

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, May 31, 2006

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| 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 4:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in the Sanford Building in Redwood City. |
| Roll Call | Trustees present: Don Gibson Gordon Lewin Lorraine Rumley Olivia Martinez Sally Stewart Allyson Hillerby, Student Trustee, 2005-06 (5:37 p.m.) Kara Mantani, Student Trustee, 2006-07 (5:37 p.m.) Trustees absent: None |
| Recess to Closed Session at 4:07 p.m. | The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:07 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters as permitted under Government Code Section 54957 and Labor Negotiations as permitted under Government Code Section 54957.6 and to Conference with Real Property Negotiators as permitted under Government Code Section 54954.5 and with Legal Counsel Re Anticipated Litigation as permitted under Government Code Section 54956.9. |
| Return to Public Session at 5:37 p.m. | The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:37 p.m. following a brief reception for retiring employees . |
| 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 | Outgoing Student Trustee Hillerby led meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| Special Recognitions | Superintendent Patrick Gemma introduced retiring certificated and classified employees and thanked them for their service. President Lewin presented them engraved pen and pencil sets to further recognize them for their service to the District. |
| Remarks from Allyson Hillerby Outgoing Student Trustee | Outgoing Student Trustee Hillerby expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Student Trustee for 2005-06. Board members thanked her for her service and presented her with a plaque to commemorate her experience. |
| Welcome to Kara Mantani Incoming Student Trustee | Incoming Student Trustee Kara Mantani was introduced, and she indicated she was looking forward to serving as Student Trustee for the coming school year. |

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| Approval of Agenda | Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as presented. |
| Report Out on Closed Session | President Lewin reported that no action was taken in Closed Session. |
| Amendments to Consent Calendar | Delete: 8e Approval of New Course: ELD 4 Support 8h Adoption of Resolution No. 1327, Reduction of Hours of Certain Classified Services |
| Approval of Consent Calendar | Student consent, “yes.” 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 – none. |
| Approval of Minutes for 5/17/06 Bd Mtg | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the May 17, 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 Spring 2005-06 and the 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 the 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 the 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 (4) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2005-06 and the 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. |
| Approval of Revised Job Description for Bilingual Resource Teacher | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the revised job description for Bilingual Resource Teacher. |
| Approval of New | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved |

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| ELD Textbook Program | the textbook series <i>Shining Star</i> for use in the EL program. |
| Approval of CBET Application, 2006-07 | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the CBET Program application to continue to provide English as a Second Language to parents, students, and community members. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Rumley, and Stewart; voting “no” – none; abstaining – Trustee Martinez; absent – none. |
| Approval of Revised Job Description for District Receptionist | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the revised job description for District Receptionist. |
| Ratification of Barg Agreement w/SSF | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees ratified the agreement with the Sequoia Supervisors Federation. |
| Acceptance of Gifts | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the following Woodside High School gifts: \$2,200 from the Woodside High School Foundation for Journalism; \$1,000 from an anonymous donor for new pole vaults for Track; \$1,000 from the Paul J. Constantino Trust for Boys’ Lacrosse; \$100 from Buck’s Restaurant for an English trip to Greece; \$400 from Jillian Renee Carrillo for Girls’ Soccer; \$600 from Beth and Gary Thurston to the Guttormsen Memorial Fund; \$100 from Karen Arimoto-Peterson to the Guttormsen Memorial Fund; donations totaling \$5,150 for the Woodside/Carlmont Robotics Team from: Kathleen and Michael Adams; Fabtron (\$100); Karen and CE Rago; Dr. and Mrs. Gary Aden; Anne and Lawrence Gordon; Romano Survivors Trust; Karen Arimoto-Peterson; Mark Harris; Ron Simon; G. Bartley and Laurie Coulter; Nancy Kelly; Elizabeth and Mark Sturm; Michael Boskin; Kurniawan and Soebroto; Kristine and Glenn Taylor; Margery and John Cape; Laura Landers; Camille and Dennis Thomas; Carlmont PTSA (\$1,000); Lori and Dennis McBride; Woodside H.S. PTSA, and Miriam and Michael Morgan and requested the Superintendent to send a letters of appreciation to the donors. |
| Approval of Construction Projects | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the following Carlmont High School projects: improved ADA access to the T-Wing restroom (\$150,000); auditorium (\$12.5 million), and (3) authorized the Superintendent to advertise for bids and contract for architectural, engineering, construction management, and geotechnical services and to purchase furnishings and expend funds for other associated costs not to exceed the total budget for these projects. |
| Approval of Field Trips | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Carlmont Track and Field Team trip to Los Angeles, June 1-4, 2006; the Woodside French language student trip to France, June 12 - 20, 2006; the Woodside Octagon Club field trip to Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-9, 2006, and the Menlo-Atherton Dance Team field trip to U. C. Davis, August 12-15, 2006. |
| Adoption of Resolution No. 1327, Third Reduction of | Fred Mathews, District Carpenter, asked the Board to reconsider any plans to reduce positions in the Maintenance Department, listed the important services provided by crafts personnel, and suggested areas where they might |

Hours of Certain
Classified Services

be used to reduce expenses in bond construction projects.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Martinesz, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1327, Reduction of Hours of Certain Classified Services in the Sequoia Union High School District. Voting “yes” - Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting “no” – none; absent – none.

Special Recognitions

Robert Fishtrom, Resource Teacher for Instructional Technology, introduced Rachel Kirchner, Redwood City-Sequoia School Employees Credit Union (RCSSE) Office Manager, and Larry Wagner, RCSSE Board Member, who presented the RCSSE Technology Awards to: Carlmont teachers Josh Engberg (Science), Jarrod Harrison (U.S. History), Gigi Kruze-Silva (Biology), Doug Miner, (Music); Menlo-Atherton teacher Patrick Roisen (Biology); Sequoia teacher Te Ton-Hon (Science), and Woodside teacher Erica St. John (Business Technology Academy).

They announced that Carlmont teacher Melissa Hero (AVID/Biology) received the grand prize of a Gateway PC.

Approval of
SPCHS Petition

Superintendent Gemma presented the summary of the staff response to the Summit Preparatory Charter High School petition and his recommendation for the Board to approve the petition for a period of two years on condition that the Memorandum of Understanding and the Facility Use Agreement will be approved by June 9, 2006.

President Lewin explained that the chartering process may have been more intense with the Sequoia District than previously experienced, because of the need to provide due diligence.

Diane Tavenner, Director of SPCHS, presented a rebuttal to the District’s response to the charter petition.

Sergio Fernandez, Summit student, reported on the impact Summit has had on his academic performance and self-respect.

Juan Rodriguez, Woodside High School Instructional Associate and parent of a Summit student, reported on how his student has benefited from the school.

Trustee Martinez announced that she supports the petition and believes Summit serves a need in the community. She indicated that she had one concern about reports from students who are not English speakers and attended Summit but did not feel comfortable there.

Trustee Rumley expressed concern about the school’s diversity and noted that diversity does not mean the same thing to everyone. She indicated that she supported the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the petition for two years.

Trustee Gibson challenged Summit to recruit a truly diverse student body.

Student Trustee Mantani supported the Superintendent’s recommendation.

President Lewin suggested that the District be flexible about requiring Summit to maintain its 10/10 ranking while creating more diversity in its student body. He also asked that the school and its constituents be cheerleaders for their school without criticizing SUHSD schools.

Trustee Stewart reported a willingness to accept a five-year charter with a benchmark half way through the charter.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the Summit Preparatory Charter High School petition for a period of two years with the following conditions: by June 9, 2006, SPCHS will have mutually agreed to and (a) accepted an MOU to support the petition and to rectify the specific deficiencies in the Charter Petition as specified in the Summary of the Staff Report dated May 31, 2006, and (b) signed a Facilities Use Agreement which applies to the modular classrooms currently being installed on district property adjacent to the district administrative offices.

Approval of
New Course
ELD 4 Support

Trustee Martinez asked staff to discuss with Instructional Vice Principals and English Language Subject Area Committee to review practices on language use in the classroom. She reported that she repeatedly saw teachers speaking with their students in Spanish rather than encouraging them to speak English only in English classes.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the new course, ELD 4 Support.

Report on
School Services
May Revise
Budget Workshop

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, reported that he learned at the School Services that the May Revise would provide an unexpected \$7 billion, and the State will try to fulfill the Governor’s two-year-old promise to reimburse schools. He noted that nothing was said about basic aid districts.

Discussion of
Proposed Budget
for 2006-07

Mr. LaVigne reported that an alert was received regarding an unusually large number of SDC students were expected to enter the District in the Fall which will require an additional \$600,000. He also noted that the District received word that there would be an additional \$300,000 to \$400,000 in reduced Workers Compensation rates.

Mr. LaVigne clarified that \$3 million would need to be cut from the budget this year, not \$1 million as originally stated..

Mike Radoye, President of the Sequoia District Teachers Association, suggested that the extra funds be budgeted last year to support PI may not be needed now.

Board of Trustees’/
Superintendent’s
Comments

The Superintendent commended:

Jim Liggett, Carlmont High School teacher and coach, for being inducted into the California Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Kelly Eaton, Menlo-Atherton swimmer, for being named CIF Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Kelly will be honored on the State Senate floor in June and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Trustee Stewart reported that she attended the Middle College Graduation. She also reported that she will be going to China on an all-expenses-paid trip on June 28 and will return in July.

Trustee Martinez expressed appreciation to the Superintendent for the leadership he provided the charter school petition process.

Trustee Rumley also thanked the Superintendent and indicated that Sequoia will require extra support.

President Lewin reported that he attended the Menlo-Atherton Annual Luncheon and noted that it was held in J-Bldg for the last time.

Adjournment
at 7:55 p.m.

By consensus the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk

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