

Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Call to Order	The regular meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Weiner at 3:31 p.m., on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, in the Tea Garden Conference Room at Sequoia High School at 1201 Brewster Avenue, in Redwood City, California.		
Recess to Closed Session	The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 3:32 p.m. to: Consider Student Disciplines/Expulsions, and Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (e) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (two cases)		
Opened Public Session 5:45 p.m.	President Weiner opened the Public Session of the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m. in Birch Conference Room at 480 James Avenue, Redwood City, California.		
Roll Call	<table><tr><td>Present: Carrie Du Bois Laura Martinez Alan Sarver Chris Thomsen Allen Weiner</td><td>Absent Abby Hartzell, Student Trustee</td></tr></table>	Present: Carrie Du Bois Laura Martinez Alan Sarver Chris Thomsen Allen Weiner	Absent Abby Hartzell, Student Trustee
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Pledge of Allegiance	Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Bonnie Hansen, led the Board of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.		
Approval of Agenda	On a motion by Trustee Sarver, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees approved the Agenda.		
Report out on Closed Session	President Weiner reported that in Closed Session to Board of Trustees unanimously approved, by a vote of five in favor, Trustees Du Bois, Martinez, Sarver, Thomsen, and Weiner, with zero against, the expulsion of two students, numbers 2015-16-01, and 2015-16-02 (names to appear in the official minutes)—to expel for the spring 2014-2015 semester and the fall 2015-16 semester.		
Invitation to the Audience	President Weiner welcomed the audience and explained that the Consent Calendar consisted of routine or previously discussed items to be considered as a unit and voted upon by roll call vote. He explained the Public Comment section of the agenda was for permitting members of the audience to make presentations about items not on the agenda.		
Approval of Amended Consent Calendar	Trustee Sarver recommended removing from the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item 8o. Approval of MOU with Ravenswood City Elementary District for Induction Partnership Program. On a motion by Trustee Thomsen, seconded by Trustee Sarver the Board of Trustees approved the amended Consent Calendar. Voting “yes,”—Trustees Du Bois, Martinez, Sarver, Thomsen, and Weiner; voting “no”—none, and absent—Student Trustee Hartzell.		
Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees accepted the report presented.		
Approval of Minutes for 6/24 and 7/22/15, Board Meetings`	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the June 24, and July 22, 2015, Board meetings.		
Approval of Personnel Recommendations	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Personnel Recommendations as indicated.		
Approval of Readmissions	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Readmission Committee’s recommendation to accept nine previously expelled students back into the district (names to appear in official minutes).		
Approval of MOU with San Mateo Community College District for Cañada Middle College HS Prog.	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding with San Mateo Community College District to participate in the Cañada Middle College High School Program.		

Authorization to Declare Surplus Property	On a motion 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 these surplus items in accordance with Education Code provisions.
Approval of Warrants	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the Warrants for June 2015, totaling \$7,678,850.20.
Adoption of Amended Res. No. 1554, Designating Indivi. Authori. to Sign Orders for SUHSD	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees adopted amended Resolution No. 1554, Designating Individuals Authorized to Sign Orders for Sequoia Union High School District.
Auth. to File Notices of Completion	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to file Notices of Completion for Alten Construction, B.T. Mancini, Inc., R.E. Cuddie Company, and Rodan Builders.
Approval of Contract with Cornerstone Earth Group for M-A Phase I (G-Wing) Incre. I/II	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the proposal and contract for geotechnical observation and testing with Cornerstone Earth Group for Menlo-Atherton High School Phase One, G-Wing, Increments I and II, in an amount not to exceed \$79,000.
Approval of Contract with Olaremi Sobomehin for Restorative Justice Services	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the contract with Olaremi Sobomehin for restorative justice circle facilitator and mediation services at East Palo Alto Academy.
Approval of Contract w/Yellow Cab for Transport Services	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the contract with Yellow Cab for transport services.
Approval of Contract with Peninsula Family Service	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the agreement with Peninsula Family Service for child development services at Redwood High School for the 2015-16 school year.
Approval of Job Description for Assistive Technology/Alt. Communication Specialist	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the job description for the Assistive Technology/Augmentative and Alternative Communication Specialist.
Approval of Pilot Program for Math 180 at Sequoia High School	On a motion on the Consent Calendar, the Board of Trustees approved the curriculum purchase of the pilot program for Math 180 at Sequoia High School.
Special Recognitions	None
Public Comment	Community member and retired SUHSD administrator and teacher Patricia Cocconi stated that she was advocating for Morgan Marchbanks and also speaking for others who were reluctant to come forward. Mrs. Cocconi said she did not know the circumstances under which Ms. Marchbanks resigned but it may have been for going out on a limb by herself, perhaps for a student. She noted that the Board always had the option to revisit its decision.
Correspondence	None
Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully-Qualified Educators	Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Student Services Jacqueline McEvoy reported that this Declaration of Need for Fully-qualified Educators is done annually. She said all of our teachers have credentials but there are times when the district is unsuccessful in recruiting teachers in some limited areas. This declaration is also required in order to ensure all teachers are Cross-cultural Linguistic Academic Development (CLAD) certified. Our goal is always to have 100 percent highly-qualified teachers. Trustee Thomsen said it would be useful for the Board to be in conversation with the Superintendent about long-term hiring prospects in regard to recruiting highly-qualified teachers. President Weiner noted that constructing faculty housing should also be discussed. On a motion by Trustee Sarver, seconded by Trustee Du Bois, the Board of Trustees adopted the Declaration of Need for Fully-Qualified Educators as presented.

Adoption of Res. No. 1555,
Revising Facilities Master Plan
for Menlo-Atherton HS

Chief Facilities Officer Matthew Zito reported that Resolution No. 1555 removes the unfunded future D and E building project from the M-A Facilities Master Plan. The building would have been situated closest to the western side of the property in the back. Mr. Zito noted that this building will also be removed from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analysis.

Trustee Sarver said the Board discussed this situation at its last meeting, and there has been addition design work and engagement with the community toward moving the building to a separate effort at a later time. This is the right step in meeting the needs of the student body and sending the neighbors living adjacent to the property a message of good faith.

On a motion by Trustee Du Bois seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 1555, Revising the Facilities Master Plan for M-A, and removing Buildings D and E from the Menlo-Atherton Facilities Master Plan. Voting “yes,”—Trustees Du Bois, Martinez, Sarver, Thomsen, and Weiner; voting “no”—none, and absent—Student Trustee Hartzell.

Approval of MOU with
Ravenswood City District for
Induction Partnership Program

Trustee Sarver stated that he enthusiastically supports this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). It is a momentous piece of work, representing another step in moving toward a partnership with Ravenswood City Elementary District.

Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Bonnie Hansen thanked the Superintendent for making this work possible. She reported that Director of Professional Development and Curriculum Kristin Stout is working with Ravenswood district for its teachers to join the SUHSD Teacher Induction Program (TIPS). There will also be a joint staff development program with Redwood City Elementary District in October. Mrs. Hansen reported that a grant has been written to fund a District Project Manager. We are also working with Notre Dame de Namur University to enable district classified employees to take teacher credentialing classes while working at the district.

President Weiner asked about the number of teachers from Ravenswood participating in TIPS. He noted this was another step toward moving to a virtual K-12 program.

On a motion by Trustee Sarver, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Ravenswood City School District for the Induction Partnership Program.

Board of Trustees’/Supt’s.
Comments & Committee Reports

Superintendent Lianides advised that Convocation begins tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Sequoia High School; the program begins in Carrington Hall at 8:45 a.m. The program will include Common Core accomplishments, renderings of construction projects, and an 18 minute video, setting the tone for the Professional Development Day on Friday. Staff is carefully monitoring enrollment, and the projections seem to be on mark heading into the new school year.

President Weiner suggested that there be future board agenda items in regard to Read 180 data, and California School Board Association (CSBA) statistics on future hiring.

Trustee Sarver requested statistical impact data on the student readmission process from expulsion; the percentage of students who actually come back from expulsion and the percentage of students who return to Redwood and/or to a comprehensive high school campus. He would also like to see follow-through comparisons.

Trustee Du Bois suggested a report on summer school that includes information on the subjects offered. She requested truancy data, information on attendance, and measurements of success for Aspiration Advocate students. In addition, she wanted to see data on philanthropic dollars, and data on Health Care District funding and expenditures. Trustee Du Bois requested an agenda item concerning Foster Youth.

Trustee Thomsen suggested that the Strategic Implementation Plan stress equity; there be a joint meeting with the Ravenswood City Elementary District Board of Trustees; a homework policy on stress and Advanced Placement, and hybrid instruction technology for Read 180. He also suggested that the Board select no more than five priority items, and then prioritize the items; which will simplify the work of staff.

Trustee Martinez said she encouraged parent and family engagement and agreed with the other suggestions.

Moment of Silence in Memory
Board Member Emeritus
Helen Hausman

President Weiner announced that Helen Hausman had passed away on August 3, 2015. She had been member of the SUHSD Board of Trustees for 13 years (from 1976 to 1989).

There was a moment of silence in honor of SUHSD Board Member Emeritus Helen Hausman.

Board Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Thomsen, seconded by Trustee Sarver, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Weiner, President

Alan Sarver, Clerk