

**ESCONDIDO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 24, 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 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconvene to Open Session</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ethan Cook from L. R. Green.</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 Marv Gilbert, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 14.4 – changes to resolution #2010-11-21<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Include wording: “Eliminate the following positions due to lack of work (class closure) for the Special Education/Mission Inst. Assist. Spec. Ed. 1-Bilingual and one additional Special Education/Rincon Inst. Assist. Spec. Ed 1.”○ Remove elimination of Grounds Maintenance Worker II position○ Increase elimination of Grounds Maintenance Worker I from 1 to 2 positions○ Add 1 Felicita School Clerk Bilingual- reduction from 8 to 6 hours (due to reduction in categorical funding)• Item 14.12 – change funding source to read “through funding from Title IV Safe & Drug Free Schools and communities.”• Item 15.13 on page 4 should read 14.13• Item 14.14 – The addendum has been corrected to account for special line taxes assessed against the premium cost (rather than against commissions paid) for the two stop-loss policies providing coverage for high-cost run-out medical insurance claims.• Item 14.20 on page 5 says Nutrition Services financial reports and it should be Nutrition Services “purchase orders.”	<p>Approval of Agenda</p>
<p>It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Zoe Carpenter, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of March 3, 2011, with changes asked for by Linda Woods to her comments on page 75.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p>
<p>It was moved by Marty Hranek, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of March 7, 2011, with changes asked for by Linda Woods to her comments on page 77.</p>	
<p>It was moved by Marty Hranek, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to approve the</p>	

minutes of the regular board meeting of March 10, 2011.

Principal Susan Freeman gave a report on C³ at L. R. Green; Connect, Collaborate, and Culture. Connecting with students through Guided Reading, schoolwide writing programs, iPod and iREAD classrooms, differentiated lessons, enrichment for all learners, Accelerated Reader, and Raz Kids. Collaboration through grade-level teams and staff development; and defining a Culture for student success through various avenues including a technology-rich environment, student involvement in the community and involving parents and families at L. R. Green.

School Champions

Susan Freeman, principal of Home Education Program and L. R. Green, introduced student champions from L. R. Green and read what the teachers wrote about their students. Students recognized were: Grace Hurlbert, Lauren Williams, Leslie Resendiz, and Ethan Cook.

Mrs. Freeman explained that the district's Home Education program uses standards-based curriculum and has dedicated families providing education at home using teacher provided lesson plans based on EUSD pacing guides. She shared the various supports for Home Education including middle school math workshops for parents and students, weekly Language Arts workshops for students in grades 2-8, Accelerated Reader, Guided Reading, and various other enrichment opportunities.

Principal Susan Freeman introduced Home Education Program's student champions and read what the teachers wrote about their students. Students recognized were: Emilyn Copeland and Samuel Baca.

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.

Oral
Communications

Dale Murphy expressed her concerns about the proposed special education reductions, and additional supports needed for students being mainstreamed into regular education classrooms.

Shirley Rochester, Carol Inga, and David Jones shared concerns on the proposed library reductions, office staff reductions, and other classified staff reductions.

Lance Barry and John Materiale expressed concerns on the proposed reduction of the Maintenance Supervisor position.

Pat Bavender acknowledged that the only way to reduce budgets was to reduce payroll. She noted that there would be enough savings from retirements to bring back the 40 RIF teachers and encouraged the board to consider a larger retirement incentive.

Raquel Barrios stated that the proposed budget reductions were not fairly balanced throughout the district and that classified employees are the hardest hit.

President Woods reported all written correspondence had been shared.

Written
Communications

President Woods reported the following action taken in closed session: modifications to Student Case No. 10-11-19 to include a change in school attendance; and Student Case No. 10-11-20 to include 25 hours of community service prior to reinstatement.

Closed Session

Carol Rouse, Director of Fiscal Services gave a budget status update. She indicated that some

Budget Update

parts of the state budget have passed and components passed so far assume that the tax extensions are a part of the solution. There has been discussion to postpone the election until November which would require the district to operate on an all-cut type budget until the results of any election was known. Mrs. Rouse reported that February revenue collections were a little behind, but overall 2010-11 revenues collected by the state were still \$1 billion above projections; and withholding is up \$420 million, which is a good sign that more people are working. It has been noted that 35 states are borrowing federal funds to keep their unemployment running. EUSD was notified this week that the district unemployment rate will more than double; a \$750,000 to \$800,000 increase in employer cost to benefits that will need to be added into the budget (an increase of 225 percent).

Jose Fragozo expressed concerns for student and teacher safety, and wondered if students were being suspended rather than expelled due to loss of ADA.

Superintendent Walters shared information that was gathered from the stakeholder input meetings for generation of the 2011-12 Board Focus Goals. She said that the process of collecting input from all representative groups began in February and included 17 meetings in all. There were eight parent input sessions held: one at each middle school that included parents from the middle school and elementary feeder schools; PTA presidents; DELAC parents; and District Advisory Committee. Sessions were also held with seventh-grade students from each of the five middle schools and four employee input sessions including CGEC, EEEA, CSEA, and school site administrators, in addition to community input via the EUSD website.

Focus Goal Input
Summary

Three questions were posed: (1) What's working well in EUSD?; (2) What can EUSD improve upon?; and (3) What skills will our students need for the future workplace? Every answer has been recorded.

Superintendent Walters shared the top 10 responses for each question, by each group of stakeholders. All input will be shared with parents, students, principals, school staffs, education center staff, and placed on the district website for community access. (Presentation posted on EUSD website.)

The board will review the entire body of input collected to see what might help to shape focus goals.

