

Unapproved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, October 31, 2007

- Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Martinez at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 31, 2007, in the Sanford Building at the District Office in Redwood City.
- Roll Call Trustees present:
- Don Gibson
 Gordon Lewin
 Olivia Martinez
 Lorraine Rumley
 Sally Stewart
- Trustees absent:
- Megan Fisher, Student Trustee
- Recess to
Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m., to conference concerning a public employee discipline/dismissal/release as permitted by Government Code Section 54957.6
- Return to
Public Session at 5:45 p.m. The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 5:45 p.m.
- Invitation to Audience President Martinez 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 was for permitting members of the audience to make presentations about items not on the agenda.
- Pledge of Allegiance President Martinez led the Board of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Agenda On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the agenda as presented.
- Report Out on
Closed Session President Martinez announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.
- Amendments to
Consent Calendar Move:
- 7a Approval of Personnel Recommendations—table consultants to
 November 14 meeting
- Approval of
Consent Calendar 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 – Student Trustee Fisher.
- Approval of Minutes
for 10/17/07 Bd Meeting Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the October 17, 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, tabling approval of consultants to the next meeting.

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 requested.

Approval of Expulsions

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the hearing panels' findings to expel: (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and declared the expulsion suspended with the following stipulations: the student is to remain at the student's current placement until the student is transferred to another school in the District; the student must attend anger management classes at no cost to the District; the student must attend school regularly; the student must report to classes on time and be prepared; the student will comply with the Campus Control Policy, and the student will abide by California Education Codes; further violations of the Education Code will result in revocation of the suspended expulsion; (2) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (4) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (6) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (7) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (8) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (9) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (10) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (11) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (12) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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; (13) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and declared the expulsion suspended, and (14) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Fall and Spring 2007-08 semesters and established May 15, 2008, 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 Ratification of Adult School Contract

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved ratification of the Adult School contract.

Approval of Field Trips

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the field trip requests for Woodside High School French students go to France, June 9-17, 2008, and Woodside High School English I AS students go to France and Italy, June 16-29, 2008.

Public Comment

Eugene “Ndume” Howard, District Bus Driver, expressed concern about recent transportation issues.

Correspondence

None

Special Recognitions

Students from the Woodside/Menlo-Atherton and Carlmont high schools’ robotics teams hosted the WRRF (Western Region Robotics Forum) Northern California Robot Games at Woodside High School on October 13, 2007. Students present described the year-round program, and demonstrated two 120-pound robots. Robotics Team Advisor Arlene Kolber, the parents, mentors, and sponsors were recognized for their dedication to the successful program.

Recognition of Carlmont HS Staff by Dept. of Justice

Postponed until the next meeting.

Information Items

None

Public Hearing on Charter School Proposal Aspire Charter Schools Opened at 6:20 p.m.

President Martinez declared the Public Hearing open at 6:20 p.m., on the Charter School Proposal: Charter School Proposal: Aspire Charter Schools.

Thomas Madson, Site Administrator; Nick Romagnolo, Teacher; Guadalupe Diaz, Parent, and Baltazar Mendoza, Student, spoke in favor of Aspire Charter Schools.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:30 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.

Adoption of Resolution No. 1356, Ordering School Bond Election and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith

John Hartenstein, Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe, and Andrew Ach, Northcross, Hill and Ach, were introduced by Edward LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services. Mr. Hartenstein reviewed Resolution No. 1356.

On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1356, Ordering a School Bond Election and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith. Voting “yes” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting “no” – none; absent – Student Trustee Fisher

Discussion of Athletics Including Transportation and Staffing Budget

Mr. LaVigne reviewed the Athletic Transportation Costs, and Comparative Athletic Stipend Positions and Costs, and advised that in 1991 the Board made the decision to annually budget \$12,500 for transportation for football, track and cross country teams for each comprehensive high school.

Trustee Rumley noted that not all the schools had the financial support to offer sports such as Lacrosse.

Morgan Marchbanks, Principal, Sequoia High School, advised that costs are not only for coaching stipends but athletic equipment, which is a large part of the budget.

Trustee Stewart suggested investigating the process of obtaining discounted contracts with charter bus companies.

Superintendent Gemma stated that staff would look at effectively managing how the funds are spent, and how equitable the cost per student was. Due to the complexity of the situation he agreed to come back to the Board with additional information and suggested improvements.

Discussion of Format and Structure of Site Visits

Board members agreed that the site visits will be held on Wednesdays, from 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. During this time the Board would like to meet with a representative group of parents and students in separate meetings, the Board then wants to meet with the Principal from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The Board Meeting will begin on site at 3:30 p.m., and the school will present its improvement goals for the following year as these goals connect to the four key themes from the Visioning process of 2007. The presentation should be about 15 minutes in length to allow time for another 20 to 30 minutes for discussion, questions and answers.

Board of Trustees' / Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Gemma thanked Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, and Suanna Gilman-Ponce, Director, English Learners, for coordinating community meetings on the visioning plan and transportation at Fair Oaks Community Center and the Ravenswood City Elementary District Office.

Trustees Stewart and Lewin reported they were at an event with Senator Joe Simitian, and there was discussion that changes in education need to take place within the next two-years prior to California experiencing 20 years of declining enrollment.

Trustee Gibson said he was part of the group which went to Rowland High School in Ontario, to observe vocational training integrated into curriculum.

Trustee Rumley reported on the Redwood City 2020 Coordinating Council Meeting, and indicated that both Redwood City Elementary and the County Office of Education are also looking toward future career/technical education.

Trustee Martinez commended Mrs. Gilman-Ponce on her clear message to parents at the meeting at Ravenswood City Elementary District on Saturday. Trustee Martinez said she had made a very successful surprise visit to Carlmont, where she observed short food service lines and teachers having lunch with students in their classrooms.

Trustee Stewart asked how the District was going to present its accomplishments other than with test scores, because No Child Left Behind requires illustration of the District's successes. Trustee Lewin suggested expanding public relations and finding other ways that are visual.

Superintendent Gemma advised that he is scheduling a meeting of the marketing focus group and will send the Board information concerning the outcome.

Adjournment
at 7:57 p.m

On a motion by Trustee Rumley, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Olivia Martinez, President

Don Gibson, Clerk