

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
**Sequoia Union High School District**  
Wednesday, June 28, 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 4:35 p.m., Wednesday, June 28, 2006, in the Sanford Building in Redwood City.
Roll Call	Trustees present:  Don Gibson Gordon Lewin Lorraine Rumley Olivia Martinez Kara Mantani, Student Trustee (5:38 p.m.)  Trustees absent:  Sally Stewart
Recess to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m.	The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters as permitted under Government Code Section 54957 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 5:38 p.m.	The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:38 p.m.
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	President Lewin led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Amendments to Agenda	Delete:  12b PI Monitoring Report
Approval of Agenda	Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Martinez, 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 Consent Calendar	Delete:  8e Adoption of Resolution No. 1330, Fourth Reduction of Hours of Certain Classified Services  8n Approval of Construction Expenditures

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Approval of  
Consent Calendar

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

Approval of Minutes  
for 6/14/06 Bd Mtg

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the June 14, 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 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, and (6) (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.

Appointment of  
Suanna Gilman-Ponce,  
Director of ELL/Categoricals  
& Nikki Washington,  
Chief Administrator of  
Special Education

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees appointed Suanna Gilman-Ponce Director of ELL/Categoricals and Nikki Washington Chief Administrator of Special Education.

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Approval of Revision to Job Descriptions of District Receptionist, Health Aides, & Food Service Workers	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the revised job descriptions for District Receptionist, Health Aides, Food Delivery Worker I and II, and Food Service Production Lead.
Approval of New Courses	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Environmental Analysis Through Chemistry and Algebra Readiness as new courses.
Approval of New Textbooks	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved <i>The Americans: Reconstruction to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> , <i>Why Nations Go to War</i> , <i>International Relations: Perspectives and Controversies</i> , <i>Economics</i> , <i>Holt Chemistry</i> , <i>Modern Chemistry</i> , <i>Chemistry: the Molecular Nature of Matter and Change</i> , and <i>Mathematics HL &amp; SL with HL Options: Ideal for the International Baccalaureate Diploma</i> .
Approval of Warrants	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 0542 through 0585a totaling \$3,534,845.52 for May 2006.
Approval of Consolidated Application, Part I	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Consolidated Application, Part I, for 2006-07.
Approval of Monthly Financial Report	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Monthly Financial Report for May 2006.
Approval of Proposal to Update Infrastructure for Computing Services	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the proposal received from ASA Computers, Inc., to update the infrastructure for district computing services, at an estimated cost of \$46,672.
Authorization to File Notices of Completion	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the filing of Notices of Completion for the Interim Housing Project at Menlo-Atherton High School and Academy Interim Housing Project at Sequoia High School.
Authorization to Approve Construction Bids	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to approve the lowest recommended bids for the projects as listed.
Acceptance of Gifts	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the following gifts for Menlo-Atherton High School: \$4,000 was donated to Football by Gregory Blank, Ernest Makino, Occasions, Diane Gow, Thomas McCabe, and Virginia Weiss; \$1, 700 was donated to the English Writing Fund by Deborah Abel, Joanne Goldberg, Donna Ito, Susan Anderes, Michael Hardy, Diane Jensen, Eileen Carp, Robin Holland, Catherine Koshland, Leslie Furney Howe, Joele Horowitz, and Robin Mouat; \$1, 000 was donated to Outreach from School Home Team; \$1, 000 was presented by Wal*Mart for Teacher of the Year; \$500 was donated to the Key Club by Kiwanis; \$500 for a scholarship from Gail Wardwell; \$422 for Aquatics from Dianne Chilmoneczyk, \$300 for Band from Nativity Carnival; \$250 for Baseball from Lulu's on the Alameda; \$250 to Girls' Golf from Deborah Verity; \$225 for Baseball from Diana Romley; \$199.99 for Lacrosse from Sports Endeavors; \$100 for

Badminton from Peninsula Homes Realty, and \$100 to Vi Baer Scholarship from Sue Kayton and requested the Superintendent send letters of appreciation to the donors.

Adoption of Resolution No. 1330, Fourth Reduction of Hours of Certain Classified Services

Superintendent Gemma introduced Resolution No. 1330, Fourth Reduction of Hours of Certain Classified Services, and clarified that some services will not be reduced until more information is fully known about the 2006-07 budget.

Fred Matthews, District Carpenter, cited the importance of maintenance employees on the general wellbeing of the District's assets.

Linda Gregory, representing AFSCME, expressed concern about employees facing layoff and asked the Board to consider job search assistance for affected employees. She also asked that the union be involved in planning for the layoff.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1330, Reduction of Hours of Certain Classified Services.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:18 p.m. on Official Budget

President Lewin opened the Public Hearing on the Official Budget for 2006-07 at 6:18 p.m.

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, presented the Assumptions for Fiscal Year 2006-07 used to prepare the Official Budget.

Mike Radoye, President, Sequoia District Teachers Association, asked clarifying questions and presented the SDTA's position on the budget.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:37 p.m.

President Lewin closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Adoption of Official Budget for 2006-07

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adopted the Official Budget for 2006-07.

Approval of Construction Project Master Plan & Budget

Mr. LaVigne presented the construction project master plan and budget.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the Construction Project Master Plan and Budget for the remaining construction projects, authorized advertising for bids and contracting with architects, construction management firms, engineers, testing labs, and purchasing of furnishings and other associated costs, which will not exceed the approved budget, and further authorized the expenditure of up to 2 percent of funds not needed for other sites to improve curb appeal at Woodside High School.

Report on CAHSEE March Test Results

Eric Hartwig, Director of Student Services and Special Education, presented the CAHSEE March test results. He noted that the improved performance on the test was clear evidence that students are trying to do well on the test.

Approval of

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee

Construction Expenditures      Martinez, the Board of Trustees approved expenditures for hiring Spencer Associates to provide architectural and engineering services for the Carlmont High School Parking Lot Improvement Project at a cost of \$22,500; AlfaTech Cambridge (formerly Cambridge CM) to provide Phase Two pre-construction architectural and engineering services for the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center at a cost of \$197,140; DES Architects + Engineers to provide architectural work on the new Sequoia High School two-story Classroom Corner Building at a cost of \$13,500, and DES to design a new facade treatment for the Sequoia High School Lenkurt Lab building at a cost of \$9,400.

Special Recognitions      The Superintendent commended:

- Vincent Robles, Carlmont High School senior, and Jay Jia, Sequoia High School senior, for the write-ups they received in the *Redwood City Daily News* for beating the odds and graduating from high school.
- Sang Jeon and Benny Luo, Carlmont High School badminton players, for winning the CCS doubles title.
- Joanne Lee, Carlmont High School golfer, for qualifying to compete in the LPGA US Open.
- Brett MacLeod, Carlmont High School golfer, for being named *The Daily Journal's* Boy Golfer of the Year.
- Kristin Broussard and Keith Brasel, Menlo-Atherton High School Special Education teachers, for the positive write-up they received in *The Almanac* about their program.

Board of Trustees' /  
Superintendent's  
Comments

Superintendent Gemma introduced Suanna Gilman-Ponce who had just been appointed by the Board as Director of ELL/Categoricals.

Trustee Rumley announced that the Peninsula Athletic League will be hosting a jazz event at Sequoia High School in the fall.

Trustee Martinez reported that she attended a car wash sponsored by the Sequoia High School Cheerleader Team. She announced that members of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association may be calling to present to the Board original music written by Otis Carrington.

Adjournment  
at 7:56 p.m.

The Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting by consensus at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk