

Minutes for 9/20/06 Board Meeting

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Amendments to
Consent Calendar

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- 8e Report on Site Plans, 2006-07
- 8g Acceptance of Human Resources Data Book, 2005-06
- 8m Approval of Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for FY 2005-06
- 8n Approval of Revised Budget, 2006-07
- 8p Approval of Construction Project

Approval of
Consent Calendar

Student consent, "yes." On a motion by Trustee Stewart, 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.

Quarterly Report on
Williams Uniform Complaint

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints.

Report on TIPS 2005-06
Third Year Summary

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Teacher Induction Program (TIPS) 2005-06 third year summary.

Subject Matter Competence &
Committee on Assignment
Report

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Subject Matter Competence and Committee on Assignment Report.

Report on Summer
English Immersion Institute

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the English Immersion Institute Report for Summer 2006.

Report on Developer Fee
Income & Expenditures
for 2005-06

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Report on Developer Fee Income and Expenditure for 2005-06.

Approval of Minutes
for 9/6/06

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the September 6, 2006, regular board meeting.

Approval of Personnel
Recommendations

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

Approval of Readmission

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Readmission Committee's recommendation to accept (name of student to appear in official minutes), a previously expelled student, back into the District.

Approval of Warrants

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 0015A through 0072A totaling \$4,292,648.54 for August 2006.

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.

Approval of

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized

- Construction Bid the Superintendent to approve the lowest recommended bidder for the Carlmont High School U-Wing Special Education Modular Classroom and Parking Lot Improvement projects.
- Approval of Field Trips Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip requests for Carlmont High School AVID students for an overnight team building event on campus, October 6 – 7, 2006, and the Sequoia High School Key Club students' trip to Jones Gulch on October 7 – 8, 2006.
- Special Recognitions Superintendent Gemma acknowledged TIPS for enabling teacher candidates to acquire their credentials through the District. He lauded the program as being a graduate program at its highest level.
- Dr. Gemma recognized Alicia Aguirre, former Director on Loan of English Language Learners/Migrant Education, who developed the Summer English Immersion Institute, and Marilyn McBride, Vice President of Instruction at Cañada College, and Tom Mohr, Interim President of Cañada College, for their partnership with the District in providing the Summer English Immersion Institute for district students.
- He also commended:
- Bob Sykes, Menlo-Atherton Football Coach, and Steve Nicolopoulos, Woodside Football Coach, for the write-ups they received in the *Almanac* about their coaching styles and teams.
 - Gregg Whitnah, Menlo Atherton calculus teacher, for the article he published in the *Almanac* about the school's mathematics curriculum.
- Oral Communications None
- Report on
Program Improvement Goals Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, introduced Mary Camezon, Team Leader for the External Evaluators for Program Improvement.
- Ms. Camezon congratulated the District for exiting Program Improvement. She recommended fine-tuning the District's LEA Plan to ensure that the District does not fall back into Program Improvement. She warned there will be a 10 percent increase in what will be expected in two years. She further recommended that district teachers continue to assess student test results to direct changes in the curriculum.
- Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work of site staffs that was necessary for the District to exit Program Improvement.
- In response to inquiries from board members, Dr. Miranda reported that the external evaluators will continue to act as coaches who will meet monthly with site staffs to ensure continued progress.
- Report on Cañada College Tom Mohr, Interim President of Cañada College, reported on concurrent

Concurrent Enrollment

enrollment for district students. He noted that Middle College students on average acquire 22 units per year toward college. He indicated that several will be equipped to earn their AA degree upon graduation from high school.

Trustee Martinez reminded staff of her interest in increasing the number of high school credits students can earn when they take college courses.

Mr. Mohr noted that concurrent enrollment might be a perfect way to provide prerequisite vocational education classes to high school students.

Board members agreed they would like to see concurrent enrollment opportunities expanded throughout the District.

Report on
Opening of School

Principals reported on their sites' opening of school.

Linda Common, Principal, Woodside High School, reported that arena check-in was instituted at Woodside.

Marshall Burgamy, Principal, Redwood High School, reviewed the statistics for Redwood and announced his interest in having the school address the ASAM measurements.

Denise Plante, Principal, Menlo-Atherton High School, reported on the exceptional beginning at Menlo-Atherton, including the use of student leaders to set the tone for the beginning of school.

Morgan Marchbanks, Principal, Sequoia High School, reported on the high morale at Sequoia High School, which she attributed to the positive external evaluations the school has been receiving.

Andrea Jenoff, Principal, Carlmont High School, reported a perfect opening of school. She noted that, though understaffed, the atmosphere is positive. She indicated that Carlmont's administration and Guidance Department are moving quickly to add sections to lower class sizes. She announced that both Sequoia and Carlmont qualified to become California Distinguished Schools.

Summary Report on
NCLB & HOUSSE

Debra Moore Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Staff Development, introduced Margarita Navarro, Coordinator of Teacher Induction, reviewed the Report on NCLB and HOUSSE. She noted that 100 percent of teachers at both Redwood and Woodside are Highly Qualified. She presented the sample letter that will go out to parents whose students are in classes with teachers who are still working on becoming Highly Qualified.

Public Hearing
on Resolution No. 1333,
Sufficiency of
Instructional Materials
Opened at 7:26 p.m.

President Lewin opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m. on Resolution No. 1333, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Public Hearing
Closed at 7:27 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m. without comment from the audience.

Adoption of Resolution No 1333, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1333, Resolution on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, and directed staff to remedy all reported insufficiencies immediately.

Approval of Site Plans, 2006-07

Trustee Stewart indicated she was impressed with the schools being able to do so much with so little.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the School Site Plans for 2006-07.

Acceptance of Human Resources Data Book, 2005-06

Trustee Gibson expressed appreciation for all the information contained in the Human Resources Data Book

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees accepted the Human Resources Data Book for 2005-06 as presented.

Approval of Unaudited Actuals for FY 2005-06 & Approval of Revised Budget, 2006-07

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, responded to clarifying questions from Trustee Stewart.

Trustee Stewart expressed interest in trying to make budget decisions based on student success. She also announced that she would be inviting people to serve on a district budget committee.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the unaudited actuals for 2005-06 and the revised budget for 2006-07.

Approval of Construction Project

Trustee Rumley reported that she had received concerns from tennis team parents that four courts will be inadequate if Sequoia is to continue to have a tennis team.

Superintendent Gemma reported that a meeting with Sequoia parents has been scheduled for October 3 to continue open communication about the placement of Summit Charter High School on James Street adjacent to Sequoia High School.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved construction of at least four tennis courts at Sequoia High School.

Board of Trustees’/ Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Gemma announced that the District will be hosting a Parent Information Night on Tuesday, October 10, at Sequoia High School. He reported that he has discussed with the Principals some of the constructive

suggestions they have received over the years from parents about this event, and indicated that changes will be made this year in alignment with some of those suggestions.

Student Trustee Mantani reported that she chaired her first Student Advisory Council meeting as Student Trustee. She indicated there was more student representation from all the schools, except one. She indicated there was much sharing among students.

Trustee Rumley reported on the Redwood City pilot program to expose students to jobs in the public service sector. She also reported on Back to School Night at Sequoia and noted that she was very impressed with the number of parents and excellent teachers.

Trustee Martinez noted that over \$100,000 in gifts went to district schools and indicated the District is fortunate to have such a generous community.

Adjournment
at 7:50 p.m.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Lewin, President

Olivia Martinez, Clerk

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