

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

- Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by Vice President Rumley at 4:05 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2007, in the Sanford Building at the District Office in Redwood City.
- Roll Call Trustees present:
- Don Gibson
 Gordon Lewin
 Lorraine Rumley
 Megan Fisher, Student Trustee (5:35 p.m.)
- Trustees absent:
- Olivia Martinez
 Sally Stewart
- Recess to
Closed Session
at 4:05 p.m. The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m. to conference with real property negotiators as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9 and certificated public employee discipline/dismissal/release as permitted by Government Code Section 54957.6)
- Return to
Public Session at 5:35 p.m. The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:35 p.m.
- Invitation to Audience Vice President Rumley 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 Public Comment section of the agenda for permitting members of the audience to make presentations about items not on the agenda.
- Pledge of Allegiance Vice President Rumley led the Board of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report Out on
Closed Session Vice President Rumley announced that the Board took action on dismissal of (name to appear in Official Minutes) a certificated employee, in Closed Session.
- Approval of Agenda On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as presented.
- Amendments to
Consent Calendar Delete:
- 8f Appointment of Director of Student Services
 8g Approval of Job Description for Americorps Built to Last Collaborative Pay for Volunteer Tutors
 8i Approval of Revised Board Policies 6142.7, Physical Education; 6145.2, Athletic Competition; 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities, and Proposed Board Policy 5131.63, Steroids
- Approval of
Consent Calendar Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as amended. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, and Rumley, voting “no” – none; absent - two.

Approval of Minutes for 10/3/07 Bd Meeting	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the October 3, 2007, board meeting.
Approval of Personnel Recommendations	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Personnel Recommendations covering certificated and classified employees as indicated.
Acceptance of Gifts	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the gifts as indicated and requested the Superintendent to send letters of appreciation to the donors where appropriate.
Approval of Warrants	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 0078 through 0116a totaling \$4,164,348.64 for September 2007.
Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accept the Monthly Financial report for September 2007.
Approval to File Notices of Completion	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved filing Notices of Completion for 1) Green Again Landscaping for the irrigation and landscaping work for the new modular gym at Carlmont High School and 2) Intermountain Electric and Rodan Builders for the Special Education Modular Classroom Relocation project at Carlmont High School.
Approval of Field Trips	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip requests for the BUILD students to participate in an autumn college tour, November 16-17, 2007; the Woodside High School Bands to compete in the Santa Cruz Musical Festival, October 20, 2007, and for the Carlmont Choral students to go on a spring college tour and performance, April 2-6, 2008.
Public Comment	None
Correspondence	None
Appointment of Director of Student Services	Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, introduced Michael Hermosillo, the candidate selected for the position of Director of Student Support Services. Mr. Hermosillo was the Continuation School Principal at Milpitas Unified School District. On a motion from Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees appointed Mr. Hermosillo as Director of Student Support Services.
Special Recognitions	Ken Rolandelli, of the Sequoia Alumni Association, presented Purple Patriot Award certificates to Bruce Rollin, Director of Maintenance & Operations; Michael Craig, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, and Tom McGraw, CEO, of First National Bank of Northern California, for their outstanding efforts put forth on the Sequoia High School Veterans Memorial Project.

Approval of Job Description for Americorps Built to Last Collaborative Pay Volunteer Tutors

In response to a question posed by Trustee Lewin, Debra Moore Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Staff Development, replied that the tutors will provide mentoring and academic support to ninth-grade students and will be held to the same standards as the District's Instructional Associates. She advised that tutors will need to pass a basic skills test, and may be local community college students or retired teachers.

On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the job description as presented.

Approval of Revised Board Policies 6142.7, Physical Education; 6145.2, Athletic Competition; 6145, Extra-Curricular and Cocurricular Activities, and Proposed Board Policy 5131.63, Steroids

Trustee Gibson stated that he concurred with the recommended changes. Dr. Miranda advised that the Board had approved the Physical Education Standards that meet the State Framework, and the next step will be to go back to the Physical Education Subject Area Council to ensure the classes are in complete alignment with the framework.

