

Open Special and Regular Meeting
September 10, 2014 5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
5:00 PM Special and 6:00 PM Regular
District Office Board Room
300 El Cerrito Avenue
Hillsborough, CA

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Greg Dannis
Lynne Esselstein
Don Geddis
Margi Power
Gilbert Wai

ADMINISTRATION:

Anthony Ranii, Superintendent
Elaine Ogawa, Business Manager
Teresa Devincenzi, HR Manager/Sr. Assistant to the Superintendent
Modell Marlow Andersen, Director of Educational Services
Mary Maher, Director of Student Services
Maureen Sullivan, Director of Technology
Catherine Mikes, Principal Crocker Middle School
Heidi Felt, Employee on Special Assignment
Angela O' Donnell, Principal North Elementary School
Elizabeth Veal, Principal South Elementary School
Jamie Adams, Principal West Elementary School

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board approve the agenda. Passed with a motion by Don Geddis and a second by Gilbert Wai.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

3. FUTURE OF LEARNING

Harvard's Graduate School of Education's "Future of Learning" Institute was attended this summer by

Anthony Ranii, Catherine Mikes, Elizabeth Veal, Stephanie Kaplan, Amanda Siegel, and Talia Southgate. The group presented an overview of the program. PowerPoint slide presentation is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

4. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING, 5:55 PM

5. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 PM

6. SALUTE TO FLAG

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2014

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board approve the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2014 as amended. Passed with a motion by Don Geddis and a second by Gilbert Wai.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

8. CURRENT BUSINESS

8.1. Hillsborough Teachers Association (HTA)

Report given by President Mary Torello.

8.2. California School Employees Association (CSEA)

Report given by Co-President Nichole Balsells.

8.3. Associate Parents' Group (APG)

Report given by President An Chen, with acknowledgment to all of the Parent Group Presidents, school lunch liaisons, and parent volunteers on the launch of the Choicelunch program.

8.4. Hillsborough Schools Foundation (HSF)

Report given by President Laurel Miranda with presentation of the HSF What to Expect Night video.

HSF events for 2014-2015 are: Hillsborough Classic Tennis on Oct 16; Hillsborough Classic Shopping and Fashion Show on Oct 17; Dinner Dance and Live Auction on Apr 11 and Fun Run on May 31.

8.5. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported on the following topics: What to Expect Night, emergency protocols, the drought, and the school lunch program. He also acknowledged the \$60,000 Special Project Fund allocation from HSF. It will be used to purchase materials, books, and instruments to support vocal and instrumental music in each of our four schools.

8.6. District Website

The Board discussed and came to consensus on the budgetary and fiscal information that will be disclosed on our new website to increase transparency and to foster effective communication.

8.7. District Board Meetings

The Board discussed the pros and cons of changing the practice of having Board meetings at each of the four school sites in favor of selecting a single location. No decision was made. The Board directed the Superintendent to present a recommendation at the October Board Meeting which would include at least one meeting at each school site this year.

8.8. Granting of Permanent Status

Motion Passed: It was recommended that the Board grant *permanent status* to Erin Bautista .295 FTE, Donna Curley-Izzo .164 FTE, Nicki Fitzgerald .082 FTE, Kirsteen Keller .59 FTE, Elaine Kendall .31 FTE, Marcella Murray .343 FTE, Emily Sherwood 1.0 FTE, and Betty Tran 1.0 FTE. Unanimously passed with a motion by Margi Power and a second by Don Geddis.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

8.9. Business Manager Search

The Board received a letter of retirement effective December 31, 2014 from Elaine Ogawa who was acknowledged for her years of service. The Board directed staff to contract with School Services of California to help the District and Board organize and run a rigorous search and hiring process.

Motion Passed: As a result of the retirement of Elaine Ogawa, it is recommended that the Board direct staff to contract with School Services to conduct a search process for a new business manager along the terms of the formal proposal presented. Unanimously passed with a motion by Greg Dannis and a second by Gilbert Wai.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

8.10. State Testing Report

The Director of Educational Services, Modell Marlow Andersen reported on the state testing that completed last year and reminded the Board that this year, students will be tested in 3rd-8th grade, with the scores reported to the parents by the District.

8.11. Prior Year Actuals FY 2013-2014

It was noted that the current budget shows the District is deficit spending. The Board agreed to watch the numbers closely and to be mindful of the tight budget numbers when making decisions and commitments.

