

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education
February 7, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the board room by President Carpenter with all members present. The meeting was recessed immediately to closed session.	Call to Order; Recess to Closed Session
The following persons were present: Zoe Carpenter, President Marv Gilbert, Vice President Joan Gardner, Clerk Royce Moore, Member Linda Woods, Member Jennifer Walters, Superintendent Staff representatives Others as registered	Present
The regular meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened to open session by President Carpenter at 7:00 p.m.	Reconvene to Op Session
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daisy Gonzalez Olea, a Pioneer School student.	Pledge
It was moved by Linda Woods, seconded by Royce Moore, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda.	Approval of Agenda
It was moved by Linda Woods, seconded by Royce Moore, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 17, 2008, with one correction.	Approval of Minutes
Marcia Karadashian, principal of Pioneer School, described the grade-level coordination among her staff to work with the district's focus on reading comprehension. She read the teachers' comments about the outstanding qualities of their champions. Students recognized were: Alma Anguiano, Jose Luviano, Daisy Lopez, and Daisy Gonzalez Olea.	Student Champio
Jon Centofranchi, principal of Rincon Middle School, introduced his staff and students' families. He turned over to ASB president Simone Call the task of reading the written comments of the teachers praising the outstanding qualities of Rincon's champions. Students recognized were: Nathaniel Landaverde, Michelle Mixay, and Jelisa Navarette.	
President Carpenter asked if there was anyone wishing to speak to an item on the agenda or on another topic that lies within the board's jurisdiction.	Oral Communica- tions

The following teachers asked the board to increase the district's salary offer from two percent and reward the hard work of the teachers: Rosalie Rota, Bruce Johnson, Gary Zarnow, and Pat Bavender.

President Carpenter opened a public hearing to determine the level of support for the five-year charter renewal for the Heritage K-8 Charter School pursuant to Education Code 47605. No one asked to speak, and the hearing was closed.

Public Hearing

President Carpenter reported all written communications have been shared with board members.

Written Communications

President Carpenter reported that no action was taken in closed session.

Closed Session

Jim MacDonald, Director for Heritage K-8 Charter School, introduced Kathy Low, District Coordinator, and Sheila Randle, Business Manager, both from Escondido Charter School District. Also present from Heritage was Christian Henry.

Heritage K-8 Charter Renewal

Royce Moore stated that the charter school falls far short of reflecting the percentage of English learners and Latino students that attend other EUSD schools. He asked what has been done to advertise to the community to draw in students. Mr. McDonald said most of the communication about Heritage is word of mouth. Dr. Moore asked if they had plans to do a more extensive outreach to the lower socio-economic and English-learner demographic. He asked why their curriculum doesn't have language support for English learners. It was explained that Heritage has only one Latino student and he speaks English; therefore, currently there is no need to provide English-learner classes.

Dr. Moore said that if the enrollment of Heritage continues the same way, it will become a segregated school, and he isn't comfortable with that.

Marv Gilbert said he agreed with Dr. Moore and asked that the Heritage administration step up their efforts to advertise and attract low socio-economic and/or English-learner students.

Linda Woods agreed with these observations and suggestions and said she looks forward to hearing from Heritage about what their efforts have been to increase community outreach. She asked how many special education students they serve, and the answer is 34.

Dr. Moore asked for an update at the end of one year so the board can learn if Heritage's demographics more closely align with EUSD.

It was moved by Joan Gardner, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to approve the proposed charter renewal request, two amended charter items, and an extended memorandum of understanding for special education services for the Heritage K-8 Charter School for a five-year period ending June 30, 2013.

The board reviewed AR 5141.4, Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

AR 5141.4

Linda Woods reported she went to the following: DAC, the education center's open house and dedication ceremony, Escondido Education Foundation (EEF) mini-grant ceremony and breakfast meeting where Ron Guiles was thanked for his service as the foundation's chair. She also attended the Del Dios science fair, a music articulation meeting with elementary and high school district representatives, and a joint meeting with representatives from Palomar-Pomerado Health Systems. They are going to pilot a program to reduce childhood obesity at Felicita and Lincoln Schools. She thanked Paula Pendell for the Valentine's Day treat.

Members' Report

Royce Moore reported he attended the following: the education center open house and dedication ceremony for the community, the teacher mini-grant ceremony, DELAC, Del Dios science fair, the Escondido Education Foundation breakfast meeting; and, he congratulated Jon Centofranchi for running in a 9-mile jog-a-thon last weekend in Mission Hills.

Joan Gardner attended the education center's community open house, the teacher mini-grant ceremony, the Escondido Education Foundation breakfast where Ron Guiles was honored, and the Superintendent's Planning Council.

Marv Gilbert commented that he appreciates hearing principals when they participate in board meetings tell how their school staff is focusing on reading comprehension. He believes the districtwide focus on comprehension will pay dividends and improve academic achievement. He attended the education center's community open house and dedication ceremony. He attended the Del Dios science fair and dropped by the Escondido Education Foundation breakfast to thank Ron Guiles. He went to CSUSM to hear President Haynes' annual address. He was surprised to hear that this year is the university's 20th anniversary, and pleased to hear that the majority of their student body is made up of residents of North County.