Trustee Lewin suggested revising the Physical Education Subject Area Council Recommendations regarding Board Policy 6142.7, in the first paragraph, last sentence to read, *Instruction in Physical Education should adhere to the California Physical Education Framework.*

Trustee Lewin thanked the Wellness Advisory Council, including Parent Member Dana Schuster, for the time expended on these board policies, and added that he agreed with the changes made by the Physical Education Subject Area Council. He suggested removing the last sentence in the third paragraph, of Administrative Regulation 6142.7, *Teachers and other school and community personnel will not use physical activities, i.e., running laps, pushups, or withhold opportunities for physical activity, i.e., Physical Education, as punishment.*

Trustee Rumley reminded those present that the Board was only approving board policies and was not approving the administrative regulations. Trustee Rumley suggested that Administrative Regulation 6145.2, Athletics, include district employees sanitizing exercise equipment. Pam Wimberly, Athletic Director, Menlo-Atherton High School, noted that artificial turf fields also require cleaning, because they harbor bacteria.

It was also recommended that *(not Physical Education)* in Administrative Regulation 6145.2, Athletic Competition, fourth paragraph, be removed.

Dana Schuster reported that the Wellness Committee continues to promote life-long physical activity.

Linda Common, Principal, Woodside High School, noted that she has never received a complaint concerning Physical Education teachers.

On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved revised Board Policy 6142.7, Physical Education as amended; and Board Policies 6145.2, Athletic Competition; 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities, and proposed Board Policy 5131.63, Steroids as presented.

Annual Report on Enrollment	<p>Susan Berghouse, Director of Public Information and Communications, reported that in 2007-08 enrollment increased by 257; the students were mostly from private and charter schools.</p> <p>Michael Radoye, Sequoia District Teachers Association President, added that he continues to hear concerns from SDTA members about enrollment capacities and the racial and ethnic balance of students. He suggested reversing the District's open enrollment policy in favor of hard-line equity boundaries.</p>
Report on Certificated and Classified Staffing	<p>Mrs. Moore Washington reviewed the staffing summary charts.</p> <p>Superintendent Gemma advised that with the exception of the four new bus drivers, the added classified positions were budgeted.</p>
Public Hearing	None
Action Items	None
Discussion of Possible Bond Election	<p>John Hartenstein, Partner, Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe, presented a project list, which will be included as Exhibit A in the bond resolution. He explained that the first 75 words of the bond language will summarize the project list; basically, the list is to capture all items the District wants or expects to do with the bond proceeds.</p> <p>Mr. Hartenstein went on to say that under Proposition 39, only 55 percent approval by the voters is required. The proposition also specifies the formation of a citizens' oversight committee which will review expenditures and accept their conformity with the project list.</p> <p>Mr. Hartenstein reviewed Exhibit A, which lists project improvements at all schools, specific projects at each high school, and miscellaneous projects at all school sites.</p> <p>In response to a question posed by Trustee Rumley, Edward LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, indicated that the resolution will be ready for adoption at the October 31 meeting.</p> <p>Mrs. Schuster suggested that the Board might want to include the visioning results and to vary the language from that used in Measure H.</p> <p>Superintendent Gemma reported that there have been two meetings of a potential citizens group to lead a bond election campaign, and the group gave resounding support for moving forward with a bond.</p>
Discussion of Athletics Including Budget & Staffing	Superintendent Gemma asked that this item be moved to the next meeting.
Board of Trustees' / Superintendent's Comments and Committee Reports	<p>Superintendent Gemma reported that he and Susan Berghouse attended a positive meeting with parents of eighth grade students who live in the Sequoia High School attendance area of San Carlos. He noted that he had presented the District's plan to limit next year's enrollment at Carlmont so appropriate capacities are not exceeded.</p> <p>Student Trustee Fisher observed that the next board meeting will be held on Halloween and suggested that participants should come in costume.</p>

Trustee Rumley reported the District's Information Night for seventh and eighth grade parents at Sequoia High School campus was very successful. She thanked Susan Berghouse and Dorthy Burnside, for this event that is so important to parents. Trustee Rumley advised that the Robotics Program at Woodside provided an excellent extra curricular activity for students not following the traditional academic path and would like to see more girls participate.

Adjournment
at 8:09 p.m

Student consent – "yes." On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lorraine Rumley, Vice President

Don Gibson, Clerk