

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Sequoia Union High School District  
Wednesday, May 30, 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 4:35 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2007, in the Sanford Building at the District Office in Redwood City.
- Roll Call                              Trustees present:
- Don Gibson  
    Gordon Lewin  
    Olivia Martinez  
    Lorraine Rumley  
    Sally Stewart  
    Kara Mantani, Student Trustee (5:32 p.m.)
- Trustees absent:
- None
- Recess to  
Closed Session  
at 4:37 p.m.                      The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m. to discuss Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release as permitted in Government Code 54957.6; Conference with Labor Negotiators – Agency Designated Representative - Debra Moore Washington, Attorney - Alison Neufeld, and Employee Organization - Sequoia Adult School Federation of Teachers (Government Code 54957.6, and Conference with Legal Counsel on Existing Litigation, Atherton vs. SUHSD as permitted in Government Code 54956.9.
- Return to  
Public Session  
at 5:32 p.m.                      The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:32 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 of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Agenda                 Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as presented.
- Report Out on  
Consent Calendar                  President Martinez reported that board action was taken on a proposed agreement regarding a personnel dispute.
- Amendments to  
Consent Calendar                  Delete:
- 8e      Approval of Student Accident Insurance  
    8f      Approval of Contract for Filing 2007-08 Mandated Cost Claims  
    8n      Adoption of Resolution No. 1348, Approving Change to San Mateo County SELPA Local Plan for Special Education with Respect to Assurance Policy Statement
- 8q      Approval of Job Description for Attendance/Address Verification Specialist

8r Approval of Board Meeting Schedule, July 2007 – June 2008

Approval of  
Consent Calendar

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustees 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 5/16/07 Bd Mtg

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the May 16, 2007, board meeting.

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' findings and expelled: (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and indicated that the expulsion be suspended with the following stipulations: the student be immediately transferred to another school in the SUHSD, the student must attend anger management classes at no cost to the SUHSD, the student must attend school regularly, and the student must report to classes on time and prepared. The student will comply with the Campus Control Policy, and the student is to abide by California Education Codes; further violations of the Education Code will result in revocation of the suspended expulsion; (2) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established December 8, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions 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 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established December 8, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions 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 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established December 8, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions 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 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established December 8, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions 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 Spring 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established December 8, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions 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 Spring 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established December 8, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions to include that the student was satisfactorily involved in educational and counseling programs designed to address the behaviors that led to the

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Acceptance of Gift

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted one digital camera and one film camera plus accessories from Lewis Miller to be used districtwide and requested the Superintendent to send a letter of appreciation to the donor where appropriate.

Declaration of Property as Surplus

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees declared the listed items as surplus property, obsolete, and unsuitable for use, and authorized the Superintendent to dispose of the surplus items in accordance with Education Code provisions.

Approval of Fundraising Activities at Menlo-Atherton & Woodside High Schools

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Menlo-Atherton School for Peace project and the Woodside project to raise funds for the American Cancer Society Club.

Award of Construction Bids

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees award of construction bid to Pyramid Painting of \$67,716 and to Rosendin Electric for \$34,315.

Acceptance of Tentative Agreement w/SDTA

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the agreement with SDTA pursuant to Article VIII, Section 10, having to do with procedures for evaluation.

Approval of Expenditure Plan for Discretionary Block Grant

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the District's plan for the one time discretionary block grant.

Approval of CAHSEE Waivers

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the CAHSEE waivers as indicated.

Approval of 5 Percent Increase in Monthly Stipend for Board Members

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the annual monthly stipend adjustment for board members of \$293.

Adoption of Resolution No. 1349, Approving Change to SMC SELPA to Authorize Interim Amendments

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1349, Approving Change to San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan Agency (SELPA) to Adopt Interim Amendments to the Local Plan.

Approval of Revisions to Certificated Probationary Employment Contract

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the revision to the certificated employment contract as indicated.

Approval of Field Trips

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip request for: the Woodside International Awareness students to attend the International Conference for Model Schools in Washington D.C., June 30 - July 5, 2007; Woodside Octagon Club students to attend a convention and leadership training for Junior Optimist/Octagon members, Montreal, Canada, July 4-8, 2007; the Menlo-Atherton High

School Dance Team to attend the U. C. Davis Universal Dance Camp, August 14-17, 2007; the Menlo-Atherton High School Spanish students field trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, March 13- 23, 2008; Woodside English students to travel to England, Wales, and Ireland, March 14-21, 2008; Menlo-Atherton High School Track and Field athletes to participate in the State Track and Field Championship in Sacramento, June 1 - 3, 2007, and Carlmont Spanish students to join Menlo-Atherton students on the trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, March 13 - 23, 2008.

Oral Communications

San Carlos residents Carolyn Baxter, Brandee Betsekas, Lorene Lederer, and Linda Mattos spoke on behalf of a group of over 50 San Carlos residents, who were present at the board meeting, to report concerns about not having what they believed to be full open enrollment opportunities.

President Martinez announced there will be a discussion item scheduled at the Board's June 27 meeting to further examine the issues raised and give direction to staff.

Jeff Grabow, Sequoia High School neighbor, reported on the negative impact construction has had on his family and on neighbors in the area. He asked that the District live up to a previously-reached agreement with Elwood neighbors.

Correspondence

None

Special Recognitions

Sequoia High School Principal Morgan Marchbanks introduced Shannon Hart, Sequoia High School student, who presented a proposal for implementing a comprehensive multi-cultural program at the school.

