



Approval of Warrants	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 0041 through 0082A totaling \$2,663,801.92 for August 2007.
Approval of Readmissions	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Readmission Committee's recommendation to accept (names of students to appear in official minutes), previously expelled students, back into the District.
Acceptance of District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Bylaws	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the District English Learner Advisory Committee Bylaws as presented.
Authorization to Declare District Property 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.
Acceptance of Settlement Agreement with Town of Atherton on CEQA Issues Related to Construction of Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the settlement agreement with the Town of Atherton on CEQA issues related to the construction of the Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center.
Adoption of Resolution No. 1354 for 2007-08 "Gann" Limit and Calculations	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1354, limiting "Gann" for 2007-08 and increasing the 2006-07 limit by \$1,322,925.16.
Authorization to File Notices of Completion	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized filing Notices of Completion to: (1) Pyramid Painting and Rosendin Electric for the B-Wing Renovation Project and (2) Coast Side Associates for the F-Wing Science Classroom Renovation Project at Woodside High School.
Approval of Field Trips	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip request for Sequoia High School Key Club students to participate in leadership training in La Honda, September 29 – 30, 2007.
Public Comment	None
Correspondence	The Superintendent acknowledged a letter from Jack West, Sequoia High School teacher named San Mateo County Teacher of the Year, expressing appreciation to the Board.
Special Recognitions	Superintendent Gemma commended the Redwood City Sequoia School Employees Federal Credit Union (RCSSE) for its Laptop Program. Carolyn Schuster, Director of Purchasing and a member of the credit union board, replied that Rochelle Kirchner, Manager/Treasurer of RCSSE, has presented a laptop computer to each of the teachers of the year: Jack West, Sequoia High School, and Jenna Cestone, Woodside High School. The Credit Union plans to make these awards annually to Sequoia district teachers of the year.
Report from Principals on Opening of School	Linda Common, Principal, Woodside High School, reported that arena check-in was extremely well-run. A quality Master Schedule was developed by Diane Mazzei, Instructional Vice Principal, and teachers were trained on how to administer the heart defibrillator.

Morgan Marchbanks, Principal, Sequoia High School, reported that Sequoia had the best opening of school since she became Principal and indicated that the subject of staff development training was English Learners.

Matthew Zito, Principal, Menlo-Atherton High School, reviewed the statistics for M-A, and said there was a focus on professional development. He indicated that the issues relating to traffic and access to the school were being resolved by creating better signage, etc.

Andrea Jenoff, Principal, Carlmont High School, reported the school is full, and arena check-in went well due to very strong procedures.

Marshall Burgamy, Principal, Redwood High School, reported their staff development included leadership, interdisciplinary work, etc., and indicated that the school will begin to take in younger students.

Trustees expressed concern about the lack of adequate transportation to East Palo Alto.

Report on California  
Standard Test Results

Brandon Lee, Coordinator of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, presented a comprehensive summary of the API, AYP, and PI test results.

Superintendent Gemma advised that this data is being used to drive teaching decisions.

Update on State Budget

Edward LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, reported there was no change to the status of the State budget and no increase in categorical program funding. Mr. LaVigne advised that Proposition 98 is still being discussed as to whether there will be more structural deficit.

Approval of Unaudited  
Actuals Financial Report for  
Fiscal Year 2006-07

Mr. LaVigne, reported that it was a very good financial year for the District. Additional revenue was received from mandated costs, and extra interest was received on TRANS (Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes). The District is on its way toward realizing the Board's request to move toward an 8 percent reserve.

Superintendent Gemma cautioned that it is expected that the District will deficit spend in the current year, and the balances will go down.

Both President Martinez and Michael Radoye, President of the Sequoia District Teachers Association, thanked the staff for careful fiscal management.

Upon roll call vote on a motion from Trustee Lewin, and seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the 2006-07 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

Discussion of Possible  
Future Bond

Superintendent Gemma presented a draft list of projects that are started, renovation projects for existing facilities, and implementation of projects identified in the Visioning process. Because building costs have increased three-fold, staff recommended building a 20 percent contingency plan into the project list that would allow the District to spend bond funds for technology and program enhancements over the next ten-years.

Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, reported that the visit to Metro Ed, a career, technical education facility run by CCOC (Central County Operation Center) for eleventh and twelfth graders, was a very worthwhile experience.

In response to an inquiry from Trustee Rumley, Superintendent Gemma indicated that the County can provide \$2 million toward a permanent Teen Wellness Center and indicated the District will provide the land, and build the facility with agreement that the County will reimburse the District.

Trustee Lewin noted the importance of being specific enough so the voters know what they are paying for, stating goals rather than specific projects, and delivering what is promised.

President Martinez suggested bringing in more project managers, to identify the roles of the district staff as well as that of the staff at the sites, and give the district staff the authority to make decisions in a timely manner.

Trustee Gibson suggested that once it is decided to move forward with the bond, to start planning so work could commence as soon as the bond passes.

Trustee Stewart suggested looking at the strategic order of the Vision Plan.

President Martinez noted that the East Palo Alto High School would accommodate the strategic goals.

Student Trustee Fisher advised that the members of the Student Advisory Council were enthusiastic about the concept of a trade school with specialized areas.

Don Gielow, Chief Construction Manager, reported that the following projects approved by the Board were being planned: expanding the Music/Choral/Fine Arts classrooms at Carlmont High School, creating a three-classroom Biotech /Robotics facility at Woodside High School, development of a small high school in East Palo Alto, a permanent facility for the Teen Wellness Center, and a new facility for the Adult School.

In response to an inquiry by Trustee Rumley, Superintendent Gemma indicated that the Board had given direction to invite community members to a meeting to determine the level of interest and to ascertain how quickly \$250,000 could be raised for a successful campaign.

#### Report on Summer School

Trustee Gibson commended staff on a thorough report, and expressed concern about summer school expectations not being more challenging. Mr. Radoye and Ms. Marchbanks pointed out areas that made offering a more comprehensive summer school program difficult.

Trustee Rumley suggested a board study session on Summer School.

On a motion from Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees accepted the Report on Summer School.

#### Approval of Chapter V Categorical Programs and Budgets for Site Plans for 2007-08

There was some discussion about the best use of the categorical funds and the challenge of restrictions on those funds.

On a motion from Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved the Chapter V Categorical Programs and Budgets for the School Site Plans for 2007-08.

Approval of Minutes  
9/5/07 Bd Mtg

Trustee Stewart asked that the following addition be made to the September 5, 2007, minutes, Page 4, Paragraph 1, "Trustee Stewart left at this point in the meeting to attend the retirement party for County Counsel Thomas F. Casey III."

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the September 5, 2007, board meeting as amended.

Board of Trustees' /  
Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Gemma and Deputy Superintendent Miranda met with the Deans, Vice President and President of Cañada College to learn the College's plan to market its programs to high school juniors and seniors.

Student Trustee Fisher reported on her first Student Advisory Council meeting.

Trustee Stewart reported on Tom Casey's retirement party, and Trustee Lewin added his report on Diana Reddy's retirement reception.

Trustee Gibson reported on his trip to the CCOC Training Center and recommended that all the board members tour the Center.

Trustee Rumley reported on her participation in President Tom Mohr's Cañada Focus Group with students and on the Public Relations Committee's recent meeting.

Adjournment  
at 8:40 p.m

Student consent – "yes." On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Olivia Martinez, President

Don Gibson, Clerk