

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Olivia Martinez at 3:35 p.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2007, in the Sanford Building in Redwood City.

Roll Call Trustees present:

 Don Gibson
 Gordon Lewin
 Olivia Martinez
 Lorraine Rumley
 Sally Stewart
 Kara Mantani, Student Trustee (5:40 p.m.)

 Trustees absent:

 None

Recess to
Closed Session
at 3:36 p.m. The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 3:36 p.m. to conference with legal counsel regarding potential litigation as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9; to conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation (Town of Atherton v. SUHSD, et al) as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9; to conference with real property negotiators as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.5; to discuss labor negotiations as permitted by Government Code Section 54957.6, and to discuss public employee discipline/dismissal/release as permitted under Government Code Section 54957.6.

Return to
Public Session
Opened at 5:40 p.m. The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:40 p.m.

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 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 Martinez led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to Agenda Move:

 11a Consideration of Approval of Financial Audit Report for 2005-06
 to follow
 8. Approval of Consent Calendar

Approval of Agenda Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as amended.

Report Out on
Closed Session President Martinez reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

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Amendments to
Consent Calendar

Delete:

8h Authorization to Advertise for Fitness Equipment Bids

Approval of
Consent Calendar

Student consent, “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Lewin, 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 12/20/06 Bd Mtg

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the December 20, 2006, board meeting as presented.

Approval of Personnel
Recommendations

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Personnel Recommendations, including certificated and classified employees as indicated.

Approval of Expulsions

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the hearing panels’ recommendations 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 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, 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; (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and suspended the expulsion, stipulating that the student was: (a) to remain at the county school until such time as an opening developed at the home school; (b) to ride the Special Education bus not the regularly scheduled school bus; (c) not to be out during lunch; (d) not to be allowed on the campus unsupervised at any time. This condition will be reviewed and modified, if appropriate, at the end of the Spring semester in consultation with the Principal, and (e) if the student fails to adhere to any of the above terms, the education placement at the school’s Therapeutic Day School will be terminated; (6) (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

Patricia Cocconi, Director of Adult School, described how Mrs. Crawford served nursery school parents for many years through her innovative teaching strategies as an adult education teacher in the coop nursery school.

Oral Communications

None

Report on Governor's State Budget Proposal for 2007-08

Martin Fuentes, Director of Budget, reported that there was very little to report for the Sequoia Union High School District from the Governor's State Budget Proposal. He noted that the only increase the District might see would be 4.4 percent increase for categoricals.

Discussion of Visioning Process

Consultants Ruth Miller and Kathy Sinor presented their proposal to the Board for a visioning process for the District. They highlighted the various levels of the process and how it would involve all stakeholder groups. They indicated that, as planned, the process would take several months to complete.

Discussion on Fencing/Landscaping Project for Elwood/Brewster Corner

Superintendent Gemma described the background and process behind efforts to improve the appearance of the corner of Elwood and Brewster.

Mike Grove, Redwood City resident and neighbor of Sequoia High School, reported on the frustrations he experienced as a neighbor of the school.

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, and Bruce Rollin, Director of Maintenance and Operations, reported on the current landscaping plans for this part of the Sequoia High School campus.

Board members agreed to have staff conclude landscaping at the Elwood/Brewster corner as currently planned by district staff.

Authorization to Advertise for Fitness Equipment Bids

President Martinez expressed the hope that the new fitness equipment opportunity will be part of the overall wellness policy.

Student consent – "yes." On a motion by President Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to advertise for bids to purchase fitness equipment for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant.

Board of Trustees'/ Superintendent's Comments

Trustee Lewin briefly reported on his niece's experience as a foreign exchange student in a high school in France. She indicated that they have very good cafeteria food. She also reported that her principal has a policy of never meeting with parents.

Trustee Lewin also reported that he met a teacher from China during Winter Break and was asked to explain the role of a board member. He noted that the concept of governance is very different in China.

Trustee Stewart reported that she met Dr. Emmett Carson, the new CEO of the Peninsula Community Foundation.

President Martinez thanked Menlo-Atherton High School for sending her a copy of the motivational book featuring Olivia the Pig.

Adjournment
at 7:40 p.m.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:40 p.m. in memory of Albert McKinzie, custodian from Menlo-Atherton High School, who served the school for 29 years before retiring in December 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Martinez, President

Don Gibson, Clerk

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