

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Sequoia Union High School District

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

- Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Gordon Lewin at 3:45 p.m., Wednesday, February 1, 2006, in the Performing Arts Center at Woodside High School in Woodside.
- Roll Call Trustees present:
- Don Gibson
 Gordon Lewin
 Lorraine Rumley
 Olivia Martinez
 Sally Stewart
- Trustees absent:
- Allyson Hillerby, Student Trustee
- Invitation to Audience President Lewin welcomed the audience and explained that the Consent Calendar consists of routine or previously discussed items to be considered as a unit and voted upon by roll call vote. He explained the Communications – Oral section of the agenda for permitting members of the audience to make presentations totaling no more than 10 minutes.
- Pledge of Allegiance Ryan Contreras, Woodside High School Business Technology Academy Teacher, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Agenda On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved its agenda as presented.
- Amendments to
Consent Calendar Delete:
- 6j Approval of Contract with Energy Education, Inc.
- Approval of
Consent Calendar On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as amended. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting “no” – none; absent – Student Trustee Hillerby.
- Update on Expansion
of EII, Summer 2006 Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted a report from staff indicating that the English Immersion Institute scheduled for Summer 2006 would be expanded to include a satellite program in East Palo Alto.
- Approval of Minutes
for 1/18/06 Bd Mtg Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the January 18, 2006, board meeting.
- 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 panels’ findings and expelled: (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2005-06 semesters and established June 8, 2006, as the

date 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; (2) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2005-06 semesters and established June 8, 2006, as the date 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; (3) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2005-06 semesters and established June 8, 2006, as the date 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; (4) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2005-06 semesters and established June 8, 2006, as the date 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; (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2005-06 semesters and suspended the expulsion with the following stipulations: (a) the student must perform 20 hours of community service, (b) the student must attend on-site counseling three times a month, (c) the student must submit to random search of self and possessions; (d) any disciplinary violation will result in immediate enforcement of expulsion, and (6) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2005-06 semesters and established June 8, 2006, as the date 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 Gifts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the following donations for the Menlo-Atherton RISE program from: an anonymous donor (\$2,000), Ron Himes (\$500), Katherine Brubaker (\$100), Joyce and Marvin Lanphere (\$100), Mary Dodge (\$200), Leslie and John McQuaide (\$250), Lynn and William Evans (\$300), Shirley and John Reiter (\$100), and Edward Perry and Laurie Bonilla (\$250) and requested the Superintendent to send letters of appreciation to the donors.

Approval of Budget
Development Calendar

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Budget Development Calendar for 2006-07.

Acceptance of Contract
w/Spencer Associates

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the contract with Spencer Associates for architectural services for modernization of the library and science classrooms at Carlmont High School.

Approval of
Construction Expenditures

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the expenditure of \$26,750 for architectural, structural, and geotechnical services of Cody, Anderson & Wasney Architects; Hohbach-Lewin Engineers, and Lowney Associates for the Woodside High School B-Wing Facility Hardship Funding Study.

Approval of
Construction Bid

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to accept or reject the low bid for the modular gymnasium project at Carlmont High School.

Approval of STRS
Exemption Request

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the STRS exemption waiver request for Susana Munzell.

Approval of District

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

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Calendar, 2006-07

the District Calendar for 2006-07.

Approval of
CAHSEE Waiver

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the CAHSEE waiver requested for six disabled students.

Approval of
Field Trips

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Woodside Dance Team trip to Granite Bay, February 4, for a dance competition; the Sequoia Track Team trip to Reno, February 17 - 18, for a track and field meet; the Woodside/Carlmont Robotics trip to Davis, March 23 - 25, for a Robotics competition; the Carlmont music groups trip to Anaheim, March 30 - April 2 for a music festival and competition, and the Menlo-Atherton Baseball Team trip to San Diego, April 9 - 13, 2006, for a tournament.

Special Recognitions

Susan Berghouse, Director of District Information and Communications, introduced Ryan Contreras, Woodside High School Teacher in the Business Technology Academy, and explained why he was being recognized for his innovative teaching methods.

Public Hearings

None

Oral Communications

None

Report on
Woodside High School

Linda Common, Principal, Woodside High School, introduced her staff and led her staff's report to the Board.

Diane Mazzei, Director, Student Activities; Maureen Campbell, Head Guidance Advisor; Margaret Williams, Instructional Vice Principal; Ralph Crame, teacher, Math Department; Mark Harris, Department Chair, Business Technology Academy; Lisa Pomi, teacher, English Department; Susie Wilson, Department Chair, Special Education Department; Arlene Kolber, Department Chair, Science Department, and Jennifer Buchanan, Coordinator, Reading, reported on how they are supporting the Below Basic students to ensure their success.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Stewart, Mrs. Williams reported that ELL Resource Teacher Kathy Toland monitors the grades of students in EL classes as well as the students in FEP classes.

Trustee Martinez commended the Woodside staff for working together and supporting each other so well.

Woodside staff also reported that more students are being encouraged to attend AP tutorials to increase the number of students who successfully take and pass AP classes.

Trustee Gibson expressed appreciation for the student guide he was given. He indicated that students reported they have good accessibility and felt comfortable approaching any teacher, not just their own teachers.

Ms. Pomi asked for flexibility in eliminating some classes in order to maintain low class sizes in remaining classes.

Board members and the Superintendent commended Principal Linda Common and her staff for the excellent work they are doing with their students.

Update on PI

Marianne Splenda, Coordinator of Research and Evaluation, presented the

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Implementation

Update on Benchmarks Exams which provided an update on implementation of Performance Improvement benchmarks.

Presentation of SDTA
Initial Contract Proposal

Debbie Moore Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Staff Development, introduced the negotiating season with a presentation of the SDTA Initial Contract Proposal.

Mike Radoye, President of the Sequoia District Teachers Association, reported that the SDTA Bargaining Team was pleased to submit the contract proposal early in order to possibly reach settlement before the end of the year.

Approval of Contract
w/Energy Education, Inc.

President Lewin expressed concern about the actual contract offered by Energy Education, Inc. Board members agreed to table the item for further study.

Board of Trustees’/
& Superintendent’s
Comments

Superintendent Gemma reported that he attended the Annual California City Superintendents Conference in Monterey the previous week. He indicated there were four programs in particular that he would like considered for the District over the next eight months. He added that he was also impressed with Father Boyle, a Jesuit Priest from Los Angeles, who provided the keynote speech and talked about how he develops jobs for youth involved in gangs. He noted that the theme for this year’s conference was: “No life is worth more than another life.”

Trustee Rumley reported that she attended the District’s teacher appreciation dinner for those teachers who are in the front line of supporting Below Basic and Far Below Basic students. She noted that the dinner was provided through private funding. She also reported that she attended Senator Simitian’s Update on Education the previous Saturday.

Recess to
Closed Session
at 5:41 p.m.

The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 5:41 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters as permitted under Government Code Section 54957; Negotiations as permitted under Government Code Section 54957.6, and Conference with Real Property Negotiations as permitted under Government Code Section 54954.5.

Adjournment
at 7:15 p.m.

By consensus the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk

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