

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
MENLO PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

March 6, 2007, Special Meeting

Hillview Middle School – Multipurpose Room
1100 Elder Avenue, Menlo Park, California

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL-CALL

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:01 p.m. to conference with Labor Negotiator Kenneth Ranella re: Update – All Bargaining Units (CSEA, MPEA, and Unrepresented Employees as per Government Code section 54957.6; and Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, as per Government Code section 54954.5.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:05 p.m. All members of the School Board were present as well as members of the Administration and Community. President Terry Thygesen reported that no actions were taken in closed session.

A statement was presented by Board Member Jeff Child related to a potential conflict of interest regarding the proximity of his residence to Hillview Middle School. Extensive review and discussions with the District's County Counsel regarding the potential conflict of interest due to Mr. Child living within 500 feet of Hillview Middle School have taken place. It has been determined that a conflict of interest does not exist, as the "Small Jurisdiction" exception has been met and Trustee Child may participate in the District's decision regarding Hillview Middle School. Prior to this determination by County Counsel, Trustee Child had recused himself from participating in the former two Special Board Meetings (December 6, 2006 and January 30, 2007) concerned with the Hillview Middle School campus.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Board President Terry Thygesen highlighted the process for the meeting, noting that there would be ample provision for public input following the presentation by Superintendent Ranella and the District Facility Team.

HILLVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

Superintendent Ken Ranella introduced the discussion, noting that tonight's meeting was the third in a series of Special Meetings of the Board to receive input regarding the issues and challenges related to the development of the Hillview Middle School campus. Superintendent Ranella introduced Ahmad Sheikholeslami, District Facility Planner/Program Manager, and consultants Ralph Caputo (Construction Manager) of RGM & Associates, Erwin Lee (Architect) of Deems, Lewis & McKinley, and CEQA consultant Benson Lee. Superintendent Ranella highlighted the previous December 6, 2006, and January 30, 2007, Special Meetings of the Board related to design option development of Hillview Middle School.

Superintendent Ranella's PowerPoint presentation concerning the Hillview Middle School campus included a review of the chronological history of planning and decisions, the Demographic Study, Enrollment Projection (October 2005), subsequent meetings with faculties, parent organizations and

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the Community (November 2005 – January 2006), successful passage of Measure U Bond Election (June 2006), and the planning process leading to the development of the Facility Master Plan. At the direction of the Board at its January 30, 2007, Special Meeting, and with overwhelming parent and staff support to maintain one middle school campus, Design Option D (Replacement of the Hillview Middle School Campus on the Existing Field) and Option E (Replacement of the Hillview Campus on the Existing Site) was selected for further study. Architect Erwin Lee reviewed both options and reiterated that meeting the educational needs of Hillview students was of the highest priority.

The meeting was then opened by Board President Thygesen to receive comments from the audience. (The Public Comments were documented by Assistant Superintendent Jo Sauer Mitchell and will be posted to the District's website, www.mpcsd.org.)

Following discussion and questions from the audience, the Board deliberated regarding the information presented and the recommendations from the District Facility Team to:

- Support the recommendation to reconstruct the full school on the athletic field
- Authorize commencement of the planning process for educational and operational specifications
- Authorize the preliminary studies for environmental review

It was moved/seconded (Rich/Fitz) and the Board unanimously (5/0) voted to support the recommendations of the District Facility Team as presented.

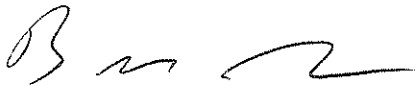
Board President Terry Thygesen expressed the appreciation of the Board regarding everyone's participation in the process regarding the future development of Hillview Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office, 181 Encinal Avenue, Atherton.

SIGNED:



DATED:

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