

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SOLEDAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD ROOM
1261 METZ RD., SOLEDAD, CA 93960
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015**

I. OPENED BUSINESS – 4:36 PM

- A. Called Public Session to Order

- B. Roll Called
Mrs. Marie Berlanga, President
Mrs. Gloria Ledesma, Vice-President - ABSENT
Mrs. Jodi Massa, Clerk
Mr. Fabian M. Barrera, Trustee - ABSENT
Mr. Jaime Fernandez, Trustee
Dr. Rupi Boyd, Secretary to the Board

- C. Allowed for Public Comment on Closed Session Topics

- D. Immediately Adjourned to Closed Session

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel
 - 1) Elimination of Classified Confidential Position
 - 2) Pending Litigation
 - a. Zendejas vs. Soledad Unified School District – File No. 2543-91178
 - b. Jane Doe vs. Soledad Unified School District - File No. 2543.91325
 - c. Insurance Claim

(Trustee Ledesma arrived at 4:47 p.m.)

III. RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance by the Soledad High School NJROTC Cadets

- B. Report of action taken in closed session
By a vote of 3 to 0 with Mr. Barrera and Mrs. Ledesma absent, the Board approved the following:
 - 1) Resolution No. 4-02-15 Regarding the Elimination of the Classified Position of Controller corresponding layoff of employee
 - 2) Resolution No. 4-03-15 Regarding the Elimination of a Certification Administrator Position for Director of Special Projects
 - 3) Denied the claim for injury from a freshman student from North Salinas High

School for an injury occurred during at a Baseball game on district property in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

C. Approved the Board Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA BY: Jodi Massa SECONDED BY: Gloria Ledesma AYES: Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Ledesma NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Barrera

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentations

1. LPA Architects – Middle School Design

James Kisel, Partner for LPA Architects, and Mr. Franco Brown, Architect, presented the following to the Board:

LPA reviewed the timeline/schedule and project overview. They will present and meet with steering committee to review their input it will be held April 16, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. Monday April 20, 2015, they will meet with Main Street School Site Council & PTA. Once the Board decides on a school design from the four options that will be presented, they will make the necessary changes on the recommendation and they will return in May to get the Board's input on the colors for the school. They are doing a great job in keeping with the \$33.5 million budget.

Before they shared the four designs, the Board was reminded that they took their input from their last meeting with the architects about a concrete building with inspiration of the Mission Nuestra Señora de Soledad, but add wood for warmth. They reviewed the outside-in and inside-out concepts; 21st century learning environment; cost effective measures; and the environment the building will create for students, parents and community. What was presented to the Board, was previously presented to the steering committee. The Steering Committee did make recommendations and suggestions, however, these were not included in this presentation to the Board. They will be meeting with the Steering Committee tomorrow, at which time they will then present the design with their recommendation.

Mr. Brown presented the 3 D image of the school. He showed what the classrooms, quads areas, public plaza, parent drop off, bus drop off, (access for evenings and weekends), lunch shelter (inside/outside); could look like. He also answered questions from the Board and audience on location of the restrooms, elevators (2), gym/cafeteria, lighting, etc.,

Front of school – façade: Board agreed on masonry and add wood for contrast and to bring warmth.

The four options were presented. After some review and discussion, it was unanimously agreed to go with Option B (add bell(s) to give it more of Mission feel), and add another marquee or similar tower in front to the back facing Main Street but smaller.

The school will also be built ready to receive and implement solar panels in the future. The building will meet and exceed the requirements by the state.





III. **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no new items of business

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Board approved May 13, 2015