

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
**Sequoia Union High School District**  
Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Call to Order	The regular meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Gordon Lewin at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2006, 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 (5:43 p.m.)  Trustees absent:  None
Recess to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.	The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to conference with legal counsel about potential litigation as permitted under Government Code Section 54956.9 and with real property negotiators as permitted under Government Code Section 54954.5.
Return to Public Session at 5:43 p.m.	The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:43 p.m. for the Summer School Graduation ceremony held in the Sequoia High School Multi-Purpose Room.
Pledge of Allegiance	Superintendent Gemma led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Recess & Return to Public Session at 6:34 p.m.	The Board of Trustees recessed to return to the Sanford Building for the remainder of the meeting. The Board returned to Public Session at 6:34 p.m.
Invitation to Audience	President Lewin 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. He explained the Communications – Oral section of the agenda for permitting members of the audience to make presentations totaling no more than 10 minutes.
Amendments to Agenda	Table to September 20, 2006, Board Meeting:  8a Approval of Annual Report on Student Expulsions, 2005-06
Approval of Agenda	Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as amended.
Report Out on Closed Session	President Lewin reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

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Approval of Consent Calendar	Student consent, “yes.” On a motion by Trustee 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 8/9/06 Bd Mtg	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the August 9, 2006, board meeting.
Approval of Personnel Recommendations	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Personnel Recommendations as indicated.
Approval of MOU with FACES to Provide Special Ed Support	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation for Autistic Childhood Education and support (FACES) to provide services for students with autism.
Approval of Expulsions	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the hearing panel’s findings and expelled (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Summer 2005-06 and the Fall 2006-07 semesters and established December 8, 2006, 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, and expelled (2) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Summer 2005-06 and the Fall 2006-07 semesters and established December 8, 2006, 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.
Approval of Warrants	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 0001 through 0037A totaling \$3,382,119 for July 2006.
Approval of Contract with Spencer Assoc Architects	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the contract for architectural and engineering services by Spencer Associates to modernize the Lenkurt Lab complex at Sequoia High School at an estimated cost of \$250,000.
Acceptance of Gifts	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted a Felder horizontal panel saw (Kappa 450 by Format 4 – valued at over \$20,000) from William Clausen, M.D., for the Sequoia High School Wood Shop and the discounted services of moving heavy equipment of Al Newman, dba Captain Hook, Inc., to move the Felder saw to the Sequoia High School Wood Shop and requested the Superintendent to send a letter of appreciation to the donor.
Approval of Agreement w/RCS D for Computer Classes Provided by Sequoia Adult School	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Agreement of Service with the Redwood City School District for computer classes through the Sequoia District Adult School.
Approval of Agreement w/Cañada College to	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the agreement with Cañada College for the Community-Based English Tutoring

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Support CBET Program	(CBET) Program for 2006-07.
Ratification of Adoption of Resolution No. 1331, In Recognition of Otis Carrington & Acceptance of Original Sheet Music	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees ratified Adoption of Resolution No. 1331, In Recognition of Otis Carrington and Acceptance of Original Sheet Music.
Adoption of Revised Improvement Goals, 2006-07	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the Improvement Goals for 2006-07 as revised.
Denial of Claim	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees denied the portion of the claim received on August 11, 2006, from John DiNapoli on behalf of his client which includes allegations claimed to have occurred in the last six months and stipulated that the allegations occurring prior to February 11, 2006, were untimely.
Approval of Field Trips	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Menlo-Atherton Girls Water Polo Team trip to a varsity training trip in Santa Cruz on August 17 – 19; the Menlo-Atherton Girls Tennis Team to Truckee September 22 – 24, and the Menlo-Atherton Girls Varsity Water Polo Team field trip to the Northern California Championship Tournament in Davis, September 28 - 30, 2006.
Special Recognitions	Superintendent Gemma reported on the Middle College student recognition he attended at Cañada College. He congratulated Sequoia district students Kyle Bernard, Denice Calderon, Mike Chase, Shannon Fitzgibbon, Elisha Glickman, Rachel Gryn, Jamie Lease, Emily McBain, Mariya Novitski, Lexi Richins, Hannah Thomson, Paul Van Creveld, Earl Villorente, Becky Weisbart, and Jeremy Williams for making the Dean's List in Spring 2006.
Public Hearing	None
Action Items	None
Oral Communications	None
Update on Summer Construction Projects	Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, updated the Board on summer construction projects with pictures of the projects at each site.
Report on STAR Test Results, 2005-06	Brandon Lee, Coordinator of Research and Assessment, presented the STAR Test Results for 2005-06.
Board of Trustees' / Superintendent's Comments	Trustee Martinez reported that she enjoyed reviewing the staff evaluations of CAMP and appreciated Ms. Gilman-Ponce's article on educating English language learners, though she noted the article focused on elementary-age students.
Recess to Closed Session at 8:18 p.m.	The Board of Trustees recessed at 8:18 p.m. to continue Closed Session discussion.

Return to  
Public Session  
& Adjournment  
at 8:50 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session and, by consensus,  
adjourned its meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk

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