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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 presented. Voting "yes" – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, and Rumley; voting "no" – none; absent – Trustee Stewart.
Approval of Minutes for 2/7/07 Bd Mtg	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the February 7, 2007, regular board meeting.
Approval of Personnel Recommendations	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Personnel Recommendations, including certificated and classified employees, as indicated.
Approval of Expulsions	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the hearing panels' findings and expelled: (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established November 8, 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 2006-07 semester and the Spring 2006-07 semester 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, and (3) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2006-07 semester and the Fall 2007-08 semester and established November 8, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions for readmission to include the student was satisfactorily involved in educational and counseling programs designed to address the behaviors that led to the expulsion.
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), two previously expelled students, back into the District.
Approval of Rescission of Suspended Expulsions	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees rescinded the suspended expulsion of (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2006-07 semester and established May 15, 2007, as the date the student may apply for readmission and set conditions 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. 0236A through 0294A totaling \$2,502,876.04 for January 2007.
Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Monthly Financial Report for January 2007.
Approval of Construction Bid	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to approve the bids for renovation of the Woodside High School Multi-Use Room Restroom and Lighting projects.

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Approval of
Work Year Adjustment
for Health Aides

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the change in work year for the Health Aides.

Approval of
Sabbatical Leave
Requests for 2007-08

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the sabbatical leave requests for 2007-08 for: Kathryn Weingand, Sequoia High School, fall semester; Atiba Williams, Redwood High School, spring semester, and Kelly O'Hern, Sequoia High School, spring semester.

Approval of
CAHSEE Waivers

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the California High School Exit Exam waivers as indicated.

Approval of
New Course, Intro to
Visual & Performing Arts

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Introduction to Visual and Performing Arts as a new course to begin August 2007.

Ratification of 2005-06
Consolidated Application

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees ratified the 2006-07 Consolidated Application, Part II.

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 go on the Washington DC area college tour, April 9-15, the Sequoia Key Club students to attend the Key Club Leadership Conference at the Long Beach Convention Center, April 19-22, 2007, the Carlmont Biotechnology student trip to San Diego, March 10 – 12, 2007, and the Menlo-Atherton Girls La Cross Team trip to Sacramento, March 22, 2007.

Approval of Management/
Administration Employee
Compensation Increase

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the 2 (2006-07), 3 (2007-08), and 4 (2008-09) percent salary increase for management staff.

Special Recognitions

None

Public Hearing

None

Approval of Summit
Charter High School
Renewal Petition & MOU

Margaret Fruth, Redwood City resident, questioned the District's support of charter schools. She expressed support for the District's renewal of the Summit Charter High School petition.

Michael Radoye, President of the Sequoia District Teachers Association, expressed concern about lack of fact-based assurances that Summit serves all students, regardless of economic background or academic success. He questioned the Founding Families program. He urged that the District require a commitment from Summit that it will serve students which mirror the background of students served by Sequoia Union High School District schools.

Student consent – "yes." On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved the renewal request of Summit Preparatory Charter High School for five years.

Approval of

Beverly Parks, consultant for vocational education programs, reviewed changes

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Carl Perkins
VEA/Funding Plan
for 2006-07

in vocational education and highlighted funding constraints over time. She listed the programs that are offered at each of the district schools and introduced the department chairs for each of the programs and academies supported by Carl Perkins funds.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Lewin, Dr. Parks indicated that biotech is not included in the funding plan but could be in the future. The Superintendent noted that the Principal at Carlmont High School is working with the San Mateo County Office of Education to include the biotech program in ROP to obtain additional funding.

Adoption of
Resolution No. 1341,
Purchase of Real Property
at 890 Broadway, RWC

Superintendent Gemma announced that, because of increases in enrollments and the addition of many educational programs, the District became interested in the availability of the property at 890 Broadway in Redwood City to develop capital facilities in order to enhance educational offerings for students living in the District.

Roy Salume, a Half Moon Bay resident and parent of High Tech High student, and many other parents and students spoke on behalf of High Tech High and asked the Board to postpone this decision to purchase the property for approximately 30 days.

In response to a question posed by Student Trustee Mantani, Superintendent Gemma reported that, if the District decides to purchase the property at this time, students will not be removed until end of year.

Trustee Lewin noted that the District would be buying the property for educational purposes. Another entity might buy it industrial purposes.

Trustee Rumley added that High Tech High, San Diego, has jurisdiction over the school and makes the decision about whether the school stays open or not.

Oral Communications

Dick Haman, field representative from CFT, reported that he has been working with the District's Adult School Federation of Teachers, which was certified in 2004. He reported that they started negotiating in 2005, and the contract is still not settled. He indicated that, after 21 months, only two articles have been signed off the agreement and indicated that he hoped that negotiations could resume in earnest.

Elizabeth Wheel, Adult School teacher, indicated that she believed Adult School teachers deserved a salary increase to demonstrate the respect the District has for its Adult School teachers.

Marion Miller, Adult School teacher, read a letter from Al Coleman, Adult School teacher, not a member of the Teachers Union.

Correspondence

Guillermo Acevedo, Adult School classified staff, and Anna Bennett, Adult School teacher, presented a letter from the Adult School classified staff.

Update on Visioning
Process & Bd Involvement

Superintendent Gemma asked board members to provide a list of contacts they would like included in the visioning process.

Board of Trustees’/
Superintendent’s
Comments

Student Trustee Mantani reported that Lost Boys will be performing at school on March 12.

Trustee Rumley noted that student transcripts now list how many units are needed for each grade, and she indicated that she appreciated that we’re letting parents know.

Trustee Rumley reported on the visit she and Trustee Lewin paid to Summit and suggested that it would be good if Summit board members reciprocated by visiting district schools

Adjournment
at 7:37 p.m.

By consensus, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivica Martinez, President

Don Gibson, Clerk

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