

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Education
February 3, 2007**

<p>The special meeting of the Board of Education began with a tour of Nicolaysen Community Day School. The public portion of the meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by President Linda Woods with all members present.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>The following persons were present: Linda Woods, President Zoe Carpenter, Vice President Marv Gilbert, Clerk Joan Gardner, Member Royce Moore, Member Jennifer Walters, Superintendent Cabinet members Pat Bavender, EEEA president</p>	<p>Present</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Haney, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.</p>	<p>Pledge</p>
<p>President Woods asked if any person wished to speak to the board on any topic on the agenda or another topic within the board's jurisdiction. No one asked to speak.</p>	<p>Oral Communica- tions</p>
<p>Superintendent Walters asked the board members to share with the cabinet those things they are the most proud of at the conclusion of the 2005-06 focus goals.</p>	<p>Evaluation of District Following Completion of 2005-06 Goals</p>
<p>Royce Moore said he is very pleased with the progress of Central, Glen View, and Mission Middle in academic achievement; the purchase of a new education center; implementation of a community day school to address the needs of troubled students within the district; the selection of Jennifer Walters as superintendent; the success of the McKinney-Vento's <i>Project Success</i> serving homeless students; and the outstanding startup of the Escondido Educational Foundation.</p>	
<p>Marv Gilbert said he is most impressed with the improvement of the overall academic achievement; the early success of the restructuring plan at Mission Middle; the work being done at the Community Day School; the financial stability; the professionalism of our staff working as a cohesive and collaborative team; the successful working relationship among the members of the Board of Education.</p>	
<p>Linda Woods said she is most proud of how strong the new cabinet is, how well the board functions as a team and interacting with administration, increased academic achievement, Mission Middle School restructuring; the consistency resulting from permanent members on the administrative hearing panel; the working relationship and trust between the district and its employee associations; and the administrative support board members get from the superintendent's office.</p>	

Joan Gardner said she is proud of serving on a board that has done such a good job selecting Mike Caston and then Jennifer Walters as district superintendents; the unified strong focus on academic achievement; teamwork among staff and the board; and how well the district is moving forward.

Zoe Carpenter is proud that our teaching staff at every school is teaching the same curriculum, with increased test scores reflecting this consistency; having a strong, talented cabinet and cadre of administrators; and a well-functioning board.

Jennifer Walters said a major focus for her is teamwork and equity districtwide. She reviewed board protocols that have been in place for a few years and complimented the board on how well they function as a team within those protocols.

Jennifer said it is planned to share the proposed focus goals with different district groups and/or committees for input. Targeted stakeholders include principals, Curriculum Advisory Council members, and Superintendent's Planning Council members.

At the conclusion of this process, the board will be asked to adopt the goals. Once adopted, the goals will drive the development of the 2007-08 budget.

Jennifer asked the board members to share any ideas they have for items to be considered as new focus goals.

The following are suggestions brought forward by board members:

- Consistent discipline districtwide; increased campus security
- Increasing revenues by raising attendance
- Revisiting/re-evaluating budget cuts that may need to be returned, e.g., assistant principals, library services at school sites, technology progress, etc.
- Increased opportunities to feel more connected to their school through more diversification in students' interests
- Transition to the new education center
- Ongoing support for Community Day School
- Technology support
- Focus on early childhood education with expanded preschool opportunities through an aggressive approach to receive available grant funding, including opportunities that support private daycare/preschool facilities
- Technology growth (paperless agenda)
- Feasibility of relocating maintenance and operations facilities, including warehouse, to the new education center site

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Royce Moore, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 11:57 a.m.

Adjournment

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct copy of the actions of the Board of Education at a regular meeting, as recorded in these minutes.

Jennifer Walters, Superintendent

Marv Gilbert, Clerk

