

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, December 6, 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 3:05 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 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 (5:10 p.m.) Trustees absent: None
Amendment to Agenda	On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved adding Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Town of Atherton v. Sequoia Union High School District, et al) to the agenda as permitted under Government Code Section 54956.9
Recess to Closed Session at 3:07 p.m.	The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 3:07 p.m. to conference with legal counsel regarding potential litigation as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9; to conference with real property negotiators as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.5; to discuss labor negotiations as permitted by Government Code Section 54957.6; to discuss public employee discipline/dismissal/release as permitted under Government Code Section 54957.6, and to conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation as permitted under Government Code Section 54956.9.
Return to Public Session at 5:10 p.m.	The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:10 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.
Pledge of Allegiance	President Lewin led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Annual Organization Meeting	Superintendent Gemma presided over the Annual Organization Meeting.
Olivia Martinez Elected President	Superintendent Gemma requested nominations for President. Trustee Lewin nominated Sally Stewart. Voting “yes” – Trustee Stewart; voting “no” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, and Rumley.

Trustee Rumley nominated Olivia Martinez. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, and Rumley; voting “no” – Trustee Stewart.

Lorraine Rumley
Elected Vice President

Trustee Gibson nominated Lorraine Rumley as Vice President. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, and Rumley; voting “no” – none; abstaining - Trustee Stewart.

Don Gibson
Elected Clerk

Trustee Martinez nominated Don Gibson as Clerk. Voting “yes” - Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, and Rumley; voting “no”– none; abstaining – Trustee Stewart.

Selection of Rep to
County Committee on
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By consensus the Board of Trustees selected Olivia Martinez as district representative to the County Committee on School District Organization. Trustee Lewin agreed to serve as alternate representative.

Trustee Stewart expressed her disappointment about not being elected President. She listed the other agencies for which she has served in that role and indicated how her skills as president benefited those agencies. She concluded that she looked forward to working with fellow board members on the issues that face the District.

Superintendent Gemma reported that it was a pleasure to work with Trustee Lewin as President of the Board and listed the many qualities that marked his contribution to the Board as President.

Trustee Martinez also expressed appreciation for Trustee Lewin’s leadership style and boardsmanship and for always attempting to find common goals.

Approval of Agenda

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as presented.

Report Out on
Closed Session

Superintendent Gemma reported that in Closed Session the Board of Trustees, by unanimous vote, authorized staff to purchase the Redwood City Baptist Church properties at 435 Fifth Avenue and 414 Fourth Avenue in Redwood City.

Amendments to
Consent Calendar

Delete:

9a Approval of Minutes for the November 15, 2006, Board Meeting

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, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting “no” – none; absent – none.

Approval of Personnel
Recommendations

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

Approval of Expulsions

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the hearing panels’ recommendations and expelled: (1) (name of student to appear in

official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 2007, 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.; (2) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall, Spring, and Summer 2006-07 semesters and established May 15, 2007, 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; (3) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and suspended the expulsion, stipulating that the student shall: (a) make best efforts to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average; (b) make best efforts to maintain regular and consistent attendance; (c) not violate any of the 48900 Education Code Sections, and (d) comply with all conditions set forth in the Rehabilitation Program; (4) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and suspended the expulsion, stipulating that the student shall: (a) attend a verifiable counseling program provided by the parents for re-entry to the District or regular public high school; (b) not return to the home school, and (c) write an apology to the home school; (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall 2006-07 semester through December 8, 2006, and until readmission is approved pursuant to the process set forth in Education Code Section 48916 and Governing Board Policy; the student shall: (a) attend the remaining of the Fall semester in the San Mateo County Community School, (b) attend the Spring 2006-07 semester at another school, and (c) have continued counseling; (6) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall 2006-07 semester through December 8, 2006, and until readmission is approved pursuant to the process set forth in Education Code Section 48916 and Governing Board Policy, and (7) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2006-07 semesters and establish May 15, 2007, 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.

Acceptance of Gifts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted \$500 from an anonymous donor for Menlo-Atherton High School Radio Station KCEA-FM and \$10,000 from the Peninsula Community Foundation for the Principal's Discretionary Fund at Sequoia High School and requested the Superintendent to send letters of appreciation to the donors as appropriate.

Authorization to Accept Proposals for Issuing TRANS Notes for 2007-08

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to accept proposals for issuing Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2007-08.

Approval of Member to Measure H Bond Oversight Committee

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Gary Schaezlein as a member to the Measure H Bond Oversight Committee for a two-year term.

Award of Construction Bid to Automatic Door Systems, Inc.

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees awarded the low bid of \$37,303 to Automatic Door Systems, Inc.

