

Unapproved Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Call to Order	The special meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Gordon Lewin at 3:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at the Menlo-Atherton High School Library in Atherton.
Roll Call	Trustees present: Don Gibson Gordon Lewin Lorraine Rumley Olivia Martinez Sally Stewart Allyson Hillerby, Student Trustee Trustees absent: None
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	Menlo-Atherton High School Principal Denise Plante led meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Amendments to Agenda	Move: 9a, Oral Communications, to follow 9b, Report on Menlo-Atherton High School Table: 6a, Minutes for April 5, 2006, and April 26, 2006, Board Meetings
Approval of Agenda	On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved its agenda as amended.
Amendments to Consent Calendar	Delete: 6g, Approval of Job Description for Director of ELL/Categorical Programs
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.
Quarterly Report on	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees

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Williams Uniform
Complaints

accepted the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints.

Approval of Minutes for
3/23/06 & 4/19/06 Bd Mtgs

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the March 23, 2006, and April 19, 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 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; (3) (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; (4) (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; (5) (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; (5) (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; (5) (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, and (7) (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: (a) the student will receive a diploma, once the two remaining required classes in English and Government are completed at an accredited school; (b) the student is allowed to attend the Senior Party; (c) all references to "suspended expulsion" and these proceedings will be removed from the student's transcript and record upon completion of graduation requirements so that transcripts sent to colleges confirming graduation and classes completed do not refer to this. Upon completion of graduation requirements, the process is considered closed and completed; (d) the student will have access to the site college counselor and staff, as needed, and

(e) the student will proceed with an evaluation with the school psychologist and the student assessment team.

Acceptance of Gifts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted: \$5,000 from the East Palo Alto Neighborhood Improvement Initiative for the Future Search Conference - a districtwide activity; \$1,800 for the following Menlo-Atherton High School activities: \$500 from Kiwanis and \$350 from Medconx for the Robotics Team; \$1,000 from Mark Linton for the Track Team; \$200 from Will Richardson to the Outreach Program, a student club focused on community service activities, including Operation Backpack for the Homeless and the Giving Tree at Christmas time; \$100 from SRI for the Principal's Discretionary Fund; 391 record albums and over 100 records from Mr. And Mrs. Waldeman Strack for Radio Station KCEA, and 300 records, cassettes, and CDs, plus a turntable and amplifier from Robert Ogilvie to Radio Station KCEA and requested the Superintendent to send a letters of appreciation to the donors.

Approval of Contract w/
Cambridge CM, Inc.

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the contract with Cambridge CM, Inc., for construction management services for two modular science classrooms and prep room, at Carlmont High School for \$116,790; performing arts center, Phase I pre-construction, at Menlo-Atherton High School for \$213,929, and temporary portable classrooms on James Avenue for Summit Charter High School for \$239,940.

Adoption of
Resolution No. 1323,
Non-Reelection of
Temp Certificated Emp

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1323, Non-reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees, as presented.

Denial of Claim

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees denied the claim received on March 30, 2006, from a district teacher.

Approval of
Field Trips

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees ratified the field trip request for the Woodside Environmental Competition at Mount Herman, April 22-25, 2006, and approved the Menlo-Atherton Computer Academy trip to Los Padres National Forest, May 13-15, 2006; the Menlo-Atherton Leadership students' trip to San Ramon, May 21-22, 2006, and the Menlo-Atherton Golf Team trip to Carmel, May 9-10, 2006.

Special Recognitions

Susan Berghouse, Director of Communications and Public Information, introduced Jeff DeCurtins, Physics and IT Teacher at Menlo-Atherton High School, who was recognized for the innovative methods he uses in his classroom.

The Superintendent introduced district students being recognized as National Merit Scholarship finalists:

Report on
Menlo-Atherton H.S.

Principal Denise Plante and her staff reported on how successful the reorganized administrative team has been in creating a positive atmosphere at

the school. Individual teachers and other staff reported on the success they are experiencing with READ 180 and other initiatives to address the needs of underachieving students

Oral Communications

None

Approval of Increase to Spec Ed Staffing for 2006-07

Superintendent Gemma reviewed the staff recommendation to reorganize Special Education Services to primarily respond to an increased number of Special Day Class students who will be entering high school in the fall.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Rumley, Superintendent Gemma reported that Special Day Classes for highly functioning autistic students will be located at Sequoia High School and Woodside High School.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Gibson, Dr. Gemma explained the mechanism for determining exactly how many students will be entering the District and for calculating the encroachment to the General Fund.

Trustee Stewart expressed concern about adding new initiatives to the budget without seeing the entire proposed budget. She asked to schedule a budget committee meeting soon.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the increase to special education staffing for the 2006-07 school year.

Approval of Job Description for Director of ELL/Categorical Prog

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the job description for the Director of ELL/Categorical Programs.

Board of Trustees’/ Superintendent’s Comments

Trustee Rumley reported that because of the need for drivers, athletic transportation costs have increased.

The Superintendent reminded board members that the Young Latino Leaders Student Service Award Program was scheduled for Friday, May 12 at Oracle.

Recess to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m.

The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m.

Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session, and by consensus adjourned its meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk