

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
**Sequoia Union High School District**  
Wednesday, February 16, 2005

- 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 4:07 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at the Island Drive facility in Redwood Shores.
- Roll Call                              Trustees present:
- Don Gibson  
    Gordon Lewin  
    Olivia Martinez  
    Lorraine Rumley  
    Sally Stewart
- Trustees absent:
- Kelly Wright, Student Trustee
- Recess to  
Closed Session  
at 4:08 p.m.                      The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:08 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters as permitted under Government Code Section 54957; Real Estate Negotiations as permitted under Government Code Section 54956.8, and Possible Litigation re: Charter Schools as permitted under Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
- Return to  
Public Session  
at 5:30 p.m.                      The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance              President Lewin led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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.
- Amendment to Agenda            Add:
- 10b     Letter from Jerry Brodkey, teacher (on leave), Menlo-Atherton High School
- Move:
- Item 11a, Consideration of Approval of Sabbatical Leaves for 2005-06, to follow Item 10a, Oral Communications
- Approval of Agenda                By consensus, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as amended.
- Report Out on  
Closed Session                      President Lewin reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.
- Amendments to                      Delete:

Report

7g Adoption of Resolution No. 1297, Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Measure H Bonds

7m Approval of MOU to Return Community Day School to County Office of Education

Approval of Consent Calendar

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 2/2/05 & 2/10/05 Board Meetings

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the February 2, 2005, and February 10, 2005, 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 Expulsion

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 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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 2004-05 semesters and suspended the expulsion. The student is to return to Sequoia High School. The student is to continue with counseling to address the behaviors that led to the expulsion; (3) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2004-05 semesters and suspended the expulsion. The student is to remain at Sequoia High School; (4) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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; (6) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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; (7) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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; (8) (name of student to appear in official

minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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; (9) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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 (10) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2004-05 semesters and established June 8, 2005, 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 Warrants

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 01AP1 through 01AP35, totaling \$4,290,124.76.

Acceptance of Gifts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted: \$10,000 from Oracle Corporation to the Menlo-Atherton High School RISE Program for technology support; \$5,350 in \$5,000, \$250, and \$100 increments, from anonymous donors to the Menlo-Atherton High School RISE Program for general support; \$5,000 from the Scandling Family Foundation to the Menlo-Atherton RISE Program for general support; \$3,350 to the Menlo-Atherton High School RISE Program for general support from: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeler, Eric Hartwig, Mr. & Mrs. John Reiter, Katherine Brubaker, Marvin Lanhere, Samuel Sinott, Emily Clark, John McQuaide, Mr. & Mrs. Tougas, Mr. & Mrs. William Evans, Edward Perry, and Annette Welsh, and \$570 from an anonymous donor to the Parent Involvement and Youth Development program and requested the Superintendent to send letters of appreciation to the donors.

Approval of Measure H Bond Oversight Committee

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the following members to the Measure H Bond Oversight Committee: Bob Eppler, Robert Hutson, Margaret MacNiven, Dennis McBride, Lewis Miller, Clint Ostrander, Greg Rubens, David Stork, and Dale Williams.

Authorization to File Notice of Completion

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the filing of a Notice of Completion for the permanent grandstand and ADA platform at Sequoia High School.

Approval of Construction Bids

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to approve the bid for site work for the temporary portable buildings at Menlo-Atherton and approved Coast Building Products' additional alternate bid of \$7,882 (bid total \$35,255) for application of insulation between floors in the Science and Technology Building at Sequoia High School.

Approval of Revisions to District Calendar for 2005-06

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the revised District Calendar for 2005-06.

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Approval of Salary

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

Increase for Mgmt & Conf Staff for 2004-05

the salary increase for management and confidential staff for 2004-05 as indicated.

Approval of MOU to Return CDS to COE

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding to release administration of the Community Day School to the San Mateo County Office of Education.

Ratification of 2004-05 Cons Application, Part II

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees ratified the 2004-05 Consolidated Application, Part II.

Approval of Revised Board Policy 6142.1, Family Life/Sex Education, & Board Policy 6142.2, AIDS Prevention Instruction

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved revised Board Policy No. 6142.1, Family Life/Sex Education, and Board Policy No. 6142.2, AIDS Prevention Instruction.

Approval of Field Trips

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip requests for the Woodside/Carlmont and Menlo-Atherton Robotic Teams to compete in the US FIRST Robotics competition and the Sequoia Track and Field team field trip to Reno for the indoor Track and Field Competition on February 18 - 20, 2005.

Approval of Improvement Goals for 2005-06

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Improvement Goals for 2005-06.

Adoption of Resolution No. 1297, Authorizing Issuance & Sale of Meas H Bonds

On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1297, authorizing issuance and sale of Measure H general obligation bonds, and gave assurances to conform with commitments made to the public in election materials not to exceed the \$23.80 tax rate.

Special Recognitions

The Superintendent commended:

The Woodside High School Cheer Squad for their performance in the UCA Northern California Cheerleading Championship in January. They placed fourth out of 52 Bay Area teams;

Woodside High School for receiving a "Parent Involvement Certification of Excellence" award from the National PTA. This award is given in recognition of outstanding parent involvement practices;

Andrea Lopez, Woodside High School student, for being one of 20 students out of 500 selected as finalists for a full scholarship to Johnson and Wales University through the university's 16th Annual National High School Recipe Contest;

Justoon Smith, Woodside High School basketball player, for being named to the 2005 McDonald's All American Boys High School Basketball Team.

