



SAN JUAN ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Juan Island School District Special Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 9, 2011

5:00 p.m. - Special Board Meeting, School District Office

5:05 – 7:30 p.m. **Executive Session** – to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is or is likely to become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)). No action will be taken in executive session. The Board may take action in open session regarding requests pursuant to RCW 4.96.041(3) for payment of necessary expenses of defending elective officers in a judicial hearing to determine the sufficiency of a recall charge.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: David McCauley, Heidi Lopez, Boyd Pratt, Deborah Nolan and Brent Snow

A.S.B. Student Board Member: Excused

Superintendent Present: Rick Thompson

Administrators Present: Excused

Observers Present: Jack Cory, Jane Fox, and approximately 30 other people were in attendance.

Recording Secretary: Maude Cumming

110 Establishment of Quorum – The special school board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was established with board members David McCauley, Heidi Lopez, Boyd Pratt, Deborah Nolan and Brent Snow.

OPEN MEETING

120 Review of Agenda – The agenda was amended as Brent requested a public discussion of a preliminary draft proposal for board consideration of a special workshop to consider the principal search process. Deb moved to approve the amendment to the agenda for a discussion prior to the executive session and the board vote was unanimous. Boyd then requested a reconsideration of the timeframe noting that there was a prior commitment to a 5:00 pm start for legal consultation. He suggested that the discussion occur after the executive session. Brent noted that another advantage to waiting would be access to more people for this discussion as there were no observers at the start of the special board meeting. Deb then moved to delay the discussion until after the executive session and the board vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

810 Recess to Executive Session until 7:30 pm, then re-convene for Open Public Meeting - David McCauley announced the executive session from 5:05 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and read the reason from the posted public agenda;

BOARD REPORTS

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At 5:05 p.m. the board voted unanimously to convene the executive session until 7:30 p.m.

The Board re-convened for public meeting at 7:28 p.m. then took a quick break to allow observers to settle in at the district office. The public meeting was continued at 7:32 p.m. David stated the reason for having been in executive session. He also shared that the agenda had been amended to include a discussion of a proposal for a special workshop.

Brent then shared the proposed rough draft for consideration of a *Special Board Workshop to Consider the Principal Search Process*. After sharing the proposal verbally he invited Linda Degnan-Cobos to reiterate highlights of the proposal. Brent answered questions related to cost and timeline, as well as the need for another special board meeting prior to a February 22nd tentative date for the special workshop. He acknowledged that this additional step would delay the principal search for approximately two weeks from the original principal search timeline. David stated that he will take the lead on organizing a meeting for purposes of discussion of the proposal. He then thanked the committee for their time.

David re-read the reason for the executive session in preparation for action on the following agenda items. He stated for clarity that no action had been taken in executive session.

820 Adoption of Resolution 11-001, Defense of David McCauley (Action) -

David recused himself and Brent read Resolution 11-001. Boyd moved to approve Resolution 11-001, The remaining four board members voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.



830 Adoption of Resolution 11-002, Defense of Heidi Lopez (Action) -

Heidi recused herself and David read Resolution 11-002. Brent moved to approve Resolution 11-002, The remaining four board members voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.



840 Adoption of Resolution 11-003, Defense of Boyd Pratt (Action) -

Boyd recused himself and David read Resolution 11-003. Heidi moved to approve Resolution 11-003, The remaining four board members voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.



850 Adoption of Resolution 11-004, Defense of Deborah Nolan (Action) -

Deborah recused herself and David read Resolution 11-004. Brent moved to approve Resolution 11-004, The remaining four board members voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.



860 Adoption of Resolution 11-005, Defense of Brent Snow (Action) -

Brent recused himself and David read Resolution 11-005. Deborah moved to approve Resolution 11-005, The remaining four board members voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.



David then opened the floor for questions from observers. There was a question about insurance coverage for the board members and David

committed to a specific answer by Monday, February 14. The name of the district's attorney was requested and given. A discussion of the election process ensued.

Next Meeting:

Regular school board meeting - Feb 23, 2011, 5:00 pm, high school library

NEXT MEETING

870 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Thompson, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

Date

David McCauley, Board Chair