Approved Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Call to Order	The Special Meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2016, in Birch Conference Room, at Sequoia Union High School District, 480 James Avenue, Redwood City, California.
Recessed to Closed Session	The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m. to conference with Labor Negotiators, Agency Designated Representative: James Lianides; Employee Organizations: Sequoia District Teachers' Association (SDTA), and American Federation of State, Local, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).
Opened Public Session at 5:40 p.m.	President Sarver opened the Public Session of the Special Meeting at 5:40 p.m. in Birch Conference Room at 480 James Avenue, Redwood City, California.

Roll Call

SUHSD Trustees Present:	Staff Present
Abby Hartzell, Student Trustee	Dr. James Lianides, Superintendent
Carrie Du Bois	Bonnie Hansen, Assistant Superintendent
Georgia Jack	Jacqueline McEvoy, Assistant Superintendent
Alan Sarver	Enrique Navas, Assistant Superintendent
Chris Thomsen	Matthew Zito, Chief Facities Officer
Allen Weiner	

Pledge of Allegiance	President Sarver led the Board of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of Agenda	The Board of Trustees approved the Agenda.
Public Comments	SDTA President Edith Salvatore spoke on BUILDs Youth Business Plan Competition

The following people spoke on Part-time Leaves:

Natalie Baldaccini	Emily DeVoe	Manja McMills
Javen Boland	Ellen Jacobson	Edith Salvatore
Laura Davidson	Laura Larkin	Jane Woodman

Discussion Item	The Board of Trustees provided the opportunity for students, parents, and staff representative of each of the district schools to discuss the issues of student academic stress. The conversation covered topics including the academic pressure to take the most rigorous classes, the quality and quantity of homework, better information for entering students and parents, peer pressure, finding balance, the gap between regular and Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and paying for college, The meeting concluded with board members encouraging staff to bring the various messages heard at the meeting back to their sites for continued work involving all stakeholders to further address the issues of student academic stress.
Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to reconvene in Closed Session	The Board of Trustees adjourned its Special Meeting at 8:30 p.m. to reconvene in Closed Session.
Adjourned Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.	The Board of Trustees adjourned Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. No Action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Sarver, President

Chris Thomsen, Clerk