

Approval of Expulsions

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopts the hearing panels' findings: (1) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 and the Fall 2008-09 semesters and that the expulsion be suspended with seven stipulations. The hearing panels' findings include the to expel: (2) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 and the Fall 2008-09 semesters 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; (3) (name of student to appear in official minutes)) for the Spring 2007-08 semester and establish August 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; (4) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 and the Fall 2008-09 semesters 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; (5) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 and the Fall 2008-09 semesters 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, and (6) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 and the Fall 2008-09 semesters 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.

Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopts the hearing panels' findings and expels: (7) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the Spring 2007-08 and the Fall 2008-09 semesters and establish December 8, 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 Spring 2007-08 and the Fall 2008-09 semesters 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; (9) (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; (10) (name of student to appear in official minutes) for the current 2007-08 school year (ending on or about June 6, 2008) and to suspend the expulsion. The student will be allowed to remain at the school and attend the current SDC program until such time as the student transfers into the Therapeutic Day School program located on the school's campus by decision of the student's IEP team, on the condition that the student does not violate Education Code 48900 through December 19, 2008. If at any time prior to June 6, 2008, the school's principal finds (after providing the student with an opportunity to dispute any allegations at a conference attended by the student's guardian and affording the student and guardian their other due process rights under the Education Code) that the student has committed a

new violation of Education Code 48900, then the suspended expulsion order can be revoked and the student's original expulsion terms can be enforced and the student will not be given an opportunity to have a hearing about the aforementioned allegations before the District's Board of Trustees. In addition, the student agrees to follow the Behavior Plan, consisting of six stipulations, which will apply through December 19, 2008.

Approval of Warrants	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved Warrants No. 0450 through 0500A totaling \$5,716,870.98, for May 2008.
Approval of Annual Stipend Adj. for Board Members	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the annual stipend adjustment for board members.
Approval to Hire Architect for Construction Projects	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved hiring Cody Anderson Wasney Architects to provide site studies for an Adult Extension School in East Palo Alto (\$5,000); for the new campus for East Palo Alto Academy Charter School (\$1,708,083); for the modular classroom building at Menlo-Atherton High School (\$27,275); for the modular classroom building at Woodside High School (\$25,825), and for Phase II of the Sequoia High School Master Plan project (\$876,752).
Acceptance of District's Response to Grand Jury on Community College Courses offered on H S Campuses	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the District's response to the Grand Jury on expanding Community College courses offered on high school campuses.
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 New Textbook	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of the new textbook, <i>Earth Science-California Edition</i> .
Approval of Expungement	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized staff to expunge the records of (name of student to appear in official minutes).
Approval of CAHSEE Waiver	Upon roll call vote on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Examination) waiver.
Special Recognition	Morgan Marchbanks, Principal of Sequoia High School, introduced the school's new Administrative Vice Principal, Ricardo Cooke.
Public Comment	Four speakers living in the Elwood Street neighborhood advised that they have obtained signed petitions expressing concern about the scope and impact of the proposed driveway renovation (Phase I of Sequoia Master Plan) project, and the neighbors requested a meeting to discuss alternatives. Superintendent Gemma announced that a meeting was scheduled next week for the neighbors to meet with the architect.
Correspondence	None

Report on Sale of
Measure J Bonds

Ed LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, advised that the Measure J bonds were sold on May 29, 2008, and the true interest cost was 4.47 percent.

Public Hearing on
Official Budget

At 5:52 p.m. President Rumley opened the Public Hearing to receive comment concerning the adoption of the 2008-09 Official Budget. There were no public comments, and the Public Hearing was closed at 5:53 p.m.

Discussion & Acceptance of
Recommendations from
Marketing Consultants

Consultants from MacKenzie Communications, Inc., led by Janis MacKenzie, reported their findings and recommendations to the Board. Ms. MacKenzie advised that the public needs to receive a clear and consistent message. The Board was advised that most residents do not identify the District with the high schools, and it was suggested that the District hire a communications manager.

Trustee Martinez suggested emphasizing safety and a strong academic environment.

On a motion from Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendations from the marketing consultants, and expressed appreciation for a job well done.

Approval of Job Description
for Marketing Manager

Debra Moore Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, advised that staff had met with MacKenzie Communications, and the job description had been developed in order to promote the value of a Sequoia district education to a diverse community.

Trustee Martinez suggested that under, "KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES," to add the word "*written*" prior to "communication skills."

Superintendent Gemma advised that the Marketing Manager position has been budgeted for fiscal year 2008-09.

On a motion from Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees approved the job description for Marketing Manager.

Adoption of Official
Budget for 2008-09

Edward LaVigne, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2008-09. Mr. LaVigne cautioned that the District needs to start planning for future budget years; it is possible the reserve may fall below the required 3 percent reserve in 2010-11.

Martin Fuentes, Director of Budget and Finance, reported that there have been no major changes made to the 2008-09 Budget, and it is the same budget presented to the Board on June 18, 2008.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Martinez, Dr. Gemma stated that the District will curtail expenditures in 2008-09 and there may need to be budget cuts in 2009-10.

Trustee Stewart suggested evaluating how categorical programs are helping students and suggested perhaps keeping program and shifting staff.

In response to a question posed by Trustee Stewart, Mr. LaVigne advised that restricted categorical funds will stay at the sites and unrestricted categorical funds will be returned to the District.

On a motion from Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees adopted the Official Budget for 2008-09. Student consent – “yes.” Voting “yes,” – Trustees Gibson, Lewin, Martinez, Rumley, and Stewart; voting “no” – none; absent – none.

On behalf of the Board, President Rumley thanked Ed LaVigne for his words of wisdom and for protecting the interests of educating students. Trustee Rumley wished Mr. LaVigne well in his new endeavor.

Superintendent Gemma advised that this was the last meeting of the school year, and he wanted to thank, congratulate and acknowledge the Board and site leadership for all that has been accomplished.

Acceptance of Monthly
Financial Report

On a motion from Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees accepted the Monthly Financial Report for May 2008.

Approval to Hire Construction
Management Firm for Projects
at Carlmont & Woodside High
Schools

In response to a question posed by Trustee Stewart, David Reilly, Principal of Woodside High School, advised that the classrooms for Health Career and Engineering pathways are not new buildings but are three modular buildings transferred from Sequoia to Woodside High School.

On a motion from Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gibson, the Board of Trustees approved hiring AlfaTech Cambridge Group for construction management services for the Health Career and Engineering project at Woodside High School (\$64,000).

Board of Trustees’/
Superintendent’s Comments
& Committee Reports

Donald Gielow, Chief Executive Construction Manager, provided an update on the progress of the modernization project at Sequoia High School; staff is moving ahead with the installation of solar panels at the four swimming pools, and the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center project is on schedule.

Trustee Martinez thanked Francisca Miranda, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services, and Suanna Gilman-Ponce, Director of English Learners, for the information concerning the distribution of Title I funds.

In response to the question posed by Dr. Martinez concerning the loss of funds at the sites, Dr. Gemma advised that staff is investigating the equity of where funds are being spent at the sites, and the District has funded Adolescent Counseling Services at both Menlo-Atherton and Redwood high schools.

Adjournment at
7:58 p.m

On a motion by Trustee Gibson, seconded by Trustee Lewin, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lorraine Rumley, President

Gordon Lewin, Clerk