

SEA WAVES

Dr. Jason Peplinski Named Interim Superintendent

School Board Actions:

By a 3 to 2 vote, the majority of the school board trustees (Trustees Davis, Kidd and White), voted to expedite the search for a new superintendent and also voted to replace Dr. Scroggin with Dr. Peplinski as Interim Superintendent. The search for a new Superintendent has already been advertised nationwide and the applications will be viewed by the School Board in closed session at the October 7th school board meeting. At that time, the school board will decide next steps in the process.

Desired Qualities in the Next Superintendent:

At the special school board meeting this week, the school board held an open discussion regarding attributes they would like to see in the next Superintendent. Several members of the audience, including SEA President, Dayle Gillick, addressed the school board with characteristics desired for finding the next superintendent. President Gillick's comments included the following:

- ◆ Have a vision for the district with a 5 year plan that includes ongoing positive public relations and marketing of our strong programs, teachers and schools;
- ◆ A dynamic and outgoing communicator;
- ◆ Someone who can "build a team" and knows how to embrace each employee as part of the team;
- ◆ The ability to develop a climate of appreciation and respect for the role of each employee;
- ◆ High visibility at each school site on a regular basis along with one-on-one conversations with employees;
- ◆ Knows and understands the unique climate of our district and community;
- ◆ Someone who will be in step with our current district administration and allow them to continue the momentum of changes currently put in place;
- ◆ And finally, the next superintendent should have a commensurate salary and benefits package with our surrounding districts -- we don't need to have the highest paid superintendent in the county to secure an outstanding replacement.

What are your ideas? The school board is welcoming more input from employees and the community and requested district staff set up a webpage on the current SVUSD website. You will be notified via district email when the webpage is available for your input.

School Board Race Endorsements:

After 2 rounds of interviews, both SEA Executive Board and SEA Rep Council voted to endorse

Simi Valley — Jeanne Davis and Scott Blough

for the two open seats on the school board. Signs, postcards, door hangers, Acorn ads, etc. will be part of SEA's campaign to elect our endorsed candidates. More information to follow soon.

If you work in Simi Valley but live in Thousand Oaks or Moorpark, below are the endorsements for the teacher association groups in your hometown.

Conejo — Brian Sullivan, Pat Phelps, Mike Dunn, Yes on Measure I

Moorpark — Nathan Sweet and Caleb Donner