CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2011 EDUCATION CENTER – BOARD ROOM

President Brick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Palazzo.

Present: Trustees Addonizio, Alpay, Brick, Bryson, Hatton, Palazzo, and Pritchard

A CD of the Board meeting discussion related to each of the items on the public agenda is on file in the Superintendent's Office as a matter of the permanent record. An audio recording of the meeting is available on the District website: www.capousd.org

Permanent Record

It was moved by Trustee Alpay, seconded by Trustee Bryson, and carried by a 7-0 vote to adopt the Board agenda.

Adoption of the Board Agenda

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Lebs explained that the two items are for consideration of Prop 39 facility requests from two charter schools. Mr. Lebs reviewed the specific timeline the District must follow in the process, the District's obligation to provide facilities, and an overview of the comprehensive report. Mr. Lebs stated the offers are preliminary and meet the baseline requirement for Prop 39. Oxford Preparatory Academy's Prop 39 request sought facilities based upon a projected enrollment of 501 K-8 students and Journey School's request sought facilities based upon a projected enrollment of 210 K-8 students. Mr. Lebs commented that Journey School is being offered more than 9,000 square feet of facilities at the Foxborough campus, and Oxford Preparatory Academy is being offered facilities (approximately 23,200 square feet) at Foxborough (K-5) and Aliso Viejo Middle School (6-8). Approval of these agenda items will provide each charter school with the District's preliminary facilities proposal for 2011-2012.

Prop 39
Preliminary
Facilities OfferOxford
Preparatory
Academy
Agenda Item 1

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Courney Fielder, Iris Arabshahi, and Gail Benda shared their concerns for student safety, traffic issues, and crowded conditions at Aliso Viejo Middle School (AVMS) if Oxford Preparatory Academy shares the facilities as proposed.
- Brad Epstein stated that parents, teachers, students, administrators, and community members had no input in the current proposal and asked the Board to meet with constituents and then start the process over again.
- Melissa Hoffaker remarked that all the facilities at AVMS are currently being used so there is no available space for Oxford Preparatory Academy staff and students unless the District brings in relocatable classrooms.
- Judi Heidel asked the Board to vote no on approving the charter for Oxford Preparatory Academy.

Trustee Bryson directed staff to meet with Aliso Viejo Middle School (AVMS) parents and constituents to discuss their concerns regarding Oxford Preparatory Academy sharing the AVMS campus.

Following discussion, it was moved by Trustee Alpay, seconded by Trustee Brick, and motion carried unanimously to approve providing facilities to Oxford Preparatory Academy for the 2011-2012 school year consistent with Education Code 47614 and California Code of Regulations Title 5 §11969.1 – 11969.11 as outlined in the staff recommendation. Further, staff is instructed to continue discussions with Oxford Preparatory Academy and make adjustments to the proposal, as deemed appropriate, subject to the requirement that staff bring it back for final Board approval prior to April 1, 2011.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Shaheer Faltas shared that Journey School and the District have had a positive relationship for 11 years and asked Trustees to consider more ideas before approving the proposal to decrease Journey's facility use at Foxborough.
- Marc Damikolas stated that he had safety and traffic concerns if both charters shared the Foxborough campus and asked Trustees to continue working to find a solution.
- Michelle Spieker spoke on the benefits of a Waldorf method of education.
- Diana Graber stated that Journey's classes are filled to capacity and there is a waiting list but the preliminary proposal is reducing the amount of facility space. Mrs. Graber invited the Board to visit Journey to see how the school is utilizing their current space.
- Kimberly Brown explained that combining grade levels would go against the school's philosophy and charter with their parents.
- Robin Davis spoke of her experience as a Journey teacher and the importance of having one classroom per grade level.

Trustee Palazzo directed staff to keep Trustees and the community updated on discussions of the Prop 39 facility offers to Oxford Preparatory Academy and Journey School.

It was moved by Trustee Alpay, seconded by Trustee Brick, and motion carried unanimously to approve providing facilities to Journey School for the 2011-2012 school year consistent with Education Code 47614 and California Code of Regulations Title 5 §11969.1 – 11969.11 as outlined in the staff recommendation. Further, staff is instructed to continue discussions with Journey School and make adjustments to the proposal, as deemed appropriate, subject to the requirement that staff bring it back for final Board approval prior to April 1, 2011.

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:18 p.m. to: discuss Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and confer with Labor Negotiators regarding CSEA/CUEA/CUMA/Teamster negotiations.

President Brick reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and reported the following action taken during closed session:

Agenda Item 3A – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release: The Board voted by a 7-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 1011-037 placing Employee #206092 on unpaid leave, effective January 27, 2011.

AYES: Trustees Addonizio, Alpay, Brick, Bryson, Hatton, Palazzo, and

Pritchard

NOES: None

Prop 39 Preliminary Facilities Offer-Journey School Agenda Item 2

President's Report From Closed Session Meeting

Agenda Item #3 B – CSEA/CUEA/CUMA/Teamsters Negotiations: No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Soard Clerk

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Minutes submitted by Jane Boos, Manager, Board Office Operations