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2013-2014 year-end unaudited actuals. Unanimously passed with a motion by Gilbert Wai and a second by Don Geddis.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

8.12. Resolution No. 2014-07 - Adoption of the Gann Limit

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 2014-07 adopting the revised 2013-2014 Gann Limit and the projected 2014-2015 Gann Limit. Unanimously passed with a motion by Don Geddis and a second by Margi Power.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

8.13. Conflict of Interest Code

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board approve the HSCD Conflict of Interest Code with typographical revisions. Unanimously passed with a motion by Don Geddis and a second by Gilbert Wai.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

8.14. Resolution No. 2014-08 - Budget Increases and Transfers for FY 2014-2015

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2014-08 approving the budget increases and transfers for 2014-2015. Unanimously passed with a motion by Don Geddis and a second by Gilbert Wai.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

9. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Nos. 10.1 – 10.7 excluding 10.6. Agenda Item 10.6 was pulled by the Superintendent for discussion. Unanimously passed with a motion by Gilbert Wai and a second by Don Geddis.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

10.1. Personnel Action Report

10.2. Attendance Report

10.3. Warrant Status Report

10.4. Annual Review of Policy No. 1312.1 (AR) Procedures for Presenting Complaints Regarding Employees of the District

10.5. Annual Review of Policy No. 6145 Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities Dependent on Academic Progress

10.7. Year-End Closing Budget Revisions

10. 6 Authorization of Certificated Personnel to Teach Outside of Credential

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items No. 10.6 as revised. Unanimously passed with a motion by Lynne Esselstein and a second by Don Geddis.

Yes Greg Dannis
Yes Lynne Esselstein
Yes Don Geddis
Yes Margi Power
Yes Gilbert Wai

11. COMMUNICATIONS from individuals and/or organizations regarding District programs and services and BOARD ITEMS

Discussion of items necessary to the effective operation of the School Board

A memorandum to Lynne Esselstein was presented by Dr. Pearl Wu, dated September 10, 2014 regarding email correspondence to San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Anne Campbell which took place on September 9, 2014. It is entered into these minutes as Attachment B.

The Board communicated items for their operation regarding upcoming workshops, The West School new building community event, the Band Room dedication and various school events attendance by the Board members.

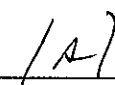
12. PUBLIC ADDRESS CONCERNING ITEMS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Opportunity for members of the public to address the
Board concerning items on the Closed Session Agenda
None

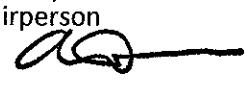
13. CLOSED SESSION, 8:22 PM

14. OPEN SESSION, 9:07 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT, 9:08 PM



Chairperson

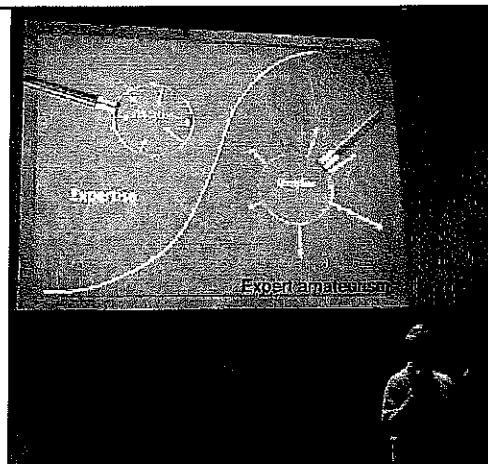


Superintendent

ATTACHMENT A

PERKINS: 4 EARMARKS

- **Insight**
- **Action**
- **Ethics**
- **Opportunity**
- Understanding of the French Revolution to Understanding with the French Revolution
- Mitosis or Contagious Diseases?



PERKINS: 6 BEYONDS

- Beyond **Content**...Essential Outcomes!
- Beyond **Local**...global problems, studies, perspectives
- Beyond **Topics**...content as tools for thinking and action
- Beyond **Traditional Disciplines**...big history instead
- Beyond **Discrete Disciplines**...interdisciplinary
- Beyond **Prescribed Studies**...personalized curricula



4 INSIGHTS FROM INSTITUTE

- Qualitatively and biologically, to understand others' states, we use the same skills, systems, and biology that we use when we think of ourselves
- All people have the same/similar emotions. However, the way in which people become aware of and react to their emotions is systematically shaped by the culture in which they were brought up.
- There is danger in the single story.
- App enabled or App dependent?



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GARDENER: 5 MINDS FOR THE APP GENERATION

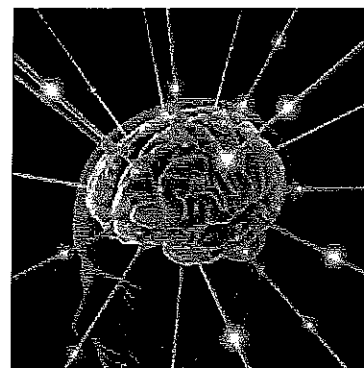
- The **Disciplined** Mind
- The **Synthesizing** Mind
- The **Creating** Mind
- The **Respectful** Mind
- The **Ethical** Mind



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MIND-BRAIN RESEARCH

- Constructing a sense of self
- Guiding principals for processing information
- Identifying patterns v. using averages to guide teaching
- Creating an engaging classroom
- Facilitating learning

