** *5-0*

D. 3.4. Approval of Various Joint Use Building Applications and Agreements (Moved from Consent Agenda) - AMENDED

Christina Becker shared that she continues to seek joint use grants from the State for a few of the remaining bond program projects. To qualify for this funding, the District must submit an application to OPSC by March 1, 2011, including joint use agreements. Mrs. Becker requested authorization from the Board to enter into joint use agreements with the YMCA and with Grossmont Union High School District's Adult Education Program. Both of these partners currently operate classes at our schools. Originally we used the Educational Foundation, but under new regulations, they no longer qualify. This item was amended to include a joint use agreement with the YMCA and Grossmont Union High School District Adult Education.

Member Burns moved to approve and authorize administration to enter into joint use agreements with the Grossmont Union High School District's Adult Education Program and the YMCA, for childcare, libraries, technology centers, and buildings for teacher trainings at various schools and to approve using the joint use agreement templates.

Motion: *Burns* **Second:** *El-Hajj* **Vote:** *5-0*

4.1. Approval of 2010 – 2015 Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan

Kristin Baranski shared that the State of California requires a Local Education Agency Plan from all Districts that receive federal funds. This is one of 4 mechanisms in place for compliance of State and Federal guidelines. The plan has a five-year life and is to be reviewed annually. District administration has been working on this plan over the past few years to totally rewrite the plan with major revisions and additions. Member Burns moved to approve the 2010 – 2015 Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan.

Motion: *Burns* **Second:** *Fox* **Vote:** *5-0*

4.2. Approval of Reimbursement Agreement between Santee School District and the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools

Member El-Hajj moved to approve the Reimbursement Agreement with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for student mental health services. Member Burns said he would abstain from this vote as the agreement is with his employer.

Motion: EL-Hajj Second: Bartholomew Vote: 4-0 (Burns, abstain)

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member El-Hajj attended the Learning Fair and said it was great.

Member Burns mentioned he recently heard about a school in el Centro that was utilizing the prison next to them to raise funds by selling the inmates lunches. This got him thinking about how we could tap into Los Colinas for raising funds. Dollars raised could be used to fund AVID or the Foundation. President Ryan asked Board members if anyone had an objection about checking this idea out with the Captain. An appointment will be scheduled for Member Burns and Dr. Shaw.

Dr. Shaw said City Manager, Keith Till called to share that after a discussion with the Mayor, the City wanted to know if the School Board would like to join them going to the ICSC conference this year. President Ryan said Haagan Company would be there and they are the ones seeking the contacts. Member El-Hajj said she remembers it was quite expensive to attend and lasted for several days. Member Bartholomew said in the past Board members attended mostly to build relationships. Board members agreed that with the current budget challenges if the District needed to attend, it would be best to send Karl Christensen. Member Burns said the last time Board Members attended a lot of progress was made. He believed that funds would be available for a Board member to attend. The Board asked Dr. Shaw to contact Mr. Till to determine if the City believes it is necessary for the District to attend. Dr. Shaw will return with more information.

Dr. Shaw shared a letter from the San Diego County Taxpayer Association which frowned upon interfund borrowing. President Ryan said it is legal to do.

Dr. Shaw shared upcoming important dates for the Board to be aware of. President Ryan said she planned to review the Board Bylaws, the role of the Board and the "we agree" statements at the Board Team Building Workshop and asked if there were any other recommendation. No other recommendations were given.

President Ryan attended the County Human Trafficking meeting. Girls are being recruited in schools at both West Hills and Santana. The Board needs to talk to the City about it. She believes it is happening in parks and some of our students are very vulnerable. President Ryan would also like to get this information to teachers so they can know what to look for. Dr. Shaw said he will meet with principals and see how they can best begin to provide awareness to their teachers.

Linda was requested to schedule a City/Board Joint Committee meeting. Topics for the meeting will include human trafficking, prescription drugs, and kids doing alcohol runs at local supermarkets.

Member Bartholomew said he heard that Rio Seco was going to be providing access to social networking. Now he knows they must have meant "Room 21." This was an example of the way stories are sometimes interpreted and sometimes not complete or correct.

President Ryan said there may need to be a protocol in place to notify the Board when Administration is contacted by the media. Dr. Shaw said he discussed this at the last Professional Leadership Team meeting and directed site and department Administration that if anyone is contacted by the media they should notify the Superintendent's Office.

I. CLOSED SESSION

President Ryan announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent
Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association
Purpose: Negotiations

The Board entered closed session at 9:58 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:14 p.m. No action was reported.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The February 15, 2011 regular meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.