

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, November 1, 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, November 1, 2006, in the Sanford Building in Redwood City.
Roll Call	Trustees present: Gordon Lewin Lorraine Rumley Sally Stewart Kara Mantani, Student Trustee (5:40 p.m.) Trustees absent: Don Gibson Olivia Martinez
Recess to Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.	The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m. to conference with legal counsel regarding potential litigation as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9; to conference with real property negotiators as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.5, and to discuss labor negotiations as permitted by Government Code Section 54957.6.
Return to Public Session at 5:40 p.m.	The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:40 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 Report on Gene Connection
Approval of Agenda	Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Stewart, 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: 8g Approval of MOU with Menlo Park

Table to 11/15 Board Meeting:

8b Approval of Minutes for October 18, 2006, Board Meeting

Approval of
Consent Calendar

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

Update on Pre-Qualification
Process for Gen Contractors

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted an update on the process for pre-qualifying general contractors. The report indicated that a legal ad will be placed in the *San Mateo County Times* to solicit applicants and an independent contractor will be engaged to review and score the applications. A list of proposed pre-qualified contractors will be presented to the Board for approval at a future 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 Fall 2006-07 semester and established January 8, 2007, 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 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 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 Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 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 Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 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 (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and the Spring 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 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
District Calendar
for 2007-08

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the District Calendar for 2007-08.

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Acceptance of Gifts	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the gifts as listed and requested the Superintendent to send letters of appreciation to the donors as appropriate.
Approval of MOU with City of Menlo Park	Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Menlo Park for use of the Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center.
Approval of Supplemental Text for Computer Applications I	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved <i>Financial Literacy for Teens</i> , a supplemental text for Computer Applications I.
Approval of Field Trips	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip requests for a BUILD student college preview trip, November 17 - 18, 2006, and the Menlo-Atherton Cross Country Team trip to Salinas, November 11, 2006.
Approval of Certificated Positions in Guidance Svcs	<p>Eric Hartwig, Director of Curriculum Services, described how AB 1802 funds will be used to enhance guidance services at the sites.</p> <p>Trustee Stewart expressed interest in knowing how funds are going to be used and how students will be benefited.</p> <p>Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved the hiring of additional guidance staff on a temporary basis under the AB 1802 guidelines.</p>
Discussion of Future Resolution No. 1335, Authorizing Refinancing of 2002-03 GO Bonds	Andrew Ach of Northcross, Hill, and Ach, Public Finance Specialists, explained the benefit behind refinancing the 2002-03 GO bonds to reduce the cost of the bonds to taxpayers.
Special Recognitions	<p>Superintendent Gemma commended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sequoia High School Wood Shop for the nice front page article in the <i>San Mateo County Times</i> and noted that an Open House for the public is scheduled on Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.• The following “Athletes of the Week:” Justine Record, Carlmont Volleyball, and Matt Pelesasa, Woodside Football in the <i>San Mateo County Times</i> and David Aknin, Carlmont Football, in the <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>.• The Sequoia High School Water Polo Team for winning the PAL Ocean Division Championship.• Marshall Burgamy, Principal, Redwood High School, for being selected to present at the 34th Annual International Conference of the Association for Experiential Education.
Oral Communications	None

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Board of Trustees’/
Superintendent’s
Comments

Student Trustee Mantani on Homecoming Week at Woodside.

President Lewin reported that he attended Challenge Day at Menlo-Atherton High School.

Trustee Stewart reported that she went to a Menlo-Atherton orientation meeting for Sojourners of the Past.

She also reported on service work in China, which is sponsored by the San Mateo County School Boards Association.

Student Trustee Mantani described how Challenge Day works at Woodside, indicating that SOS students mentor their freshmen mentees through January.

Recess to
Closed Session
at 6:40 p.m.

The Board of Trustees recessed to resume Closed Session.

Return to
Public Session
& Adjournment
at 8:02 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session, and by consensus, adjourned its meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Sally Stewart, Clerk pro tem

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