

BOARD OF EDUCATION

NORWALK - LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF

July 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:12 a.m., in the Board Room, 12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, with all members present, except Ana Valencia, who was absent due to personal necessity.

Board Members Present:                   Mrs. Margarita Rios, President  
  Mr. Jesse Urquidi, Vice-President  
  Mr. Darryl Adams, Member  
  Mrs. Karen Morrison, Member  
  Mr. Chris Pflanze, Member  
  Mr. Sean M. Reagan, Member

Administrators Present:                   Dr. Ruth Pérez, Superintendent  
  Mr. Estuardo Santillan, Assistant Supt., Business Services  
  Mr. Wayne Shannon, Assistant Supt., Human Resources

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag was led by Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez.

**2 - Administration Agenda**

It was moved by Jesse Urquidi, seconded by Karen Morrison, and carried unanimously,

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That the Agenda for this meeting be adopted.

At this time, Dr. Pérez announced that Mr. Dave Casnocha, Attorney with Stradling, Yocca, Carlson, and Rauth, would be participating in the meeting via teleconference, and would be able to provide information and answer any questions for the Board Members.

**Ballot Language for Resolution, Exhibit B and the 75 Word Ballot Question**

Mr. Casnocha provided some additional information on the language for the resolution, Exhibit B, and the 75 word ballot question. He also went over some of the requirements and regulations of Proposition 39 which governs the use of funds from the passage of a facilities bond. There was discussion regarding the order in which the schools should be listed and the Board Members reached consensus that the schools should be listed by level in alphabetical order, not by city. They also agreed to change the location in the document where the schools would be listed. Related to this, the Board Members wanted to refer to the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified District in most places in these documents instead of referring to schools in the cities of

**Ballot Language for Resolution, Exhibit B and the 75 Word Ballot Question, Continued**

Norwalk and La Mirada. Mr. Casnocha also clarified that the words that were underlined or appeared in bold font in the document would appear so on the ballot.

Mr. Casnocha explained that Exhibit B is the legal authority that defines the broad scope of how the District is authorized to spend bond monies as the current and future Board Members will determine at the time bonds are sold. He also clarified that anything listed in the recently adopted Facilities Master Plan would be allowed to be done by the District. That is why the Facilities Master Plan is referenced in these documents. Mr. Casnocha provided guidance on the wording that states that no money would be used for administrators' salaries. He referenced the California Attorney General's definition of the term administrator, as an employee that is a teacher on the education side of the organization or in some way has no connection what so ever to the administration or implementation of a Bond Project. There was some discussion of the types of employees that could have their salaries paid in full or partially from bond funds. The monetary amount of the bond was also discussed with the consensus that the current \$375 Million listed on the documents be placed on the ballot. Mr. Casnocha also clarified that the tax rate for property owners would be \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value for each year the bonds are being repaid. The resolution, the 75 word ballot question, and Exhibit B will all be on the July 21, 2014 agenda for Board approval, with a 2/3 passage rate which would be 5 members "yes" votes for a 7 member Board.

The tracking survey was briefly discussed, as it was still being conducted, there were no final results to share with the Board of Education.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Chris Pflanzner, seconded by Darryl Adams, and carried unanimously,

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That the regular meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 9:36 a.m. in memory of Pastor Yacoub Khoury Haddad, Pastor of a Norwalk church and husband of retired Adult School Teacher, Ms. Haddad, with all members present, except Ana Valencia who was absent due to personal necessity.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 21, 2014 in the Board Room, 12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

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Ruth Pérez, Ed.D.  
Secretary to the Board

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Margarita L. Rios  
President