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MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2009

Call to Order

The Board of Education of Palo Alto Unified School District held a Special Meeting in Room A at 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Barb Mitchell, President, called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Members present:

Ms. Barb Mitchell, President
 Ms. Barbara Klausner, Vice President (absent)
 Ms. Melissa Baten Caswell
 Mr. Dana Tom (absent)
 Ms. Camille Townsend

Staff present:

Dr. Kevin Skelly, Superintendent
 Mrs. Ginni Davis, Assistant Superintendent
 Mr. Scott Laurence, Assistant Superintendent
 Mr. Dave Hoshiwara, Director

Others present:

Dr. Barry Groves, Superintendent, MVLA

Approval of Agenda Order

MOTION: Baten Caswell moved to approve the agenda order. Townsend seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion

Formation of Regional
 Occupational Program Joint
 Powers Agreement (ROP JPA)

Skelly introduced Groves and thanked him for his work on several issues such as territory, basic aid, and ROP. He said it was believed this JPA would offer opportunities to work with MVLA (Mountain View - Los Altos High School District) and FUHSD (Fremont Union High School District), and to head in a different direction from the County.

Hoshiwara said the ROP programs were entirely ADA-driven and the three districts had a great collaborative history in managing their partnership as though it were a JPA. Formalizing this County-independent relationship would reduce overhead and allow more flexibility in course offerings and hiring.

The Board comments included questions on JPA process and timing, the JPA board, County Superintendent Weis's support, and whether the JPA would alter the liability of the school districts.

Hoshiwara presented a new signature page, which included spaces for Board signatures, in addition to the pre-existing signature lines for superintendents.

Additional Board comments included the need for a Board member for the new JPA Board, whether Mitchell should continue in that role, noted the rotation is yearly, and discussed the possibility that terms might be better served if they were more than one year.

Townsend asked why the two meeting rule needed to be waived. Groves said there was a deadline to submit this signed document to the County and state

MOTION: Townsend moved to waive the two meeting rule. Baten Caswell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION: Baten Caswell moved to approved the following recommendation:

1. Approve withdrawal from the Santa Clara County North County Regional Occupation Program effective July 1, 2009;
2. Direct staff to send a notice of intent to withdraw to the Santa Clara County North County Regional Occupation Program and to form a separate Regional Occupation Program Joint Powers Agreement;
3. Approve forming a Regional Occupation Program Joint Powers Agreement with Fremont Union High School District and Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District; and
4. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as presented stipulating the role and responsibilities of the new Joint Powers Agreement and appointment of a Board member from each participating district to the new Joint Powers Agreement Board, as outline in the Memorandum of Understanding that governs the new Joint Powers Agreement.

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Townsend seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mitchell asked that Hoshiwara check with Lozano Smith to make sure they were okay with this agreement. Hoshiwara said he would do this. Laurence said the attorneys had already been sent a copy of this agreement.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Secretary to the Board