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Report on Williams
Uniform Complaints

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Staff reported there were no complaints recorded for the 2005 fall quarter with regard to sufficient textbooks and instructional materials and school facilities that are clean, safe, and maintained in good repair.

Approval of Minutes
for 12/21/05 &
1/11/06 Bd Mtgs

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the December 21, 2005, and January 11, 2006, board meetings.

Approval of Personnel
Recommendations

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Personnel Recommendations as indicated.

Approval of Expulsions

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the hearing panel's findings and expelled (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2005-06 semesters and established June 8, 2006, as the date that the student may apply for readmission and set conditions for readmission to include that the student was satisfactorily involved in educational and counseling programs designed to address the behaviors that led to the expulsion.

Acceptance of
Monthly Financial Report

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Monthly Financial Report for December 2005.

Approval of Warrants

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 0280 through 0350 totaling \$4,509,854.58.

Acceptance of Gifts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted: \$5,000 from an anonymous donor for the Sequoia High School Acts of Kindness Account to be used for student assistance; \$10,000 from an anonymous donor to the Youth Achievement Program at Woodside High School; \$2,100 from Game Time to Boys' Basketball at Woodside High School; Woodside High School PTSA donated \$2,400 to Sojourn to the Past and \$100 to the Class of 2007; donations were received for the Woodside High School Food Drive from Larry Aikins (\$100), Mr. & Mrs. Carl Levie (\$100), and Terrace Realty (\$500); \$2,000 from Coldwell Banker to Woodside High School Football; \$1,000 from NFL Alumni to Woodside High School Football; donations were received for the Woodside Robotics Team from Sharon and Charles Cerini (\$200), and Liane and William Forrester (\$100); donations were received for the Woodside Varsity Girls' Basketball Team from anonymous donors (\$162), Takashi and Hideko Kosaka (\$207), Stephen Breen (\$100), Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ramies (\$250), and Rollin Storum (\$100) and requested the Superintendent send letters of appreciation to the donors.

Ratification of Salary
Increases for Mgmt,
Supervisors, &
Confidential Staff

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees ratified the salary increases for management, supervisors, and confidential staff as indicated.

Approval of STRS
Exemption Request

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the STRS exemption waiver request for Ms. Carol Barraco.

Approval of

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved

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Field Trips

Carlmont, Menlo-Atherton, Sequoia, and Woodside participation in "Sojourn to the Past," February 16 - 25, 2006; the Carlmont AVID student college tour, February 16 and 17, 2006, and the Woodside High School student trip to Greece, June 15-24, 2006.

Approval of Revised Board Bylaw 9322, Agenda/Meeting Materials

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved revised Board Bylaw 9322, Agenda/Meeting Materials.

Approval of Additional Staffing in Equip Repair

Student consent – "yes." On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees approved the increased staffing in Equipment Repair as requested.

Special Recognitions

The Superintendent commended:

Mirella Nieto and Matt Kelly, former Menlo-Atherton High School students, for their leadership in the Incentive Awards Student Association at UC Berkeley. The IASA brings together scholars for monthly activities and events and has recently developed a "Big Brothers/Big Sisters" project for Cal students.

The Woodside High School Quiz Kids Team for their recent victory over De La Salle High School.

Public Hearings

None

Oral Communications

Chester Palesoo, board member, Ravenswood City Elementary District, expressed concern about the special education program at Woodside High School.

Correspondence

An e-mail was received from Debbie Devoto, Menlo-Atherton parent, expressing appreciation for the Board's adoption of a school calendar that ensures that finals are scheduled before the Winter Break.

Update on Governor's State Budget Proposal for 2006-07

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, reported on a meeting he attended to update state educators on the Governor's State Budget Proposal. He indicated that though they were told the proposal is very positive, Mr. LaVigne advised caution, because the Governor proposes spending down to a 1 percent reserve.

Approval of Financial Audit Report

Rudy Vargas of Vargas and Company, Certified Public Accountants, reviewed the District's financial audit report for 2005.

He indicated that the only area of caution was a deficiency in instructional minutes at Sequoia High School. Mr. LaVigne explained how the deficiency occurred and noted that the instructional minutes of Sequoia District sites exceed those of other high schools in the State.

Student consent – "yes." On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the financial audit report for 2005 as presented.

Discussion of Alternative Diplomas for Students

Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, reported that students get many chances to pass CAHSEE.

She explained that other options already exist for students who do not pass CAHSEE, including the GED and receiving their diploma through the Adult School.

Trustee Martinez expressed concern about students not passing CAHSEE in the Spring.

Trustee Lewin expressed concern about issuing a separate diploma for those students who do not pass the CAHSEE.

Trustee Stewart suggested that using portfolios to determine what students' know is superior to giving standardized exams.

Discussion of Energy Conservation Program

Eddie Frane, Energy Education, Inc., announced that \$1 billion was saved by the school districts with which he works. Over seven years he projected being able to put back \$2.4 million in the District's General Fund.

Board of Trustees' /
& Superintendent's
Comments

Superintendent Gemma reminded board members about the dinner being given PI teachers at Hewlett Packard Auditorium. He noted the dinner was an opportunity to express how appreciated they are accepting the lion's share of turning the District's situation around.

Trustee Rumley expressed appreciation to Principal Morgan Marchbanks for hosting State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell at Sequoia High School.

Adjournment
at 6:25 p.m.

Student consent – "yes." On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk