

Minutes for 4/5/06 Board Meeting

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Approval of
Consent Calendar

Student consent, “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as amended. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting “no” – none; absent – none.

Approval of Minutes
for 3/15/06 & 3/23/06
Bd Mtgs

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the March 15, 2006, and March 23, 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 panels’ findings and expelled: (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2005-06 and Fall 2006-07 semesters and established December 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 Spring 2005-06 and Fall 2006-07 semesters and suspended the expulsion; (3) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2005-05 and Fall 2006-07 semesters and established December 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 Spring 2005-06 semester and suspended the expulsion with the following stipulations: (a) the student will be on suspended expulsion for the remainder of the semester; (b) if the student accumulates adequate units for graduation, the student will receive a diploma; (c) the student’s NovaNet class will be counted towards graduation; (d) the student will receive continuing IEP services for the remainder of the school year; (e) the student can apply for expungement of the suspended expulsion upon graduation or at the end of the Fall 2006 school semester, whichever occurs first; (f) if the student accumulates adequate credits for graduation, the student’s picture will be included in the school’s yearbook as a senior, subject to the normal publication deadlines; (g) the student may seek permission of the site administration to attend the senior prom but agrees not to attend the graduation ceremony; (h) the student’s suspended expulsion will last until graduation or the end of the Fall 2006 semester, whichever comes first; (i) the parties agree that this stipulation cannot be used for any other purpose in any other proceeding; and (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2005-06 and Fall 2006-07 semesters and suspended the expulsion with the following stipulations: the site administration agreed to award the student a diploma under the following conditions: (a) during the suspended expulsion, the student must not be on any district campus or at any school-related activity; (b) the student must complete all necessary coursework from an accredited institution to meet the District’s graduation requirements and have no further violation of the California Education Code; (c) the diploma will be held until all school books have been paid for or returned; (d) the site administration will

proceed with the student's request for evaluation. The District will continue to offer the student the educational services of the San Mateo County Office of Education's Community School program.

Acceptance of Gifts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted \$5,000 from an anonymous donor for Target Success scholarships and gifts received by Menlo-Atherton in 2005-06 as indicated and requested the Superintendent to write letters of appreciation to the donors.

Approval of Construction Bid

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the bid received from John Plane Construction at the low bid of \$94,000 for summer modernization at Sequoia High School.

Approval of Construction Expenditures & Purchase of Summit Charter Portables

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved expenditures for the new Performing Arts Center at Menlo-Atherton for: BRK Engineers, Surveyors, Planners, in the amount of \$43,700; TRC Lowney Associates in the amount of \$66,300 for Phase Two geotechnical services, and ratified the purchase of up to 20 portable classrooms to meet the Summit Charter School Proposition 39 facilities request in the amount of \$918,100.

Approval of Construction Projects & Authorization to Award Contracts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved construction projects at: (1) Carlmont High School for replacement of a permanent modular science building estimated at \$1.25 million and an architectural contract for modular science building with Spencer Associates at \$56,950, and (2) Sequoia High School for placement of a restroom/food service modular building estimated at \$350,000 and authorized staff to contract for architectural, civil, geotechnical services, and associated costs for state fees, furnishings, and other costs associated with these projects.

Denial of Claim

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees denied the claim from Lori Torreano on behalf of her son, a minor student at Woodside High School.

Approval of Rate Increase for Expulsion Panelists

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the rate increase to \$30 per hour for expulsion panelists.

Approval of Field Trips

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip requests for three BUILD students to go to the Inner City 100 Summit and CEO Forum, Boston, MA, April 17-21, 2006, for the Menlo-Atherton Track and Field Team to go to the National Track and Field Invitational Meet, in Arcadia, April 7-9, 2006; for the Menlo-Atherton Robotics Club to go to the 2006 FIRST Championship Event, in Atlanta, GA, April 26-30, 2006, and for the Woodside Varsity Girls Track Team to go to the National Track and Field Invitational meet in Arcadia, CA, April 7 – 9, 2006.

Special Recognitions

Superintendent Gemma recognized:

- Crystal Mao, Carlmont High School senior, for winning a \$2,500 National Merit scholarship.

- Carlmont High School and Robert Enenstein, Carlmont math teacher, for their participation in the California Math League competition. Carlmont is currently tied with Harker Academy for sixth place in the State.
- Darrell Barbour, Woodside High School boys basketball coach, for being recognized by CCS as one of three 2005-06 Winter Sports Honor Coaches.
- Carlmont students Leah Banks and Marissa Katsuranis for participating in the Reflections Art Contest. Leah Banks was honored with an Award of Excellence in the Photography category, and her entry is one of 16 entries being considered for national recognition. Marissa Katsuranis earned an Award of Merit in the literature category. Both students' art work will be featured at the California State PTA Convention in Anaheim in May.
- The Menlo-Atherton Robotics Team for placing first with their alliance partners in the annual Silicon Valley Annual FIRST Robotics competition.
- Carlmont student Richard Jackson for being selected to be part of the Walt Disney Production Crew. Disney will pay for Richard's living expenses in Florida and will train him for a career with Disney Productions.
- Woodside High School Senior Elizabeth Quintero for being named California Youth of the Year by the state Boys & Girls Clubs organization. Elizabeth will receive \$3,500 in scholarships and will represent California in the regional Boys and Girls Club competition this summer.

Oral Communications

Michael Radoye, President, Sequoia District Teachers Association, reported the SDTA Legislative Council's unanimous position to oppose any action which would deny students who had otherwise passed all their graduation requirements but not all their CAHSEE exams access to graduation exercises.

Carole Pierce, teacher, Carlmont High School, reported that her senior students who had passed all their graduation requirements, including CAHSEE tests, believed their fellow students who had fulfilled all requirements except CAHSEE should be recognized at graduation.

Greg Gruszynski, teacher, Woodside High School, reported that his seniors just completed their senior year exhibition project which demonstrated their ability to work hard and willingness to complete all their graduation requirements, but some are concerned they have not passed all their CAHSEE tests.

Report on District
API Results, 2005

Marianne Splenda, Coordinator, Assessment and Evaluation, presented the report on state and local rankings for API test results from 2005.

Trustees Martinez and Rumley congratulated the sites on their good scores and expressed support for the report differentiating between Hispanic and English language learners as not all Hispanics are EL students and not all EL students are Hispanic.

Presentation of District

Debra Moore Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and

Initial Proposal to SDTA

Staff Development, presented the District's initial bargaining proposal to the Sequoia District Teachers Association.

Mr. Radoye expressed his appreciation for the District scheduling its proposal to the SDTA for board and public review.

Summary of AB 2913
EL Certification Program

Mrs. Moore Washington announced that a six-day training had been scheduled under the AB 2913 EL Certification Program to support teachers who teach EL students.

Mr. Radoye reported that many veteran teachers not required to take the training were enthusiastically involved. He recommended providing additional opportunities for teachers to have follow-up training.

Approval of New Courses:
Chinese III & AP Chinese IV

In response to a question posed by Student Trustee Hillerby, Francisca \ Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, reported that the District anticipates that the new courses will receive UC approval.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved new courses Chinese III and AP Chinese IV.

Board of Trustees’/
& Superintendent’s
Comments

The Superintendent reported observing the beginning and ending of WASC preparation and visits for both Sequoia and Carlmont high schools. He noted that the sites were well prepared, and both teams were very impressed with their assigned schools.

Trustee Gibson commended the sites on the comments that were made by the visiting teams.

Trustee Rumley reported that she attended both report outs and acknowledged that it was affirming to receive validation from outside visitors.

She reported that the San Mateo Historical Society will be celebrating its 150 year anniversary and will be inviting students to participate in an oral history project where interviews will be archived.

Trustee Martinez thanked staff for keeping board members informed about how high schools are responding to students wanting to demonstrate their concerns about immigration issues.

Trustee Stewart congratulated Carlmont and Sequoia on their positive WASC visits. She reported that she also attended an Odd Girls Out presentation at the District Office and congratulated the organizers on that successful program.

Recess to
Closed Session
at 6:43 p.m.

The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 6:43 p.m.

Return to
Public Session

The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session, and by consensus' adjourned its meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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& Adjournment
at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk