

ESCONDIDO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Special Joint School Boards Meeting of the
Escondido Union School District, Escondido Union High School District and
San Pasqual Union School District
March 23, 2011

<p>The special joint school boards meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by EUSD President Linda Woods with all members present. EUHSD President George McClure led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>Call to Order; Pledge</p>
<p>Board members present: EUSD – Linda Woods, Zoe Carpenter, Marv Gilbert, Joan Gardner, and Marty Hranek; EUHSD – George McClure, Tina Pope, Randy Garcia, Kurt Marler, and Jon Peterson; SPUSD – Scott Heidemann, Angie Baker, Jennifer Burrows, Blaise Jackson, and Bennet Keller. Superintendents present: Jennifer Walters, EUSD; Ed Nelson, EUHSD; and Gary Wilson, SPUSD.</p>	<p>Present</p>
<p>Jose Fragozo invited all trustees to the 12th Annual North County Latino and Migrant Parent Conference on May 21 at San Dieguito High School Academy in Encinitas from 7:30-12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Oral Communications</p>
<p>Districts shared current year Visual and Performing activities and ongoing articulation between music teachers among districts. Discussion took place on how to sustain a quality arts education in difficult times and how to provide equity across all sites. SPUSD reported that their band doubled in size without a financial burden to families through the use of an outside vendor. They currently have 40 students in the program who receive instruction one time a week. Randy Garcia (EUHSD) shared information about the instrumental music program at Nicolaysen CDS which has 15 students participating in the guitar class. Superintendent Walters shared that EUSD just finished a five-year grant with CCAE integrating the arts in to the classrooms. It was suggested that a VAPA subcommittee be established between the districts. Some of the following ideas were given for funding: joint effort in applying for grants to keep programs running; utilize the California Alliance for Arts in Education for help with locating grants; and produce tee-shirts for a slight profit and put dollars back into VAPA funding.</p>	<p>Visual and Performing Arts</p>
<p>The 2010-11 joint articulation schedule was shared indicating dates and identified outcomes. Karen Rizzi, EUHSD Assistant Superintendent explained the articulation that takes place regarding the transition from eighth to ninth grade: placement, discussions regarding data, and at-risk students. Placement test data (reading, algebra readiness, writing prompts, and Spanish) is shared back with EUSD and SPUSD. It was noted that last year registrars were added to the articulation process to help better understand record needs.</p>	<p>Articulation Process</p>
<p>Marv Gilbert (EUSD) expressed that the districts have an obligation to parents to coordinate calendars and was happy to report that the 2011-12 calendars are close; however improvement needs to take place with president days and spring break. It was explained that the high school spring break is scheduled around the high-stakes testing.</p>	<p>Calendar Alignment</p>

This keeps a pure testing window allowing students to stay focused on exams.

Jon Petersen (EUHSD) presented daunting cyberworld statistics which included that children spend an average of 39 hours a month online; that 28 percent of teens have shared personal information that they normally wouldn't have shared in public; 13 percent of teens have posted naked or semi-nude photos or videos of themselves; 58 percent of all fourth through eighth graders have reported that mean or cruel things have been said to them online; 92 percent of mothers trust that their child is honest with them about their online behavior and yet, 67 percent of teens say they know how to hide what they do online from their parents or guardians. Mr. Petersen stated that many of the problems begin off campus, but then are carried on to school. Discussion took place on how EUHSD, EUSD, and SPUSD could come together to have a similar comprehensive plan including technology use, norms, curriculum, and disciplinary guidelines. Students need to learn good ethics. Linda Woods (EUSD) suggested that students produce a video for their peers reflecting the proper use of internet and Kurt Marler (EUHSD) suggested that student board members do a project.

Digital Citizenship

Kurt Marler (EUHSD) shared that Assembly Member Martin Garrick is to co-author a bill regarding the timeline for school budgets; which would afford schools the ability to pass a budget within a certain amount of days after a state budget is passed.

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter (EUSD), seconded by Kurt Marler (EUHSD) and passed 15-0 to adjourn at 9:02 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 special meeting, as recorded in these minutes.

Certification

Jennifer Walters, Superintendent/Secretary

Marv Gilbert, Clerk