

Unapproved Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, January 24, 2007

- Call to Order The special meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Olivia Martinez at 4:35 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2007, in the Sanford Building in Redwood City.
- Roll Call Trustees present:
- Don Gibson
 Gordon Lewin
 Olivia Martinez
 Lorraine Rumley
 Sally Stewart
- Trustees absent:
- Kara Mantani, Student Trustee
- Invitation to Audience President Martinez 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. She advised members of the audience that time would be allotted if they wished to speak about items not listed on the agenda.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Martinez led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Amendments to Agenda Add:
8. Board of Trustees/Superintendent's Comments
- Approval of Agenda On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as amended.
- Approval of
Consent Calendar On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as presented. Voting "yes" – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting "no" – none; absent – Student Trustee Mantani.
- 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 and Spring 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 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, 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; (3) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and

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Rescission of
Suspended Expulsion

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees rescinded the suspended expulsion of (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2006-07 semester and established May 15, 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.

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 utilities and site work to prepare for the new modular receiving kitchen and Phase I construction of the new Performing Arts Center at Menlo-Atherton High School.

Approval of
LEA Plan

Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, gave the background behind the Local Education Agency Plan and why it was necessary for the Board to approve a revised LEA Plan.

Gabri Charest, Coordinator of Professional Development, reviewed the benchmark test results and READ 180 growth data and reported that staff's recommended next steps are to stay the course.

Ralph Crame, Resource Teacher, reviewed the number of students taking Algebra I in 2006 compared to the number who took it in 2005. He reported that staff's recommended next steps are to keep math coaches in place.

Brandon Lee, Coordinator of Research and Assessment, examined how incoming freshmen are performing in math and provided an analysis by their English Language Assessments. He noted that students are performing to the level demanded of them. He also reviewed the performance of all students on CAHSEE and AYP.

Suanna Gilman Ponce, Director, English Language Learners, reviewed the performance of limited English students on the CELDT. She reported that in 2005-06 79.1 percent of EL students made one level on gain; 46.1 percent reached Early Advanced and Advanced, which is above the average.

She explained that an addition to the LEA Plan was to complete the EL program evaluation through an outside consultant, to expand ongoing monitoring of EL progress through benchmark assessments and other indicators, to more closely align ELD/SDAIE course guides with state standards, and to expand monitoring EL program implementation.

Ms. Charest and Robert Fishtrom, Resource Teacher, Technology and Information Services, reported on how the Plan ensures that, "All students will be taught by highly qualified teachers."

Mr. Fishtrom reported on the SB 472 training in Prentice Hall English and Algebra materials. He indicated that 82 percent of district math teachers have completed the 40-hour training in Algebra; 83% of English teachers have completed their training.

Mr. Fishtrom reported on technology staff development opportunities and indicated that 382 staff were served in 2004-05; 556 staff were served in 2005-06, and, to date, 581 have been served in 2006-07.

Eric Hartwig, Director of Student Support/Special Education, reported on, "All students will be educated in environments that are safe, drug-free, and conducive to learning." He listed programs at the various sites that support this goal. He noted that the District still needs to address the number of expulsions and levels of violence in nearby communities. He also reviewed key findings in the Healthy Kids survey.

Brandon Lee reviewed, "All Students Will Graduate." He reviewed CBEDS data which indicate that sites are reviewing their dropout rates and examining whether they need to be coded differently.

Discussion of Mid-Year Review of Achievement Goals for Supt's Staff

Discussion of Mid-Year Review of Achievement Goals for Superintendent's Staff was postponed to another board meeting.

Board of Trustees'/ Superintendent's Comments

Trustee Lewin reported that the board construction committee met with Brad Senden and Connell Lindh regarding combining the District's strategic visioning process with its capital planning goals. It was decided to move forward with the visioning process and take time to review demographic trends. It was also noted that the District should finish all remaining planned projects and get out of construction business. In addition; it was recommended that staff begin an analysis of construction-type courses that would support bond discussion.

President Martinez reported that she attended a meeting on increasing access to higher education for Latino students and providing financial aid as early as the eighth grade. There was also discussion of requiring A – G in high school, and trends toward vocational education.

Superintendent Gemma commended:

- o Woodside High School football players, Jordan Carr and Matt Pelesasa, for being named Scholar Athletes of the Year for San Mateo County.
- o The Woodside Marching Band and the Woodside Dance Team for receiving First Place in entertainment at the Redwood City Holiday Parade.

Recess to

On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of

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Closed Session
at 6:13 p.m.

Trustees added "Conference with Legal Counsel on Threatened Litigation as permitted under Government Code Section 54957.

The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 6:13 p.m. to conference with legal counsel regarding threatened 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
& Adjournment
at 7:40 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 7:40 p.m., and by consensus adjourned its meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Martinez, President

Don Gibson, Clerk

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