

Approved Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Call to Order	The Special Meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Weiner at 5:39 p.m., on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in Birch Conference Room, at Sequoia Union High School District, 480 James Avenue, Redwood City, California.	
Roll Call	Trustees Present: Carrie Du Bois Olivia Martinez Alan Sarver Chris Thomsen Allen Weiner	Trustees Absent: Amanda Breslauer, Student Trustee
	Others Present: James Lianides, Superintendent Bonnie Hansen, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Enrique Navas, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services David Reilly, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Student Services	
Pledge of Allegiance	President Weiner led the Board of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Public Comment	None	
Correspondence	Letters, dated February 10, 2015, and February 11, 2015, respectively, were received and read by Superintendent Lianides from Danice Pons and Jim Loucks, Carlmont Booster Club; Libby Tinsley, M-A Booster Club; Sabrina Carroll and Judy Sloan, Sequoia High School Booster Club.	
Board Study Session on SUHSD Budget 2015-16	<p>Assistant Superintendent Enrique Navas presented the 2014-15 budget in a programmatic format that clearly identifies the amount of funding and expenditures across all programs and services of the district.</p> <p>Libby Tinsley, representing Menlo-Atherton High School Boosters' Club, introduced booster parents from other high schools advocating for increased funding for athletic programs across the district. Enrollment growth necessitates more sports teams especially for freshmen athletes.</p> <p>Trustee Martinez stated that when the district held community meetings regarding growth and boundary changes, providing the additional sports teams was a high priority for parents.</p> <p>Trustee Du Bois asked a number of clarifying questions on the budget. Board members discussed the Adult Education budget and program in light of changes at the state level.</p> <p>The Board then discussed how the safety net for students should be defined and what percentage of the overall budget it should be.</p>	

Trustee Weiner asked staff questions about the CTE sections at schools that were formally funded through the San Mateo County Regional Occupational Program (ROP).

The Board discussed next steps. It was agreed that staff would bring back suggestions on how to best categorize major priority areas in the budget to the February 18 meeting.

Discussion of Process
To Select Interim
Board Member

The Board discussed and finalized the application form for the vacant Board member position and agreed that the oral questions asked at the interviews to be conducted on March 11 be kept private from the candidates until the interviews begin. Board members may send potential interview questions to the Superintendent, and they will be finalized by a Board Sub-committee consisting of Trustees Sarver and Thomsen.

The Board then directed staff to post the application on the district's website and place the announcement in a local newspaper.

Recessed to
Closed Session

The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session to conference with real property negotiators; Agency Negotiator: James Lianides; terms and conditions: APN 049-161-020; and to discuss a Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release—Government Code Section 54957.

Adjournment at
9:15 p.m.

No action was taken, and the Board of Trustees adjourned Closed Session at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Weiner, President

Alan Sarver, Clerk