

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education  
April 10, 2008**

<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the board room by President Carpenter with all members present. The meeting was recessed immediately to closed session.</p>	<p>Call to Order; Recess to Closed Session</p>
<p>The following persons were present:</p>	<p>Present</p>
<p>Zoe Carpenter, President Marv Gilbert, Vice President Joan Gardner, Clerk Royce Moore, Member Linda Woods, Member Jennifer Walters, Superintendent Staff and press representatives Others as registered</p>	
<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened to open session by President Carpenter at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconvene to Open Session</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marissa Middlecamp, Reidy Creek student.</p>	<p>Pledge</p>
<p>It was moved by Royce Moore, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda.</p>	<p>Approval of Agenda</p>
<p>It was moved by Royce Moore, seconded by Linda Woods, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 27, 2008.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p>
<p>Leila Sackfield, principal of Reidy Creek School, said the Reidy Creek staff has been working hard on increasing reading comprehension for students as evidenced in every classroom. She acknowledged her staff and students' families in the audience. Teachers read comments about the outstanding qualities of their champions. Students recognized were: Marshall Daigle (Ms. Call), Jack Diaz (Ms. Putnam), Marissa Middlecamp (Ms. Johnson), and Ruby Camacho (Ms. Cordova).</p>	<p>School Champions</p>
<p>Marta Baker, principal of Central School, introduced parents and teachers from Central. She read the teachers' comments about the outstanding qualities of their champions. She shared strategies staff members use to increase student comprehension. All these strategies have had the added benefit of building leaders among staff and students. Central students recognized were: Chris Reyes, Luanna Perez, and Linda Alonso. Cinthia Chavez was unable to attend.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Oral Communica- tions</p>
<p>Danny Perez introduced himself as a community activist who is working to unify the community. He told the board of the monthly community clean ups that he coordinates all done by volunteers. He also told them about Dia del Nino, which is an event celebrating children and will be held on April 26 in Grape Day Park. He invited board members to attend the ceremony at 10:00 a.m.</p>	

Patricia Chapon told of her complaints about the Rincon Middle School bullying problem and her impression that the administration is not doing enough to stop it. She shared several incidents involving her son being bullied.

Robin Estrada talked about the important role school counselors serve at middle schools. She feels the services they provide to students are not duplicated by other staff members such as assistant principals. Gail Boughner shared how difficult it is to handle all the students now who need the assistance of a counselor. Both counselors asked the board not to reduce counselors on the middle school campuses.

Patti Kamholz asked the board to consider approving 50 students on the kindergarten intradistrict transfer list to go to L. R. Green because their kindergarten enrollment is low at this point, and they might lose two veteran teachers to another site without more students enrolled by the end of this school year.

President Carpenter reported all written communications have been shared with board members, but she asked to have two news articles be copied for board members for their Friday packets.

Written  
Communications

President Carpenter reported that the board took action in closed session to amend expulsion Student Case 2007-08-5 to include mandatory attendance at the C.R.O.P. program.

Closed Session

Superintendent Walters reported that a team from EUSD participated in the legislative day at the high school district last Friday. Legislators present were Assemblyman Garrick, former Senator Dede Alpert, and representatives from state Senator Mark Wyland's office and county Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's office. They were able to share with them their concerns about the Governor's proposed budget cuts to public education.

2008-09 Budget  
Development Upda

She shared that budget information has now been added to the district's web site.

Gina Manusov, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, and Carol Rouse, Director, Fiscal Services, reviewed changes made in budget information previously shared; how the adjustments resulting from board discussion at the April 3 affected calculations; and reviewed the early retirement incentive being offered to certificated bargaining unit members.

Carol Rouse, Director, Fiscal Services, updated the 2008-09 preliminary budget. She included projections for 2009-10 and 2010-2011. Projections at this point show the district deficit spending by \$5 million even factoring in the reductions identified so far.

Lance Barry reminded the board that all site disaster plans include the day custodian as a first responder. Splitting custodial coverage between Miller and Nicolaysen would make that difficult to accomplish. Also, custodians need to be on site to open and close the campus every day. He said if the board eliminated one of the maintenance supervisors, it could offset the cost of keeping a custodian at both Miller and Nicolaysen all day.

Carol Inga asked the board to make their decisions as soon as possible so people will have more time to plan their future. She asked them not to reduce library techs from 8 to 6 hours.

Reduced Work Year Discussion

Board Discussion

Learning that teachers would not be reducing their work year by two days, the board considered other ways to replace the \$757,000 savings that would have been represented.

Marv Gilbert and Linda Woods favored Scenario D for classified and management to be reduced 7 days, which represents the most equitable approach. Linda Woods wants to keep the library techs at 8 hours but have them participate in the 7-day work year reduction.