Carlmont High School for its second place finish and Woodside High School for its third place finish in the annual Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt sponsored by Carlmont High School.

Approval of  
Sabbatical Leaves  
for 2005-06

Gay Buckland, French teacher, Woodside High School, reported on the sabbatical leave she took two years ago, which she considered a great experience that continues to benefit her students.

Mike Radoye, President, Sequoia District Teachers Association, thanked board members for their attention to this issue. He expressed his belief that the Board's decision would be based more on values than on budget.

Karen Reynolds, English teacher, Carlmont High School, reported she has become a published poet because of her sabbatical experience. She added that providing sabbaticals treats teachers as professionals and honors them and their profession.

Vicki Sullivan, English teacher, Menlo-Atherton High School, described her sabbatical and how it continues to impact her SADIE program.

Trustee Stewart suggested that the percentage of the budget being proposed for sabbaticals is not excessive, and supported approval.

Trustee Martinez reported she also supported approving the sabbatical leaves.

Trustee Gibson indicated that the challenges the District's PI status will put on the budget persuaded him to support the staff recommendation to deny the request.

Trustee Rumley thanked the staff and parents who wrote her about this issue. She expressed concern about the need to maintain high morale and a workforce that is motivated and excited and support for approving the sabbatical leaves.

President Lewin expressed concern that sabbatical leaves are approved outside the budget process, and the Board is forced to make a decision based on the number requested that year. He indicated he would be much more comfortable if the administration and teachers association would identify a mechanism with criteria related to district goals and with assurance that a specific number of sabbaticals would be approved in that budget year.

Linda Common, Principal at Woodside High School, indicated that a post report after sabbaticals are taken would benefit other teachers.

On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved the sabbatical leave requests of Craig LeClaire (MA) and Antonio Moreno (S) for spring semester 2006. Voting "yes" – Trustees Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting "no" – Trustee Gibson; absent – Student Trustee Wright.

Oral Communications

None

Correspondence

The Superintendent acknowledged a letter from Jerry Brodkey, teacher at Menlo-Atherton High School, which expressed concern about the administration's recommendation to deny sabbatical leaves for the 2005-06 school year.

Trustee Stewart reported that she received a letter from Laura Larkin, San Carlos resident, which expressed concern about a proposal to terminate a math program at Sequoia High School.

Eric Hartwig, Principal on Special Assignment, responded that CPM is no longer a part of the State-adopted texts.

Report on Enrollment Projections, 2005-06

Susan Berghouse, Director of Public Information and Communications, reviewed the Enrollment Projections Report for 2005-06. She noted that though the total enrollment has grown slightly over the past several years, it is expected to decline by -0.03% in 2005-06.

In response to inquiries about the impact of charter school enrollments, the Superintendent reported that an agreement with Aspire and Summit charter schools will generate more accurate data for future enrollment analysis.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Radoye, Dr. Gemma reported that the Summit and Aspire charters expire next year, and the San Carlos charter will need to be sponsored by another agency next year though its charter does not expire at that time.

Presentation of Proposal from Adult School Federation of Teachers

Debra Moore Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations and Staff Development, presented the proposal from the Adult School Federation of Teachers and reported that a public hearing will be scheduled on Wednesday, March 16. She added that the District's proposal would then be presented at a subsequent meeting with a public hearing to follow.

Approval of CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot for Subregion 5-B

On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees cast a ballot for Maria Diaz-Slocum, Marc J. Friedman, David Mineta, and Laura Rich to represent Subregion 5-B in the 2005 CSBA Delegate Assembly.

Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report

In response to a question posed by Trustee Stewart, Mr. Hartwig explained how Title I money will be spent and noted that more focus will be put into staff development.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Stewart, the Superintendent reported that the County send an invoice for students attending the Community Day Schools; however, there will be a net savings to the District

By consensus, the Board of Trustees accepted the Monthly Financial Report for January 2005 as presented.

Board of Trustees' & Superintendent's

The Superintendent thanked Bob Hunter, retired teacher from Carlmont High School, for organizing and Mark Simon, columnist with the *San Mateo County*

Trustee Rumley thanked the members of the Measure G Bond Oversight Committee who agreed to serve on the Measure H BOC.

Trustee Martinez called attention to an article on the EL program and the need to reevaluate the placement of students. She also highlighted an article on a teacher from Woodside who is teaching tolerance.

Trustee Martinez expressed the hope that people in the community will soon understand the District will not be abandoning its high achieving students in order to address the challenges caused by the District's PI status.

President Lewin asked that future agendas include an item on the District's PI status. The Superintendent agreed to also add an item about CPM.

Trustee Stewart reported on the Woodside High School production she saw on Martin Luther King. She also reported that she went with the Carlmont Academies facing history class to a program at the San Francisco Library on how people respond to circumstances involving cross cultural opportunities.

President Lewin reminded board members that site visits/board meetings are scheduled on April 6 at Redwood High School and on May 4 at the Adult School. It was proposed to schedule half-day visits starting at lunch at the two remaining sites.

Trustee Rumley asked for a future board report on the Teen Resource Center.

Pat Cocconi, Director of Adult School, noted there are 40 different adult education locations and suggested that students from the different programs go to the Middlefield Center to provide fuller report

Adjournment  
at 7:10 p.m.

By consensus, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk

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