

Board Briefs

Lompoc Unified School District

April 22, 2008

- OPENING COMMENTS** With April 23 being designated as “Administrative Professionals Day,” Ms. Opfermann congratulated, and gave thanks to all of the Administrative Assistants in the District.
- CONSENT ITEMS** The following consent items were approved: (1) Warrants totaling \$1,052,199.27; (2) Personnel Items; and (3) Acceptance of Donations
- STUDENT REPORT** Tianna Cisowski, the student representative from Lompoc High School, gave a report regarding activities at the secondary schools.
- VAFB REPORT** Duane Wolfe is hopeful the Superintendent will receive a response from Col. Tanous soon regarding the leases for schools on Base property. Also, the traffic circulation at Crestview has been working well. Some streets are now one-way, which does impact our bus drivers. Jaime Lopez, the new Military Family Education Coordinator who was present at the last Board meeting, has been meeting with the principals of the Base schools, and also the Manzanita Public Charter School personnel. Mr. Lopez is the interface for VAFB’s No Child Left Behind goal.
- BUDGET ANALYST
(APPROVAL OF NEW
JOB DESCRIPTION)** The new job description for Budget Analyst was approved. The intent is to reorganize and establish a career ladder in the Accounting Department. It was noted the position previously held by Virgadean Richmond has not been filled. The position was approved by the Personnel Commission on April 17.
- ENERGY EDUCATOR/
MANAGER (TABLED)** The Board tabled this agenda item awaiting further information about the reimbursement schedule from Energy Education, Incorporated. The company guarantees the entire cost of the energy management program - including fees and salary - will be covered by the savings derived from the program. However, how much the District might have to pay before this reimbursement is received needs clarification.
- NEW DESIGNATION
OF COMMITTEE** The proposal to change the name of the Interest-Based Council to the Budget Advisory Committee, and also to designate it as a Superintendent’s committee, was approved. With this designation, the meeting will not have to be noticed as a Board of Education Meeting.
- BOND INTEREST &
REDEMPTION FUND** The latest budget data from the county Auditor-Controller’s Office was presented. The data included the revenue and expenditure data, and the budget upload posted by the Santa Barbara County Education Office. It also reconciles the existing amounts with those calculated by the County Auditor for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

**(CHANGE IN ORDER
OF AGENDA)**

Due to Board member request, several items were moved up in the agenda while awaiting the set-up for Mr. Bravo's report of the Maintenance & Operations Reorganization.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Black stated there was no good news from the state regarding the budget. Along with increases in the state's jobless claims and the costs for food and fuel, there will be increases in our SISC renewals for the employee health plans. Additionally, we had projected a 100 student decline in enrollment due to the Manzanita Public Charter School, and their submitted figure is 179. This results in approximately an \$850,000 loss in ADA.

**PAVING PLAN
UPDATE**

Mr. Bravo presented his paving plan update. In actuality, "paving" in LUSD is only seal, slurry, and re-striping. If a hole in the pavement is beyond one inch it becomes a public contract item and must go out for bid.

**LANGUAGE CENSUS
R-30 REPORT**

Ms. Opfermann presented the Language Census R-30 report for March 18, 2008. Although the report overall was favorable, she is concerned with the number of students not receiving services which has increased mainly at the high schools.

**KINDERGARTEN
2008-2009**

Ms. Opfermann presented the staff recommendation that kindergarten classes be held AM/PM with two teachers sharing a room - unless the site has enough classroom space available for individual teacher assignments. This would lessen the number of portables to be moved, and thus result in a cost savings. The Board asked for further information regarding the exact number of portables and the savings generated.

**SIXTH GRADE
TRANSITION**

Ms. Opfermann noted District staff met with the elementary principals on April 15, and would be meeting with them again on May 7. They had met with the middle school principals prior. Staff development is being offered, and Personnel is working on a formula for clerical support. Additionally, the District management team is working on technology and GATE support, and setting aside monies to buy library materials out of lottery funds. The categorical funding will increase proportionate to the enrollment increase.

**FORMER BOARD
POLICY 9119.4.2**

Mr. Fife presented the revisions to Board Policy 9119.4.2 (now Administrative Regulation 4317.12). The revisions were made to update the language. Previously, if not in classified management or confidential service before a certain date, the employee was penalized. These revisions will bring the language back to the true intent of the policy.

