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| Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. |
| Approval of Minutes for 3/26/08, Brd Meeting | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the March 26, 2008, board meeting. |
| Approval of Expulsion | <p>Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the hearing panel's findings to expel: (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 semester and the Fall 2008-09 semester and establish December 8, 2008, as the date that 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.</p> <p>Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the stipulated expulsions: (2) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 semester and establish May 15, 2008, as the date that 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 Spring 2007-08 semester and establish May 15, 2008, as the date that 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 Spring 2007-08 semester and the Fall 2008-09 semester and to suspend the expulsion, and (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 semester and establish May 15, 2008, as the date that 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. The District agrees that the student should adhere to the ten stipulated conditions.</p> |
| Adoption of Aspire Public Charter Petition & MOU | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted the Aspire Public School Charter Petition and the Memorandum of Understanding for three years (from 2008-09 through 2010-11). This approval is conditional in two ways: 1) that the authorization becomes effective on May 1, 2008, and 2) the authorization takes place on May 1, 2008, only if Aspire Public Schools does not receive a material revision/renewal from the Ravenswood City Elementary District for its current K-8 charter school (East Palo Alto Charter School). |
| Approval of Agreement with Ravenswood District to Share Property Tax Cost Savings | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the agreement with Ravenswood City Elementary District to share property tax cost savings. |
| Approval of CAHSEE Special Education Waivers | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Examination) waivers requested. |
| Approval of New Textbooks | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the new textbooks as presented: <i>California Algebra II</i> , <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> , and <i>The Web Collection Revealed-Premium Edition</i> . |
| Acceptance of Gifts | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the listed gifts and requested the Superintendent to send letters of appreciation to the donors where appropriate. |

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| Approval of Authorization to Declare Property Surplus | Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees declared the listed items as surplus property, obsolete and unsuitable for use, and authorized the Superintendent to dispose of the surplus items in accordance with Education Code provisions. |
| 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 Spanish language students to go to Monterey, May 16, 2008, and the CIF/SDC students to participate in a "Ropes" course in Santa Cruz on April 21, 2008; Menlo-Atherton's Jazz Ensemble to go to Reno, Nevada, April 25-27, 2008, and the Advanced Band and Jazz Ensemble to go to Anaheim, April 11-13, 2008, and Sequoia High School ELD students to go to Skyline County Park, May 3-4, 2008. |
| Approval of Woodside Site Plan | <p>Trustee Stewart suggested that in the future, site plans be given additional consideration, and they be listed on the agenda under "Action Items."</p> <p>On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the Woodside High School site plan budget for 2007-08.</p> |
| Special Recognition Ann Akey, Commended as Innovative Teacher | <p>Susan Berghouse, Director of Information and Communications, introduced Ann Akey, Woodside High School Environmental Science instructor, and commended Ms. Akey for using innovative teaching techniques with her students.</p> <p>Ann Akey expressed her appreciation of the support provided by the staff and administration at Woodside High School.</p> <p>David Reilly, Principal of Woodside High School, stated that Ann Akey is a teacher who lives the principles that she teaches. The Environmental Science classes provide hands-on experiences for all her students, and Ms. Akey is most deserving of this commendation and much more.</p> <p>President Rumley presented Ann Akey with a Certificate of Special Recognition and a gift certificate to Kepler's Books.</p> |
| Parent Comment re CAHSEE Special Education Waivers | Patisua Fakalata expressed her appreciation the Board of Trustees for approving the requested waivers which govern administration of the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Examination). |
| Public Comment | None |
| Correspondence | None |
| Report on Woodside High School | <p>David Reilly, Principal, Woodside High School, stated that the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) mid-term visit was very successful; and the WASC process has been integrated into the site plan for Woodside High School.</p> <p>Kymerlee Stanley, Health Care Coordinator, described the Mental Health Counseling Program at Woodside. Ms Stanley provides weekly clinical supervision to three marriage and family interns and supervises all of the counseling cases. The program's goals include increasing academic success for all students, and providing counseling crisis assessments and referrals.</p> |

Gwen Sidley reviewed the Safe School Ambassador Program, which is a student-centered program and is supportive of school safety and the improving the school climate. Participating students described the program and their personal intervention experiences.