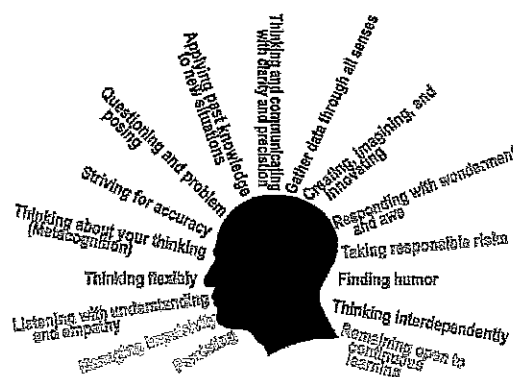


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FOSTERING THINKING DISPOSITIONS

- Routines and structures
- Opportunities
- Use of time
- Modeling
- Interactions and relationships
- Language
- Expectations
- Environment
- Dispositions can't be taught, they must be enculturated

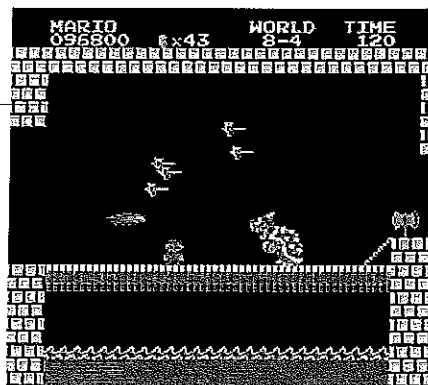


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THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

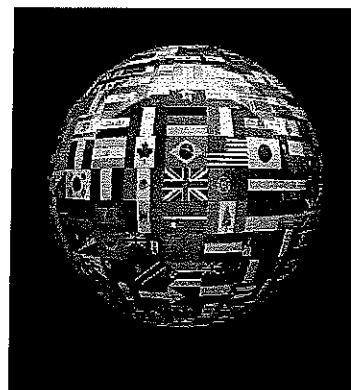
- There is nothing inherently progressive here
- Do you connect interest-based learning with school learning?
- Badges?
- Boss levels?
- Life long and life-wide learning
- Interests, peers, opportunities
- Multi User Virtual Environments



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GLOBALIZATION

- Who am I?
- What is this world in which we live?
- What should I do with my life?
- Races are just evolutionary reactions to climate. Explain this.
- Global Knowledge:
 - Core values
 - Self-knowledge
 - Know how to be effective
 - Relating with and leading others simultaneously



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ATTACHMENT B

DATE: September 10, 2014
TO: Lynne Esselstein, Hillsborough School Board Member
FROM: Pearl Wu, M.D., Voter & Taxpayer of Hillsborough
RE: Civil Liberty for Democratic Elections & Petitions Free of Harassments

The following evolving situation was communicated via 9/9th email to SMC Superintendent of Schools Anne Campbell, who in her acknowledgement reply of the same day, had also cc'd you, among others, for your awareness:

Dear SMC Superintendent Anne Campbell,

Due to still ongoing dynamic factors, and in my role as Chief Petitioner of the July 1, 2014 Petition For Special HCSD Election wrongfully denied by you, I am writing to *postpone* the September 18, 2014 Group Meeting with you, based on engagement of legal counsel to explore legal options. Additionally, to date, two of the 236 total petitioners of this democratic process received an unwelcome letter criticizing them for signing this petition, with such verbiage quoted by one of the harassed petitioners as, "You should not have signed the petition." This anxiety-provoking harassment of the 2 known petitioners needs to stop immediately. Out of fear and worry, they choose NOT to disclose the source of the harasser. Please stay tuned for next steps communications to promote civil liberty in the 236 Hillsborough taxpayers' inalienable rights to vote, free of denial of our good faith petition, and free of harassment against 2 petitioners' rights to exercise democratic processes.

UNITED WE STAND & OUR VOTES COUNT

Best,

Pearl Wu, M.D.

Proud Advocate of World Class Education & Community For ALL People

KEY POINTS

1. There are ~7,100 registered Hillsborough voters as of 10/25/2013
2. Only ~1,600 votes gain a seat on the Hillsborough School Board, which is only a small ~23% of the voting body
3. APPOINTMENT to fill a People's Seat on the Hillsborough School Board, which oversees an annual ~\$22M operating budget to care for ~1,500 K-8 of our young students, PRECLUDES the vast ~77% majority of voters' rights to elect community representative to the school board
4. The Petition For Special HCSD Election 2014 is to widely promote a democratic process, and to allow the vast ~77% majority of the Hillsborough voters to choose, via ballots, for taxation with representation. Any qualified candidate could enter this democratic election, including an appointee.
5. This good-faith petition has 236 Hillsborough voters' signatures, and was wrongfully denied due nonsensical technicalities, and for which legal engagement to explore legal options is in progress.

6. The harassment of certain petitioners who exercised their democratic rights to sign the petition needs to stop immediately.

Best,

Pearl Wu, M.D.

Chief Petitioner