Mr. Gilbert said the input was very accurate from what he observed at the meetings. He thanked employees, parents, and everyone who shared ideas. Mr. Hranek said it was extremely comprehensive. Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Gardner, and President Woods were appreciative of the work done and thanked everyone who worked on the process.

Marty Hranek thanked the speakers and people who sent e-mails regarding possible reductions. He indicated that CSEA has been very patient throughout this process. Mr. Hranek requested to see the edits to the Unification Study report prior to the April 13 meeting. It was noted that the final report will be posted on the EUSD website on Friday, April 8. Linda Woods said she would support Mr. Hranek's information request.

Member's Report

Joan Gardner presented two articles to be shared with the board.

Marv Gilbert reported attending the Renaissance Faire at Mission. He attended the DAC Focus Goal Session and was pleased to learn that people on the committee were fully aware of the tax extension issue and how it related to their children. He also attended the Joint School Boards

meeting with EUHSD and SPUSD; the most collaborative joint meeting he has participated in and that he was glad to report how close the student calendars for each of the three districts are for the new school year.

Zoe Carpenter attended her first VEBA meeting and reported that an article “First Tiered HMO Network” is being published in the spring Health Care Financial Management Association Magazine that may be of interest to the board. She attended a Delegate Assembly meeting where they discussed possible legislative action that could be taking place. Mrs. Carpenter requested a district letter of support for AB 918 *State Child Trafficking* legislation; Joan Gardner and Marty Hranek said they would support a letter be submitted. She reported that Judge Willis Brooder spoke about *601 Placement* proposed legislation which would change current legislation on truanancies. She distributed information to board members on both items. She attended the North County Educators’ meeting with Assemblyman Garrick and the *My Story* event at CCAE, she would like to see *My Story* continued. She also participated in the Joint School Boards meeting.

Linda Woods reported attending the Safety Committee meeting, the Renaissance Faire at Mission, the Budget Communications Committee meeting, and the Assemblyman Garrick meeting with other north county school board members. She attended the *My Story* event at CCAE, commending teachers and students at Central, Felicita, and Rock Springs, and the DAC Focus Goal Session where she heard terrific input. Mrs. Woods also participated in the Joint School Boards meeting.

President’s Report

Superintendent Walters said she would like to meet with Mr. Fragozo to share information on student discipline and ADA. She thanked CSEA employees and leaders, saying that this has not been an easy time. She shared possible dates for the requested May 12 board meeting change; consensus was to change the meeting to May 11.

Supt’s. Report

Discussion took place on Item 14.4, resolution #2010-11-21. It was asked if the item could be pulled and brought back to the April 14 meeting to allow for further review and consideration. After hearing information on HR timelines, it was decided to move forward based on the approved personnel reduction recommendations from the March 7 board meeting. It was requested that this item be voted on separately from other consent items.

It was moved by Marty Hranek, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 4-1 (Woods opposed) to take the following action, with the contingency should any additional funds become available that positions are to be reinstated:

Consent Items

Adopt resolution 2010-11-21 related to the reduction or discontinuance of particular kinds of classified service for 2011-12.

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

Approve Certificated Personnel Order 2010-11-13.

Human Resources

Approve Classified Personnel Order 2010-11-13.

Approve Public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Approve out-of-county field trip for Del Dios Middle School Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) students to visit Chapman University in Orange, CA to

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compete in middle school math and science competitions, at no cost to the district.

Approve overnight, out-of-county attendance for 25 Bear Valley Middle School ASB students, teacher, Denise Van Doorn, and one adult/teacher to the 16th annual CASL State Conference in San Jose, CA.

Approve dates for the *Jump Start Program* at North Broadway School, August 1 through August 12, 2011. Further approve the employment of staff to implement this program, based on sufficient student enrollment and the availability of qualified certificated personnel.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. to provide five "Earth Dome" assembly presentations for Reidy Creek fourth-and fifth-grade students, at a cost of \$695.

Approve the Administrative Review Panel's recommendation for expulsion in Student Cases 2010-11-19, 2010-11-20, and 2010-11-21.

Special Education/
Pupil Services

Approve MOU with the *San Diego County Superintendent of Schools* for the implementation of the School Community Violence Prevention (SCVP) program to provide early intervention services to students identified as at-risk for violent behaviors at Del Dios and Hidden Valley Middle Schools at no cost to the district.

Approve agreement with the *Light for Life Foundation of Southern California* for the implementation of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program for sixth- and eighth-grade students at all Escondido Union School District middle schools through funding from the CARE Youth Project.

Approve agreement with *TurnAround Schools* to provide a professional development presentation to district staff on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, funded by Title IV Safe & Drug Free Schools and communitites.

Approve contract with the *California Center for the Arts, Escondido*, to provide their facilities and services for the Escondido Union School District's TurnAround Schools professional development, through funding from the University of Southern California (USC): Building Capacity Military-Connected Schools grant.

Approve addendum to the independent contractor agreement with *Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.* regarding commissions received and surplus line taxes for Lloyds of London stop loss policies.

Business Services

Approve agreement with *Vinje & Middleton Engineering, Inc.* for geotechnical investigation necessary for the placement of a new freezer unit for the nutrition warehouse at the Maintenance Yard, a new cooler unit at Mission Middle School, and new freezer/cooler units at Rock Springs, North Broadway, and Farr Schools.

Authorize advertising for bids for new freezer, cooler, and freezer/cooler units at various locations throughout the district.

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 2/26/11 through 3/11/11 in the amount of cash value \$33,948.10.

Fiscal Services

Approve purchase orders for the period 2/20/11 through 3/5/11 in the amount of \$405,981.59.

Approve Nutrition Services purchase orders for the period 2/1/11 through 2/28/11 in the amount of \$361,505.59.

Approve commercial warrant register for February 2011 in the amount of \$2,184,788.25

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 10:08 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