

Approved Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sequoia Union High School District
Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Call to Order	The special meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Weiner at 2:35 p.m., Wednesday, September 10, 2014, in Room 6, at Redwood High School, 1968 Old County Road, Redwood City, California.	
Recess to Closed Session	The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session in Room 12b at Redwood High School, at 2:38 p.m. to consider: Superintendent's Evaluation—Government Code Section 54957	
Opened Public Session at 3:35 p.m.	The Board of Trustees returned to Public Session at 3:35 p.m., at Redwood High School, Room 6, at 1968 Old County Road, Redwood City, California.	
Roll Call	Trustees Present:	Absent:
	Carrie Du Bois	Amanda Breslauer, Student Trustee
	Olivia Martinez	Enrique Navas, Assistant Superintendent
	Alan Sarver	
	Chris Thomsen	
	Allen Weiner	
Pledge of Allegiance	Redwood High School Principal Miguel Rodriguez led the Board of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Public Comment	None	
Discussion Item:	Redwood High School	
	The members of the Redwood Task Force were introduced.	
	Superintendent Lianides advised that the Study Session would include reviewing data, presentations on Redwood High School, and a discussion about the program.	
	Brandon Lee, Director of Research and Evaluation, presented student data.	
	Donald Milhaupt, Director of Student Services, presented information relative to Redwood High School's Intake Process.	
	President Weiner requested a comparison of the overall number of SUHSD student percentile scores relative to Redwood High School students.	
	Superintendent Lianides noted that many Redwood students had opted not to attend Compass, and many of the Redwood students tested proficient at the basic level or above.	
	In response to a question posed by Trustee Sarver, it was confirmed that most fifth-year seniors had acquired their units while attending Redwood.	
	Trustee Du Bois requested information in regard to student suspension histories prior to arriving at Redwood High School.	
	Principal Rodriguez presented an overview of San Mateo Union High School District's (SMUHSD) Peninsula Alternative School model. Trustee Du Bois described SMUHSD's childcare program.	
	Student speakers shared their Redwood experiences. In response to a question posed by President Weiner, the students said they were doing better because classes were smaller and teachers had more time to help them. The students also said they had matured, improved their attendance record, and liked the small school environment.	
	Principal Miguel Rodriguez presented an overview of Redwood High School.	
	Trustee Du Bois asked for data concerning how many Redwood students had jobs.	
	Members of the Redwood staff expressed appreciation for the variable credit system; which supported students most of whom had tumultuous lives and attendance issues.	

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President Weiner requested districtwide data on working students, in order to determine if more students have jobs while attending Redwood.

Adjournment at
5:26 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Sarver, seconded by Trustee Thomsen, the Board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Allen Weiner, President

Alan Sarver, Clerk