President Carpenter reported she also attended the following: community open house and dedication ceremony, EEF breakfast, science Olympiad at Rancho Bernardo HS to watch Bear Valley students who participated and won in a few categories, and the Superintendent's Planning Council.

President's Report

Superintendent Walters thanked those teachers who stayed for the meeting and told them that the board and administration do listen and appreciate their input. A Budget Communications Committee is being formed and details will be forthcoming.

Supt's. Report

Jose Fragozo addressed the board asking why the Bear Valley ASB is going to training in San Jose and other district middle schools are not participating. He also said that he feels that we are not supporting more parent and teacher attendance to the CABE conference. Since we have such a large English-learner population, this should be a priority despite budget constraints.

Oral Communications

It was moved by Royce Moore, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to take the following action:

Consent Items

Approve Certificated Personnel Order 2007-08-10.

Human Resources

Delegate to the superintendent or designee the responsibility for the selection of non-reelect temporary employees, on a case-by-case basis, for the 2008-09 school year, pursuant to Education Code 44954.

Approve Classified Personnel Order 2007-08-10.

Approve public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Mad Science of San Diego for one, six-week voluntary, after-school enrichment program and ten voluntary, after-school workshops for GATE students at Lincoln School at a cost of \$2,546.

Educational Services

Approve independent contractor agreement with Mojalet Dance Collective for a series of movement classes for all second-grade students at L. R. Green School; cost of \$2,700 to be paid by the L. R. Green Educational Foundation.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Harlynn Geisler for an all-student assembly at North Broadway School at a cost of \$445.

Approve out-of-county field trip for Del Dios ASB students to attend the Career and Self-Development Days at Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, California.

Approve out-of-county field trip for Rincon Middle School eighth-grade students to visit the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, California.

Approve out-of-county field trip to Colonial Chesterfield at Riley's Farm in Oak Glen, California, for fifth-grade L. R. Green students.

Approve overnight field trip to Star of India-Gold Diggers in San Diego for fourth-grade L. R. Green students.

Approve out-of-county attendance for Bear Valley Middle School ASB students, teacher, Denise Van Doorn, and one adult/teacher to the 14th Annual CASL State Conference in San Jose, March 28-30, 2008.

Approve out-of-county trip to KDIS Radio/Buena Vista Studios in Anaheim, California, for Bear Valley's Video Production Class students.

Approve reinstatement in the following expulsion Student Case 2006-07-15.

Special Education PPS

Approve memorandum of agreement with the San Diego County Office of Education to provide tutoring services for students residing in Licensed

Children's Institutions (LCI) and enrolled in the Foster Youth Services (FYS) Program, to be funded by the Supplemental Education Services provision of Title IA Neglected Funds.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego so that students and families can be referred to Project Outreach Juvenile Diversion program for further interventions at no cost to the district or families.

Approve D K Barnett Construction, Inc. Change Order No. 3 related to the Aldergrove tenant improvement project.

Business Services

Approve retention reduction for D K Barnett Construction, Inc. related to the Aldergrove tenant improvement project.

Approve filing a Notice of Completion for D K Barnett Construction, Inc. for the completion of the Aldergrove tenant improvement project; authorize the superintendent or designee to execute and/or sign necessary documents.

Approve filing a Notice of Completion for Harbor Bay, Inc. for the Orange Glen and Reidy Creek Schools' marquee projects; authorize the superintendent or designee to execute and/or sign necessary documents.

Approve addendum to agreement with Kleinfelder, Inc., for additional DSA inspection services related specifically to the Mission Middle School kitchen remodel project.

Ratify contract with Modtech, Inc. for the purchase of relocatable classroom buildings for Farr Avenue, Pioneer, and Reidy Creek Schools; authorize the superintendent or designee to execute and/or sign necessary documents.

Approve district participation in the next County Cooperative Auction and/or use e-Surplus Auction web site to dispose of surplus property; further approve the disposal of any surplus property that the district is unable to sell.

Accept with thanks donations to Escondido Union School District pursuant to Education Code 41303 for the period of 1/1/08 through 1/25/08 in the amount of \$26,011.70.

Fiscal Services

Approve the agreement outlining the terms and conditions under which Pinnacle Arbitrage Compliance will provide arbitrage rebate calculations for the district for 2007-08; further approve the fee schedule for specific calculations needed for 2007-08.

Approve Nutrition Services financial report for September and October 2007.

Approve commercial warrant register for the month of November 2007 in the amount of \$2,376,503.02.

Approve commercial warrant register for the month of December 2007 in the amount of \$1,647,861.46.

Approve purchase orders for the period of 12/16/07 through 1/19/08 in the amount of \$1,556,239.28.

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Royce Moore, and passed 4-1 (Woods opposed) to approve expenditures relative to the annual Employee Recognition program, May 12, 2008, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, not to exceed \$5,000.

Cost of Employee Recognition Program

It was moved by Royce Moore, seconded by Linda Woods, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 8:26 p.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.

Certification

Jennifer Walters, Superintendent/Secretary

Joan Gardner, Clerk

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