Zoe Carpenter said not enough money would be saved with Scenario D to reach the goal of \$757,000; and said she could support leaving library techs at 8 hours, but have them participate in a reduction of 11 or 12 days, depending on their work year. Management would be reduced by 7 days. Royce Moore and Joan Gardner agreed with this.

Marv Gilbert said he could support this proposal as a worst-case scenario with the caveat that if money is found, the reduction of 7 days for all would be used.

Linda Woods could not support the proposal. She also asked the cabinet to look into not splitting custodians between Miller and Nicolaysen.

Linda Woods asked for a short closed session at 9:05 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

Recess to Closed Session

It was moved by Royce Moore, seconded by Zoe Carpenter, and passed 5-0 to accept public disclosure of the 2007-08 Certificated and Classified Collective Bargaining Agreement in accordance with AB 1200 and GC 3547.5; authorize the superintendent or designee to revise the budget to include all estimated costs of the tentative agreement. Linda Woods and Joan Gardner said they were voting reluctantly in favor of this action.

Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2007-08-21 authorizing the district's possible participation in the San Diego Area Local Governments 2008 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note program (TRAN) in an amount not to exceed \$5 million; authorize the superintendent to sign the required certification.

Resolution 2007-08-21 (TRAN)

It was moved by Linda Woods, seconded by Royce Moore, and passed 5-0 to approve moving the July 17, 2008, regular board meeting to Wednesday, July 16, 2008. President Carpenter said that the May 22 meeting would be on the next agenda to move to May 29 because Jennifer Walters is being honored with a Biliteracy Award on May 22.

Change of July Meeting Date

Linda Woods attended the last budget communications committee, DELAC, the legislative day at the high school district, and C.A.F.E. She said this group has been working on the under-aged drinking initiative with the Escondido Police Department. Students are making signs, "It's not snitching if you save a life." "Cling-ons" are available with an anonymous tip line: 743-TIPS.

Members' Reports

Royce Moore and Joan Gardner reported they attended the legislative day.

Marv Gilbert said he was thrilled to hear in tonight's presentation that Central will be graduating 44 students from second-language learners to English proficient.

President Carpenter talked about a possible additional budget workshop, perhaps on April 17. When the date and time are set, it will be announced.

President's Report

Superintendent Walters had no report.

Supt's. Report

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

Consent Items

Approve Certificated Personnel Order 2007-08-14.

Human Resources

Adopt Resolution 2007-08-20 acknowledging May 14, 2008, as California Day of the Teacher.

Approve salary and benefit increases for 2007-08 for all management, confidential, supervisory, permit teachers, noon supervisors (unclassified), and student workers.

Approve Classified Personnel Order 2007-08-14.

Approve public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Adopt Resolution 2007-08-16 acknowledging May 18-24, 2008, as Classified Employee Week.

Adopt Resolution 2007-08-19 related to the reduction or discontinuance of particular kinds of classified service for 2008-09.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. for their "Young Authors' Day" assemblies at Orange Glen School for first- through fifth-grade students at a cost of \$695.

Educational Services

Approve contract agreement with Tech Masters to assist in the development and implementation of data transfer objectives related to the Schools Interoperability Framework at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Heritage Tours of San Diego to provide two presentations for Reidy Creek fourth-grade students at a cost of \$210.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Mark Schoenberger and his band for a living-history presentation of dance and music of the Civil War era for eighth-grade students at Rincon and Bear Valley Middle Schools at a total cost of \$6,500.

Approve the recommendation of the Administrative Review Panel in Student expulsion case: 2007-08-5.

Special Education/I

Deny request to waive all required school fees or the proposed alternatives requested by City Plaza at Escondido, LLC.

Business Services

Approve agreement with Kleinfelder, Inc. to provide DSA testing laboratory services for seven relocatable classroom buildings to include one at Pioneer, two at Farr Avenue, and four at Reidy Creek Schools.

Award a contract in the amount of \$438,546 to EC Constructors, Inc. for the 2008 relocatable classrooms project at Farr Avenue, Pioneer, and Reidy Creek Schools; approve retaining option to deduct the alternate bid pricing for soil conditions.

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 3/14/08 through 3/28/08 in the amount of \$9,993.34. Fiscal Services

Approve Nutrition Services financial reports for February 2008.

Approve commercial warrant register for February 2008 in the amount of \$4,217,542.17.

Approve purchase orders for the period of 3/9/08 through 3/22/08 in the amount of \$271,914.54.

It was moved by Royce Moore, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 9:25 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

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Jennifer Walters, Superintendent/Secretary

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Joan Gardner, Clerk