**REORGANIZATION OF
MAINTENANCE &
OPERATIONS**

Rob Bravo, Maintenance & Operations Manager, gave a video presentation of his plans for the reorganization of Maintenance & Operations. His plan involved proposed strategies for partnering with other districts and government agencies while maintaining the current staffing levels.

**BUDGET REDUCTION
ITEMS**

The Board reviewed each budget reduction item separately. Some were tabled for further discussion and some were acted upon as follows: **(1) Reduce Board Travel and Conference amount budgeted by half** - Tabled, awaiting further information regarding cuts to general fund and categorically funded travel; **(2) Transfer Bilingual Support Program Specialist to Categorical** - Approved; **(3) Transfer Language Census personnel from General Fund to Categorical** - Approved; **(4) Eliminate second "repetitive" Maple High mid-day bus run** - Approved; **(5) Decrease Education Center Discretionary Budgets by 10%** - Approved; **(6) Decrease Site Discretionary Budgets by 10%** - Approved; **(7) Decrease Site Discretionary Sports' Budgets by 10%** - Approved; **(8) Reorganize Business Services** - Approved; **(9) Reorganize Personnel Services** - Approved; **(10) Reorganize Maintenance & Operations** - Tabled, awaiting further information; **(11) Transfer AC Tutors from General Fund to Site Discretionary/Section Allocations** - Tabled, awaiting further information. **(12) Reduction of 1 FTE Management (IT Dept.)** - Approved; **(13) Elimination of 1 FTE Management (Printing Dept.)** - Tabled, awaiting further information; **(14) Reduction of 1 FTE Management (Transportation Dept.)** - Approved; and **(15) Eliminate "Plan to Remedy the Shortage of Bilingual Teachers" program (23.088 FTE Bilingual Instructional Assistants)** - Approved.

The suggestions for reduction: **(16) Review staffing formulas for classified employees** and **(17) Review each Education Center Department and school site and make any reductions as necessary**, will be returned for further consideration at the May 13, 2008 Board Meeting.

**ATTENDANCE
BOUNDARIES &
TRANSPORTATION**

The Board approved the following for 2008-2009: Transportation will not be provided for students living in the La Honda area to be bussed to Los Berros; the repetitive bus runs at Cabrillo High School will be eliminated (Maple voted on earlier in the meeting), and the boundaries will be adjusted for Fillmore, Hapgood, Ruth and Miguelito Elementary Schools. Boundary adjustments for the secondary schools will be considered in the future for 2009-2010.

**ELIMINATION OF
OUTSIDE LOCKERS &
CLOSED CAMPUSES
AT LHS & CHS**

The elimination of outside lockers and closing the campuses at both Lompoc and Cabrillo High Schools was again discussed. The respective site principals - Art Diaz and Betty McCallum, both recommended keeping a limited number of lockers on their campuses, and closing the campus for 9th graders only. The Board unanimously approved these recommendations for implementation in 2008-2009.

**PROPOSED EARLY
RELEASE/
COLLABORATION
(CRESTVIEW)**

The Board approved the proposed early release/collaboration days at Crestview Elementary School for 2008-2009. The proposed schedule was shared with Crestview and Los Padres leadership teams, the School Site Council, PTA, and parents. The purpose of these days will be for staff to meet as grade level teams: cross-grade level team meetings, meet with support services, and for curriculum planning and assessment analysis.

**PROPOSED CHANGE
IN EARLY RELEASE/
COLLABORATION
(LA CAÑADA)**

The Board approved the proposed change in early release/collaboration days at La Cañada Elementary School for 2008-2009. The proposed schedule was shared with the La Cañada leadership teams, the School Site Council, PTA, and parents. This change will allow for a minimum day every week rather than every other week, as they have done in the 2007-2008 school year.

**CSBA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

The Board concurred that no one would be attending the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference in December 2008 due to budget concerns. It was felt with the possibility of three new Board members, orientation sessions offered by the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association would be just as beneficial.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

The Board members were asked to select a date in July for a Saturday study session on Information Technology Services.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Board adjourned to closed session to discuss public employment, final notification of layoffs-certificated staff, negotiations, and a personnel matter. It was announced in open session that no action had been taken on any of these agenda items.

**✓NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 13, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
Education Center Board Room**