

Solvang Elementary School

**Science Discovery Center, Upper Campus, Solvang School
565 Atterdag Rd., Solvang, CA 93463**

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Jan 11, 2011

6:00 pm Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: 6:02 pm by President, Peter Aichinger. Board Members Present: Peter Aichinger, Peter Haws, Ken Dellinger, Richard Nelson and Michele Saunders. Administration Present: Tom Allcock, Supt; Lisa O'Neill, Principal; Cynthia Micale, Admin Asst. Staff Present: Jim Downey, John Padfield, Cindy Duncan, Jules Manfreda. Others Present: Jutta Aichinger, Kay Richmond, Carlene Jones, Allan Jones, Carissa Luke, Steve Luke, Kristen Manfreda, Helena Avery, Susan Jaques, Eleanor Lind, Linda Burrows, Cindy Fredette, Steve Fredette, Elske Daigle.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mr. Aichinger.

3. Introductions/Recognition: None

4. (M) Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dellinger and seconded by Mr. Nelson. Item 12.4 will be pulled and placed on the February agenda. The agenda was approved as amended 5/0.

5. (M) Approval of Minutes: Dec 6, 2010. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Haws and seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion passed 5/0.

6. Public Comment: John Padfield and Cindy Duncan informed the board of their concerns about class sizes in 5th grade. Helena Avery spoke on behalf of the Solvang School Education Foundation and outlined the ways SSEF supports our students. Currently SSEF is funding the Music and Arts program at a cost of approximately \$90,000 per year. Elske Daigle, Steve Fredette and Carissa Luke all addressed the board, expressing their disappointment over the cancellation of the 3rd grade Anacapa Island trip. They felt there was a lack of communication regarding the details of cancelling the trip and requested further discussion with the board regarding field trips at the next meeting. Kristen Manfreda informed the board that she is now the school board liaison for the PTO and asked to be informed of the processes for getting items placed on the agenda and for contacting board members. Kay Richmond spoke about her disappointment with the Anacapa trip. Jim Downey spoke about Anacapa and told the board he had gone on the trip 4 times and thought it was wonderful. He reminded everyone that the Anacapa Island trip is accessible to the public and encouraged parents who are interested to take the trip with their student on a weekend. Steve Luke spoke about his disappointment with the Anacapa cancellation.

7. Correspondence

8. (M) Approval of Consent Agenda

8.1 Approval of Commercial Warrants(*) (12/3, 12/10 and 12/17/10)

8.2 Approval of Financial Reports(*)

8.3 Enrollment Report (*)

8.4 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints(*)

8.5 Approval of Michael Anderson to Provide E-Rate Filing Services(*)

8.6 Acceptance of Resignation from Certificated Teacher, Corby Fleming(*)

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Dellinger. Mr. Haws asked for clarification on how teachers buy supplies and what their budget is. Carissa Luke reported on upcoming fund raising events that will be sponsored by PTO. Dr. Saunders called attention to Mrs. Fleming's resignation letter and thanked Mrs. Fleming for her years of service to the district. The motion was approved 5/0.

9. Board Member Reports: Mr. Aichinger spoke about the Board Member trainings being held at the high school. Mr. Nelson encouraged public participation at the board meetings and said as a board member, he hoped to hear the concerns of parents and staff members.

10. Principal's Report: Mrs. O'Neill reported on DIBEL assessments and Lexia intervention. She said she had all the pre-id information for the STAR tests submitted. She talked about the PTO fund raising assembly and thanked the PTO and SSEF for their continued support.

11. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Allcock introduced Les Immel, a consultant that the board hired to conduct a study on the district's administrative configuration. Mr. Immel is a retired Superintendent and currently works for CalSTRS as well as SBCEO. Mr. Immel addressed the board and informed them of his intentions to visit both campuses, interview staff members and research other small and similar districts in the state before reporting back to the board. Mr. Haws commented that our current administrative configuration is economical but not realistic. Mr. Aichinger would like a long term vision mapped out for

the next 5-10 years that will allow for growth and improvement. Mr. Allcock also reported on the County Superintendents' meeting.

12. Board Action Items

12.1 (M)(*) Consideration for Approval: 2009-10 Audit Report and Annual Financial Audit Certification. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Haws and seconded by Dr. Saunders. In discussion, Mrs. Micale explained the audit response to reconciling the cash accounts. The motion passed 5/0.

12.2 (M)(*) Consideration for Approval: Agreement for Consulting Services for Parcel Tax Feasibility Study with The Dolinka Group. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Haws. In discussion, Mr. Allcock expressed an interest in obtaining a parcel tax to support programs such as Music and Arts, technology and the library. He said the current Mello Roos tax will be coming off the rolls and he hopes voters will support a parcel tax. The fee for the Dolinka Group services will be \$5,500. Allan Jones spoke, saying that he is in favor of supporting programs for the students but now is not a good climate for new taxes. Carlene Jones also felt this was a poor climate for new taxes citing the current Alan Hancock school bond and Measure J that Solvang taxpayers are already paying for. She favors continuing programs through voluntary contributions. There was a general consensus of the board members that they were not ready to make a decision at this time. Mr. Haws made a motion to table the item. Mr. Dellinger seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

12.3 (M)(*) Consideration for Approval: Orfalea Fund Grant Agreement. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Haws. Mr. Haws asked Mrs. Micale to explain why a food program would be important at Solvang School. She cited anticipated improvement in student performance, the ability to offer a breakfast program, the ability to offer better quality, nutritious food to all our students and the potential to generate revenue. Kay Richmond spoke in favor of a program and said she hoped the kitchen would become a community resource that would generate revenue for the district. Kristen Manfreda also spoke in favor of a food program citing the need of many of our students to receive nutritious food at school. The motion passed 5/0.

12.4 (M)(*) Consideration for Approval: Contract with School Innovations and Advocacy for Mandate Reimbursement Services. *PULLED FROM AGENDA*.

12.5 (M)(*) Consideration for Approval: Notice of Acceptance on Lower Campus New Classroom/ Multipurpose Room and Fire Alarm Modernization/ Network Operations Center Projects. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Haws. The motion passed 5/0.

12.6 (M)(*) Consideration for Approval: Notice of Completion on the Lower Campus New Classroom/ Multipurpose Room and Fire Alarm Modernization/ Network Operations Center Projects. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Haws and seconded by Mr. Dellinger. The motion passed 5/0.

12.7 (M)(*) Consideration for Approval: Change Order No. 003 on the Fire Alarm Modernization/Network Operations Center Project and Change order No. 022 on the Lower Campus New Classroom/Multipurpose Room Project. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Dellinger. The motion passed 5/0.

13. Board Informational Items: Review of CSBA Professional Governance Standards and Schedule for SYV Board Member Trainings.

14. Future Agenda Items: Clarification on guidelines for public comment during meetings. Board discussion on field trips (to be discussed at Jan 19 Special Meeting). Structure and process for certificated and classified evaluation procedures. Class sizes in 5th grade. Board goal setting workshop.

15. Closed Session: Mr. Aichinger called the meeting in to closed session at 8:22 pm.

15.1 Staffing Considerations

15.2 Management Review

There was no action taken in closed session and therefore nothing to report.

16. Adjournment: 8:59 pm.

Signed

Attest

(*) Supporting material contained within the Board packet (M) Motion Item (R) Roll Call Item