

**ESCONDIDO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 10, 2011**

<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the board room by President Woods with all members present. The meeting was recessed immediately to closed session.</p>	<p>Call to Order; Recess to Closed Session</p>
<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened to open session by President Woods at 7:08 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconvene to Open Session</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Majidah Qaddourah (Orange Glen student).</p>	<p>Pledge</p>
<p>The following persons were present: Linda Woods, President Zoe Carpenter, Vice President Marv Gilbert, Clerk Joan Gardner, Member Marty Hranek, Member Jennifer Walters, Superintendent Staff and press representatives Others as registered</p>	<p>Present</p>
<p>It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda with the following changes: (1) Item 16.5, change clerk name on resolution; and (2) Item 16.8, Vector Resources, Inc, (Network and Wireless Equipment), pull for a separate two-part motion.</p>	<p>Approval of Agenda</p>
<p>It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 24, 2011.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p>
<p>Rick Ausby, Orange Glen School principal, introduced Orange Glen student champions and read what teachers wrote about their students. Students recognized were: Govanni Bedolla, Majidah Qaddourah, Arielle Daley, and Johnathon Simonis.</p>	<p>School Champions</p>
<p>Mark Garner, Bear Valley Middle School principal, introduced Bear Valley student champions and read what teachers wrote about their students. Students recognized were: Adriana Camacho, Jocelyn Molina, Collin Sullivan, and Christian Winter.</p>	
<p>Both Mr. Ausby and Mr. Garner shared areas of focus at their individual sites and gave examples exemplifying the areas.</p>	
<p>President Woods 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.</p>	<p>Oral Communications</p>
<p>Jose Fragozo inquired about the joint school boards meeting scheduled on March 23. Superintendent Walters advised audience that the joint school boards meeting to review</p>	

the unification study is scheduled for April 13, 2011.

Chris Harris, a Mission Middle School teacher, advised the board that she worked on the master schedule for next year and it appears that Special Education students will travel together all day with the same students and urged the board to look at this. She said students get a much broader experience when they mingle with different types of students.

Armondo Telles extended an invitation to the board for “Saturdays in the Park” at Grape Day Park, on Saturdays, March 13 through May 28 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Purpose of program is to rehabilitate the image of Grape Day Park. There will be themed events geared toward elementary school-aged children.

President Woods reported all written correspondence had been shared.

Written
Communications

President Woods reported the following action was taken in closed session:(1) modify expulsion case 10-11-16 to provide for placement in juvenile court school system; and (2) in expulsion case 10-11-18, number 12, panel’s recommendation for reinstatement to include parent participation in parent education classes.

Closed Session

Kelly Prins, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education/PS introduced Dr. S. Lee Funk from School Innovations and Advocacy (SIA). He reviewed the Congressional Intentions for Special Education and then presented key findings from the study on Special Education program review that SIA completed.

Special Education
Review

Dr. Funk said that EUSD has an outstanding program. Commendations included:

- EUSD had exceeded LRE benchmarks in all three measures
- Low ethnic disparity measures
- Piloting RtI at three sites
- Efficient operations of regional programs
- Very low number of 1:1 instructional assistants
- Eligibility percentages in 5/6 are lower than county/state averages
- Blended instructional models at six sites
- Five program specialists engaged in schools
- Focus on problem resolution: district to site
- “Push-in” model for occupational therapy
- Low caseloads for adapted PE
- Impressively low level of non-public school placements
- All psychologists trained as Behavior Intervention Case Managers

Key findings and recommendations included:

- SST (Student Study Team) – use process consistently for all potential referrals
- SLIs (Speech Language Impairment) – review manual, train staff on procedures, monitor
- Class Loads – consider reducing an IBI (Intensive Behavior Intervention) class
- Case Loads – consider reducing 5 teachers and 5 instructional assistants
- IAs (instructional assistants) – cap hours at 3.5

- School psychologists – increase by 3.76 FTE
- Transportation – revise Board Policy/Administrative Regulation, train staff in guidelines, monitor
- AYP – include CMA and target marginally proficient students with disabilities

In summary commendations are significant and numerous.

Linda Woods inquired about free and appropriate guidelines for transportation. Dr. Funk stated that transportation must be provided when essential to student's needs, not just as a convenience to parents. IEP teams need to be cognizant of the fact that transportation may not be a required part of the education plan.

Kelly Prins indicated she would not be bringing a recommendation to cap IAs at 3.5 hours; it may have short term savings, but long term it could be very costly. Kelly advised the board that this report was based on information up to June 30, 2010. She reported that since that time the district did reduce an IBI teacher this year, as well as a Bear Valley teacher, and will be reducing a teacher and IA for next year. Ms. Prins reported that two psychologists will be hired through the Medi-Cal collaborative.

Marv Gilbert said this report indicates that Special Education is doing a great job. He expressed his appreciation for the job staff is doing.

Janet Laird, speech and language pathologist, addressed concerns about reductions of speech instructional assistants. She is aware that students are over identified and they have been working on that, however, it will take some time to correct the problem. She told the board that speech therapists have a very high caseload and to accurately serve their caseload they rely on their IAs for help.

Kelly Prins reported that this study will be posted on the EUSD website and that the report will be discussed at the next job-alike meetings with Special Education staff and direction will be planned.

Romero Maratea spoke to the board indicating that this study could have huge implications. He wanted to know if there would be an opportunity where teachers can come and share their stories.

Carol Rouse, Director of Fiscal Services reviewed the third revision of the 2010-11 adopted budget. Major changes since first interim report include new revenues from unrestricted mandate reimbursements of \$737,974, including \$546,730 of a one-time payment, and the final 10 percent estimate for Federal SFSF of \$782,734 which should arrive in the late spring. She reported that multi-year projections in the report were based upon the March 3, 2011 proposal.

Revised Adopted
Budget 2010-11

Mrs. Rouse reported that state revenue collections are up modestly, and there is a small, but positive job creation. However, California's unemployment rate remains one of highest in the nation.

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve

the third revision of the district's 2010-11 Adopted Budget.

Carol Rouse reviewed the 2010-11 Second Interim Report.

Second Interim
Report 2010-11

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to approve the 2010-11 Second Interim Report and authorize the president of the Board of Education to sign the certification.

Marty Hranek reported a busy week with three board meetings.

Member's Report

Joan Gardner passed on giving a report.

Marv Gilbert thanked staff for getting budget information to the board in such a timely manner. He reported attending the Assistance League Advisory Board meeting.

Zoe Carpenter reported a schedule change in the March 11 meeting with Assembly Member Martin Garrick which was moved to March 18.

Linda Woods reported attending the Insurance Committee meeting in which FBC discussed a change in dental insurance; members heard a presentation by Dr. Rott from Kaiser on current district medical trends; they received information on an upcoming seminar from VEBA on new offerings to retirees. She attended the last regional focus goal meeting at Bear Valley, the Budget Communications Committee meeting, and the Assistance League Advisory Board meeting. President Woods thanked participants of the collaborative letter writing event in support of placing the tax extension on the ballot. President Woods attending the L. R. Green celebration of reading and saw Mrs. Freeman eat a worm, and she enjoyed reading at Juniper for Read Across America.

President's Report

Superintendent Walters reported attending the statewide California Charter School Association conference in support of Cameron Curry, CEO of Classical Academy, who was awarded "Leader of the Year" for charter schools throughout California. Mayor Antonia Villaraigosa from Los Angeles spoke about two Los Angeles Charter Schools with API scores above 850 serving a population of students with high needs and doing very well.

Supt's. Report

Jose Fragozo addressed item 16.4, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. He questioned why the board would authorize exceptions on teacher credentialing when the district is 60 percent Latino. Bob Leon explained that this is a provision for out-of-state teachers coming into California with a great background in special education, but who won't have CLAD at the time of hire in EUSD. Mr. Leon indicated that this declaration is put in as a place holder should the need arise.

Oral
Communications

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

Consent Items

Approve Certificated Personnel Order 2010-11-12.

Human Resources

Approve Classified Personnel Order 2010-11-12.

Approve Public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Adopt the “Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators” for school year 2011-12; authorize the superintendent or her designee to sign the necessary paperwork.

Adopt resolution number 2010-11-20 authorizing certain certificated personnel to teach out of their credential area.

Approve out-of-county field trip for Bear Valley advanced band and chorus students to perform at the Forum Music Festival in La Mirada and then proceed to Knott’s Berry Farm in Buena Park for an afternoon of fun. The total cost of admission, \$3,850, will be paid with music booster and parent donations; the \$977 cost of the bus transportation will be paid with Lottery music funds.

Educational Services

Approve out-of-county field trip for Rincon Middle School band students to visit and perform at Knott’s Berry Farm in Buena Park, CA, at no cost to the district.

Approve independent contractor agreement with *Imperial Knights* for a student assembly in conjunction with the Mission Middle School Renaissance Faire, at no cost to the district, pending proof of insurance.

Approve independent contractor agreement with *Laura Lipton* for a one-day training of Felicita teachers at a cost of \$4,000, paid with School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds.

Approve independent contractor agreement with *San Diego Heritage Tours* to provide six “trunk tour” presentations to all North Broadway School third-grade students, at a cost of \$750.

Approve the Administrative Review Panel’s recommendation for expulsion in Student Cases 2010-11-16 and 2010-11-18.

Special Education/
Pupil Services

Appoint Armando Telles to the Proposition K Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee to serve for a two-year term.

Business Services

Ratify agreement for legal services with the law firm of *Lozano Smith*; authorize the superintendent or her designee to execute/sign the necessary documents.

Approve agreement with *Dolinka Group, LLC* to provide redevelopment consulting services; authorize superintendent or designee to execute necessary documents.

Award a contract in the amount of \$141,473 to *MW Construction* for upgrades to the district server room.

Approve district participation in the next County Cooperative Auction and/or use

of the Public Surplus Auction website to dispose of surplus property; further approve the disposal of any surplus property that the district is unable to sell.

Accept with thanks the following donations to Escondido Union School District pursuant to Education Code 41032(a) for the period of 2/14/11 through 2/25/11 in the amount of cash value \$12,029.69.

Fiscal Services

Approve purchase orders for the period 2/6/11 through 2/19/11 in the amount of \$187,585.61

Approve Nutrition Services financial reports for January 2011.

Regarding Vector Resources, Inc. contract award (Item 16.8) President Woods stated "As authorized by Public Contract code 20118.2, the district may contract with an entity for the procurement of technology-related equipment and services through a competitive negotiation process including the use of a Request of Proposals. In order to award a vendor other than the lowest bidder, the following two actions are needed:"

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

1. Adopt findings that even though the bid from Vector Resources, Inc. is not the lowest cost bid, their bid best satisfies the criteria established by the Request for Proposals, as reflected in the bid Evaluation Criteria and Results document.

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to take the following action:

2. Award contract to Vector Resources, Inc. for RFP Item 1 (Network and Wireless Equipment) for the initial contract period, with an option to renew for one additional year, and RFP Item 3 (Maintenance of Internal Connections) for a one-year period upon acceptance of equipment installation, with an option to renew for two additional one-year periods; authorize the superintendent or her designee to execute necessary documents.

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Zoe Carpenter, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 9:46 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

Marv Gilbert, Clerk