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1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m., Board President Reed called the August 5, 2009, Special Session Meeting to order at the district office, introduced Kevin Ramsden as the new Parent Representative, thanked Laura Wellman for her two years of service as Parent Representative, and welcomed Superintendent Staley back.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR**2.1 GENERAL****1. Information: 2009-10 State Budget Update for CUSD**

At 6:03 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Combes presented an overview of the state budget and the affects on CUSD. This information/timeline will be posted on the website. It will be several weeks before all details can be worked into the CUSD budget and multi-year projections; the impact of the financial details will be acted on by the Board within 45 days, as required by law, around the middle of September.

2. Information: Local Government Response to State Budget Crisis

At 6:50 p.m. Board President Reed discussed the conference she attended on July 17-18. It was a summit on governance and fiscal reform sponsored by the Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership, a collaboration of the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties and the California School Boards Association. Local elected officials talked about what is happening in Sacramento and how local entities can change the way things are happening and bring back local control and look for ways to work together. More information may be gathered by visiting their Facebook page, Rebuilding California.

At 7:00 p.m. Board Clerk Griffin discussed the teleconference she participated in on July 24. The main goal of this group is to bring power back to local government and local revenue. Additional information may be gathered by visiting their webpage: Repair California.org.

3. Discussion/Action: Board Discussion/Action Regarding Budget Priorities Subsequent to the July 23, 2009, Legislative Action

At 7:10 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Combes reviewed how the state budget cuts have affected CUSD, noting the only cuts left for CUSD to make are negotiated agreements. This agenda item is in response to the Board's request for an opportunity for public discussion of how to determine budget priorities. Board President Reed clarified that any action taken is for the future; not on decisions already made. Discussions centered on processes for gathering community input, increasing communication, reviewing the Strategic Plan, utilizing School Newsletters; reactivating the Budget Communication Team, posting an FAQ page on the website, looking for grants and new ways of doing business. Rather than a specific action the Board would like the Directors to place proposals with probable timelines on a future agenda. Superintendent Staley clarified the following actions will take place: a letter will go to every K-3 student/parent explaining why class sizes increased this year by next Wednesday; The Budget Communication Team will be reactivated and continue ongoing communication regarding the budget; a plan will be created for collecting input from the community regarding vision, goals, and budget priorities and this item will be brought to the Board in September, and the Strategic Plan will be revisited.

4. Discussion/Action: Consider Selection of Vendor for Parcel Tax Survey

At 8:08 p.m. Board President Reed stated a discussion was needed regarding the parcel tax and purpose. Whether we do parcel tax or not, this is an outreach to everyone. Given the budget crisis, trustees wanted to ensure there is a dialogue with the community to define the district's priorities. Board Member Rees moved that the Board support the expenditure for a consultant firm to conduct a survey for Task 1 only; seconded by Board Vice President Kaiser.

AYES: Reed, Kaiser, Griffin, Rees

NOES: Thompson

ABSENT: None

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Board President Reed asked if the Board was prepared to vote on the firm to conduct the survey or if a subcommittee should review. After discussion, Board Member Rees moved that the Board accept the Lew Edwards Group proposal to have Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates conduct the survey with a sample size of 600; seconded by Board Vice President Kaiser. A subcommittee will review the questions.

AYES: Reed, Kaiser, Griffin, Thompson, Rees

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:05 p.m. the Open Session was closed; there was a five minute break before the Board moved into Closed Session. Director Simmons noted that a local retired teacher, Leonardo Perez Duarte, had been recognized in an article entitled "My Favorite Teacher" in the *American Profile Magazine* in Sunday's paper.

3.1 **Update on Labor Negotiations**

Employee Organizations:

CUTA

CSEA, Chapter #110

Representative:

Kelly Staley, Superintendent

Bob Feaster, Assistant Superintendent

Jan Combes, Assistant Superintendent

3.2 **Conference with Legal Counsel**

Threatened Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)

One case

Attending:

Kelly Staley, Superintendent

Bob Feaster, Assistant Superintendent

Jan Combes, Assistant Superintendent

Kim Bogard, Attorney at Law

3.3 **Public Employee Appointment**

Per Government Code §54957

Title: Interim Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

3.4 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Per Government Code §54957

Title: Superintendent

4. **RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**


At 10:44 p.m. Board President Reed reconvened to regular session and announced there was nothing to report from closed session.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:45 p.m. Board President Reed adjourned the meeting.

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APPROVED:


Board of Education


Administration