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| Denial of Claim for Personal Injury | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees denied the claim received on November 8, 2006, from a parent on behalf of his son, a minor student at Carlmont High School. |
| Adoption of Resolution No. 1336, Approving Contract for Cal-Safe Supplemental Funds | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1336, Certifying Approval of Application for Cal-Safe Supplemental Funds for Infant/Child Development Program. |
| Approval of CAHSEE Waiver | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the CAHSEE waivers as presented. |
| Approval of Field Trips | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Carlmont High School Boys Basketball Team trip to the Tempe/Phoenix Tournament, December 26 – 31, 2006, and the Woodside High School Varsity Basketball Team trip to the Rancho Cordova Invitational Basketball Tournament, December 27 – 30, 2006. |
| Special Recognitions | <p>The Superintendent commended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carlmont Cross Country Runners Brad Surh and Justine Fedronic for being named <i>San Mateo County Times</i> “Athletes of the Week;”• Menlo-Atherton High School Tennis Player Marjorie Adams for being recognized as a <i>Palo Alto Weekly</i> “Athlete of the Week”;• Menlo-Atherton High School Graduate Cheryl Burke for the write ups she received in the <i>Daily Journal</i> and the <i>San Mateo County Times</i> about her success on Dancing with the Stars;• Menlo-Atherton High School Graduate T.C. Ostrander for the write up he received in the <i>Daily Journal</i> and <i>San Mateo County Times</i> about his football career at Stanford;• Sequoia High School Student Viral Shah for the write up he received in the <i>Daily Journal</i> about his participation in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life; Viral raised over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society;• Redwood High School Graduate Eric Gil-Contreras for taking second place in a Bay Area Regional competition sponsored by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship for his record company called Gritty Minded Records;• Carlmont Varsity Football Coach Will Jacobs for being named as 49ers “High School Coach of the Week,” Menlo-Atherton Varsity Football Team Coach Robert Sykes for being named “PAL Co-Coach of the Year,” Sequoia High School Football Coach Sam Lopez for being named “Ocean Division Coach of the Year,” and Carlmont High School Softball Coach Jim Liggett for being inducted into the National Coaches Hall of Fame;• Menlo-Atherton High School Principal Denise Plante for organizing a tour of the Menlo-Atherton campus for representatives from the US-China Cultural Exchange Center on very short notice, and
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carlmont High School Principal Andrea Jenoff and Deputy Superintendent Francisca Miranda for representing the Sequoia District on a recent trip to China to tour Chinese schools and develop potential partnerships. |

In response to a question posed by Trustee Gibson, Maureen Campbell, Woodside High School Guidance Advisor, explained how each school uses the parenting education opportunities provided by Dorthy Burnside, Parent Involvement Coordinator.

President Martinez suggested that AB 1802 might be an opportunity to partner with Redwood City and Ravenswood districts.

Approval of Minutes
11/15/06 Bd Mtg

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the November 15, 2006, board meeting. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, and Rumley; voting “no” – none; absent – none; abstained – Trustee Stewart.

Board of Trustees’/
Superintendent’s
Comments

Superintendent Gemma reported on an Americorps grant that he has been working on with community members to provide tutors for students who come to the District from the Ravenswood City School District. He indicated that if approved, the grant will provide approximately \$500,000 per year for three years. He noted that the grant application has gone through all the review stages and is moving on to the interview process, so all parties are cautiously optimistic about its being approved.

Dr. Miranda and Andrea Jenoff, Principal of Carlmont High School, expressed appreciation to the Superintendent for obtaining private funds to send them to Xiang Yan, to visited schools in China and develop partnerships between schools in the Xiang program and Carlmont and possibly Sequoia high schools.

Trustee Rumley announced that December is AIDS Awareness Month and described some of the activities schools are engaged in.

She reported having very good visits with the Adult School Coop Nursery Schools and being particularly impressed with the Family Connections program which serves families from low socio-economic and English language learner backgrounds.

Trustee Lewin reported on a meeting at Menlo-Atherton on the City of Atherton’s lawsuit. He indicated that Atherton residents were in attendance, and he learned how protective those residents are of their school and how unhappy they are with their mayor. He noted that the Superintendent gave a very good presentation, providing a thorough background of the situation.

Trustee Stewart agreed to provide a report on the two student workshops she attended at the CSBA conference. She noted that the National School Boards and CSBA are focused on fixing NCLB and reported that Senator Joe Simitian is working on a bill on autism. She added that the League of Women Voters and CSBA are also working on school finance.

President Martinez reported that she also attended the community meeting at Menlo-Atherton. She also reported that Peninsula Community Foundation recently merged with Silicon Valley Foundation. The combined organization is now called Community Foundation of Silicon Valley. She noted that at a recent meeting education was brought up, and she encouraged the new CEO to meet with Superintendent Gemma and other area superintendents.

Adjournment
at 7:00 p.m.

Student consent – “yes.” On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Martinez, President

Don Gibson, Clerk

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