Diane Mazzei, Instructional Vice Principal, advised that the program has a strong action plan to mitigate problems.

Ms. Mazzei advised that she is committed to creating a student-focused master schedule. Woodside will be adding a "Fast Track" course in medical careers which includes the formation of a partnership with Cañada College. Over 90 students have signed up for the new Digital Photography class; and next year Woodside will be offering Web Design II and classes in Modern European History.

Trustee Gibson commented that Woodside is a great school. He said that when he met with students it was suggested that a Life Skills class be offered.

Trustee Lewin said that he was impressed with the honesty in the site plan. In response to a question posed by Trustee Lewin, David Reilly replied that Lisa Camera was the Site Plan Coordinator, and that he and Diane Mazzei had also worked on it.

Trustee Martinez advised that community members were excited about the success of the Woodside Robotics Team. Arlene Kolber, Science Department Chairperson, reported the team was going to be competing in Atlanta.

Trustee Stewart asked about academic coaching, and input was provided by David Reilly, and the English and math department chairpersons.

President Rumley congratulated David Reilly on his accomplishments during the short four months that he had been Principal. Mr. Reilly thanked his administrative team and Linda Common, Principal Emeritus.

Granting of Certificates of Achievement for English Learner Students not approved by a majority vote

Dr. Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, reported that on March 26, 2008, the Board approved granting Certificates of Achievement to Special Education students who had met the graduation requirements but had not yet passed the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE); and as mandated by State law, those students will be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Miranda said the issue was discussed at Curriculum Council, and the council recommended granting Certificates of Achievement as well to English learner students who had met the SUHSD graduation requirements but had not passed the CAHSEE, and these students be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Miranda advised that students have eight testing opportunities to pass the CAHSEE.

President Rumley stated that the Board had received requests from the public to speak concerning this item among those that spoke were:

Rosa Alvarez
Nubia Cazares
Alicia Ortiz

Michael Radoye
Alejandra Romero

Jaime Sandoval
Julie Thompson
Miriam Vargas

Trustee Lewin advised that there were strong arguments on both sides of the issue, and he could not support the recommendation because the issue was not in ability, it was a test in skill development. Therefore, he sees Special Education students to be in a different category than English learner students.

Trustee Martinez stated that the learning of the English language was an accomplishment, and there is evidence that the English learner students eventually do pass the CAHSEE. She felt it would be inappropriate to expect less from all English as a Second Language students.

Trustee Stewart said that she had listened to both sides of the issue and had a different point of view. If students know English well enough they can learn in high school. Some students don't test well, and most students do better when tested to their strengths.

Trustee Gibson replied that he believed the Board had worked hard to raise the standards and he could not support the recommendation.

President Rumley stated that the comments were appreciated, and she did not feel that the District was lowering its standards because these students were not receiving diplomas.

On a motion from Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees did not approve by a majority vote the granting of Certificates of Achievement for English learner students.

Report on Services Provided to
Access College for High
Poverty Students

Trustee Lewin said that he was impressed with the listed services, although he would have liked to have received more information from Menlo-Atherton.

Matthew Zito, Principal, Menlo-Atherton High School, advised that Menlo-Atherton was a pilot site for Built to Last and staff was in the process of coming together and aligning services. Mr. Zito said that staff was building a partnership with University of California, Santa Cruz, and the community colleges.

Trustee Martinez said she recalled that the Board had asked about services provided to 9th grade students regarding college planning.

Trustee Stewart asked about results and which student services were working best. In regard to students who do not have papers and are required to pay out-of-state tuition fees, Dr. Stewart asked how those students become aware of the situation prior to their senior year and how staff helps them find ways to get to college.

Public Hearing

None

Discussion of Draft
Resolution No. 1366,
Authorizing Sale of
Measure J Bonds

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, advised that this draft resolution was for the first issuance in a series of three to authorize the sale of Measure J bonds. Mr. LaVigne introduced Bond Counsel John Hartenstein, of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe, and Financial Advisor Lisa Siemsen, of Northcross Hill and Ach.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Gibson, Ms. Siemsen described the general obligation bond market was impacted but not at risk, and that her firm would continue to monitor the situation.