The Superintendent commended:

- The Woodside High School Boys Baseball Team for being featured on KICU Channel 36, *Sports Focus*.
- Sequoia High School, Menlo-Atherton High School, and Carlmont High School for being named top high schools in the country by *Newsweek*.
- Sequoia High School Softball Team Members Alyssa Pignati and Kassi Hoelper for recent write-ups in the *Daily Journal* about their softball skills
- Menlo-Atherton Coach Ben Parks for receiving the Tom Bradley Community Service and Distinguished Citizen Award presented by the Palo Alto Chapter of the Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity and also for being inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame.

Approval of Revised Board Policies 5030, Student Wellness; 6142.8, Comprehensive Health Education; 5141.3, Health Examinations,

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved revised Board Policies 5030, Student Wellness; 6142.8, Comprehensive Health Education; 5141.3, Health Examinations, and adopted Board Policies 5141.6, Student Health and Social Services; 1020, Youth Services, and 5141.23, Infectious Disease Prevention.

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& Adoption of Proposed Board Policies 5141.6, Student Health & Social Svs; 1020, Youth Svs, & 5141.23, Infectious Disease Prevention

Approval of Revised Board Policy 3460, Financial Reports & Accountability

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, presented revised Board Policy 3460, Financial Reports and Accountability, and highlighted the proposed Basic Aid Reserve Fund section.

After some discussion, board members asked that revised Board Policy 3460, Financial Reports and Accountability, be tabled for a future board meeting.

Acceptance of Report on PAR Program 2006-07

Don Milhaupt, PAR Consulting Teacher, presented the PAR Program Report. He indicated that teachers may enter the program, either by being recommended or by volunteering, and he reported that most volunteer, because the program has become such a positive experience for teacher development.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees accepted the Report on Peer Assistance Review as presented.

Report on May Revise Budget Meeting

Mr. LaVigne reported that the legislature will not be able to approve an early budget due to an error in the Office of Finance. He indicated that the state budget is not expected to have a large impact on the District’s 2007-08 budget.

Discussion of Revised Board Policies 3550, Food Service/Child Nutrition Program; 3551, Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund; 3553, Free & Reduced Price Meals; 3554, Other Food Sales/Fundraising, and Proposed Board Policy 3312, Contracts

Nora DeCaro, Interim Director of Food Services, presented revised Board Policies 3550, Food Service/Child Nutrition Program; 3551, Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund; 3553, Free and Reduced Price Meals; 3554, Other Food Sales/Fundraising; and proposed Board Policy 3312, Contracts. She indicated that most changes had to do changes mandated by state law.

Members of the Wellness Advisory Council spoke to their interest in fostering a culture for students of nutritional awareness.

Consultant Christina Lison introduced herself and explained that she has been working with the Wellness Advisory Council and will assist the sites in implementing the new policies and administrative regulations.

Discussion of FUA w/Summit

Trustee Lewin reviewed the negotiations with Summit Charter School regarding revisions to the Facility Use Agreement.

Board members made several suggestions for the board subcommittee to take back to the Summit governing board.

Approval of Student Accident Insurance

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the selection of Myers Stevens & Toohy & Co., Inc. as the District’s contractor for the student accident insurance in Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Approval of Contract for Filing 2007-08 Mandated Cost Claims

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the contract for Mandated Cost Claims services with School Innovations & Advocacy, Inc.

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Adoption of  
Resolution No. 1348,  
Approving Change to  
SELPA Local Plan for  
Special Ed Assurances

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1348, Approving Change to the San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan Agency (SELPA) with Respect to Asurance Policy Statement. Voting - “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting – “no” – none; absent – none.

Board Meeting Schedule  
for 2007-08

Board members asked that the Board Meeting Schedule for 2007-08 be tabled for a future meeting.

Approval of Job Description  
for Attendance/Address  
Verification Specialist

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the job description for Attendance/Address Verification Specialist. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, and Rumley; voting “no” – none; abstaining – Trustee Stewart; absent – none.

Board of Trustees’/  
Superintendent’s  
Comments

Trustee Stewart presented a list of books compiled by the Sequoia High School Alumni Association which were written by Sequoia High School alumni.

Trustee Stewart expressed interest in district students getting involved in program called Global Challenge.

She reported on her participation in the CSBA Legislative Action Conference to lobby on educational issues. She indicated there was agreement on many issues surrounding NCLB.

Trustee Lewin reported that the Communications Committee met with Pam Jones and indicated that a brochure should be going to the printer soon.

Trustee Gibson expressed concern about the ongoing technology needs of the District and suggested that, to avoid funds coming out of the General Fund to replace existing computers, \$1 million per year should be considered from bond funds to cover technology needs over the next 10 years.

Trustee Stewart reported on a presentation from Elizabeth Hill of the Legislative Analysts Office regarding GASB.

President Martinez reported that she attended the Stanford Service Learning program in EPA. She indicated that the Haus Center volunteer tutors will continue supporting the Upward Bound program on their own though financial support has ended.

She also reported that the Principal at Cesar Chavez is excited about working with the SUHSD. She asked for the District’s assistance in developing strategies for working with aggressive students who assault other students.

She reported that it was a prideful experience to celebrate the District’s Distinguished Schools in Los Angeles.

Adjournment  
at 8:27 p.m.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting in the memory of Ray Doherty, retired Drama Teacher from Sequoia High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Martinez, President

Don Gibson, Clerk

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