

**ENCINITAS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
101 South Rancho Santa Fe Road  
Encinitas, California 92024  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
March 27, 2014

**MEETING AT CAPRI ELEMENTARY**

<p>The meeting was Called to Order by President Marla Strich at 5:05 p.m.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>Members Present: Mrs. Skiljan, Mrs. Strich, Mrs. Andrade, Mrs. Muir Members Absent: Mr. Sonken</p>	
<p>The flag salute was led by Capri parent Cindy Gray.</p>	<p>FLAG SALUTE</p>
<p>Superintendent Tim Baird introduced Scott Himmelstein, Director of the University of San Diego Center for Education Law and Policy, who presented the results of the initial research findings of the yoga program. He extended praise to researchers Andrea Shook and Michael Corke for their oversight of the data collection. Mr. Himmelstein shared that the findings although preliminary showed overall positive results. He pointed out that since the District has overall extremely high student achievement it would be difficult to expect to see advances in achievement. The study will span for three years. The Board thanked Mr. Himmelstein and the researchers for their work and looked forward to receiving further data. They requested to receive the more detailed backup report with number of students surveyed.</p>	
<p>The following individuals addressed the Board regarding their ongoing concerns with the yoga program: Jennifer Sedlock, 2839 Camino Serbal, Encinitas, CA 92024; Cindy Gray, Encinitas, CA; Lori Nordal, 779 Poinsettia Park, Encinitas, CA; Sian Welch, 568 Cypress Hills Dr., Encinitas, CA; Craig Nordal, 779 Poinsettia Park, Encinitas, CA.</p>	<p>PUBLIC INPUT</p>
<p>Karen Whatnell, 1111 Kildeer Court, Encinitas, shared her support and her son's enjoyment of the yoga program.</p>	
<p>Superintendent Tim Baird opened the meeting for a presentation on an overall look at District programs in keeping with the Local Control Accountability Plan and introduced the board members who each presented on the following initiatives: Maureen Muir presented on implementation of Common Core standards; Emily Andrade on the progressive technology programs in place throughout the District; Marla Strich on the District's commitment to Health and Wellness and Carol Skiljan on the strides the District has made in its Green initiatives.</p>	<p>PRESENTATION ON LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN</p>
<p>Board President Marla Strich opened the meeting for input from the audience. The following individuals addressed the Board in regard to concerns with the Common Core Standards: Craig Nordal, 779 Poinsettia Park So., Encinitas, CA and Lori Nordal, 779 Poinsettia Park So., Encinitas, CA. Board members gave background of Common Core and stated that it was the District who developed the lessons based on the standards. They also shared that educators were in overall favor of the Common Core standards and the depth of learning that it will bring to students.</p>	<p>PUBLIC INPUT</p>
<p>The following individuals addressed the Board with concerns regarding late entrance/registration for Kindergarten and communication from the District: Jen Stanton, 907 Bracero Rd., Encinitas, CA, Ken Blevin, 807 Stratford Dr., Encinitas, CA and Shelley Murasko, 1668 Burgundy, Encinitas, CA.</p>	

Superintendent Tim Baird shared that a letter to incoming kindergarten parents and local preschools was planned to go out within the week with guidelines which will also be posted on the district website. Together with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Leighangela Brady, Dr. Baird shared the District policy based on Ed Code which states that children turning six by September 1 are age appropriate for 1<sup>st</sup> grade has not changed, however, it is now in the spotlight because of the large number of families choosing to delay entrance into kindergarten. Both Dr. Baird and Dr. Brady assured the parents that there is a petition process that is in place and in all likelihood most of the children whose birthdates are close to the cutoff will be enrolled into kindergarten, however, for equity all children outside of the cutoff will be required to be assessed.

The Board members thanked the parents for bringing their concerns and assured them the District would communicate further regarding the process for delayed entrance into kindergarten.

A question regarding the future of school libraries was presented with Dr. Baird assuring that print books were here to stay but the District would continue to investigate and build upon e-libraries so that any number of students could be reading the same book at the same time. He further stated that he would work with PTA's and sites on what library needs would need support.

In closing, the Board of Trustees thanked the parents for their attendance and input.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

  
Emily Andrade, Clerk  
Board of Trustees

  
Timothy B. Baird, Ed.D.  
Superintendent