In response to Trustee Gibson's question concerning issuing more than \$64.5 million in bonds for the first issuance, Mr. Hartenstein replied that he would look into the resolution's language. John Hartenstein advised that possibly the resolution may not need to state a maximum amount provided that the issuance does not exceed the \$10 per \$100,000 tax rate for property owners. Mr. Hartenstein noted that the District is allowed to only issue as many bonds as it can spend within a three-year period of time.

Superintendent Gemma advised that staff is compiling a list of projects funded by this first bond series, and these projects will be scheduled for completion by 2010. The Board will be presented with a draft list of these projects on May 28, 2008.

Trustee Lewin stated that the District wants to deliver as much as possible to the students as well as keeping its promise to the voters.

Discussion of Teacher
Summer Institute on Student
Engagement Strategies

Debra Moore Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, advised that Board Policy 4131 concerning Staff Development was approved last fall. To implement the board policy Mrs. Washington has developed a four-day summer institute program for teachers and a fifth day of training for site and district administrators. The institute will be aligned with board policy.

Gabrielle Charest, Coordinator of Professional Development, outlined the proposal for structures and strategies for student engagement for the 2008 Summer Institute.

Suanna Gilman-Ponce, Director of English Learners, advised the institute would focus on key strategies that have the most impact for students. There will be sustainability by providing follow-up during the year to focus on use of the sharing of strategies so that there can be peer learning.

Approval of Personnel
Recommendations

Student Trustee Fisher asked if students were provided the opportunity to evaluate student teachers. Debra Moore Washington replied that this was a good suggestion, and she would forward Ms. Fisher's suggestion to the appropriate parties.

On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the Personnel Recommendations as indicated.

Approval of Architectural
Costs for Construction
Projects

Trustee Stewart asked about the architectural fees of 10 percent. Dr. Gemma advised that the percentage was on the high end of acceptable and percentages could vary slightly depending upon the project.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the architectural costs of \$200,000 for architectural services provided by Spencer Associates for the modernization and modification of remaining classrooms at Sequoia High School.

Approval to Increase
Staffing of Instructional
Associates

Trustee Stewart asked for clarification if the 1.0 fte Instructional Associate at Woodside would be paid for out of Title I or Title II funds.

Debra Moore Washington advised that Title I was designated as the fund.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved the increased staffing of Instructional Associates by 1.0 fte at Woodside High School.

Approval to Increase
Staffing of District
Receptionist/Residency
Verification Clerk

Trustee Gibson expressed his concern about next year's budget and increasing staff.

Dr. Gemma advised that staff had observed for over an eight-month period that the District's current Receptionist is excellent. This valuable member of the staff was going to leave to find another job because the workload had increased so much with residency verification. Multiple discussions had taken place, several options have been tried; and the final conclusion was that an additional Receptionist/Residency Verification Clerk was needed.

On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Rumley, the Board of Trustees approved increasing the staffing of the District Receptionist/Residency Verification Clerk.

Board of Trustees'/
Superintendent's Comments
and Committee Reports

Superintendent Gemma advised that he met with John Bruno and Shamus Murphy of MBR, who had recently talked with the Superintendent of Redwood City Elementary District. MBR would like to contact individual board members to explain its proposal to provide land and school facilities for K-12 education.

President Rumley said she had met with the Mayor of Redwood City and the Board President of Redwood City Elementary District who would like to set up a joint board meeting to discuss the Redwood City 2020 Strategic Plan. The proposed date for this meeting is Monday, August 18, 2008.

Trustee Lewin advised that the Construction Committee had met on the Sequoia High School classroom renovations and implementation of the new biotech and physics lab.

Trustee Stewart suggested that the new lab's biotech program differ from Carlmont's program so they will not be in competition.

Trustee Lewin reported that the architect for the new East Palo Alto High School facility met with the user committee (including Stanford Schools), and its proposed "wish" list totals more than the \$15 million that has been budgeted. Staff has requested the committee to prioritize the list.

Trustee Martinez said that she had met concerning Safe Routes to School. Also, Dr. Martinez suggested that an opportunity should be planned to follow up with the principals and vice principals next year concerning the summer institute and the ALS (Action Learning Systems) study.

Adjournment at
7:25 p.m

On a motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lorraine Rumley, President

Gordon Lewin, Clerk