

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Joint Boards of Education
September 13, 2005**

The joint meeting of the Boards of Education for Escondido Union High School District, Escondido Union School District, and San Pasqual Union School District was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the board room of the high school district by President Pam Grosso with all members present, except Marie Verger, Clerk, San Pasqual Union. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Royce Moore.

Call to Order

The following persons were present:

Present

Pam Grosso, EUHSD President
Charlie Snowden, EUHSD Vice President
Dr. Kurt Marler, EUHSD Clerk
Tina Pope, EUHSD Member
Jon Petersen, EUHSD Member
Ed Nelson, EUHSD Superintendent
Joan Gardner, EUSD President
Dr. Royce Moore, EUSD Vice President
Linda Woods, EUSD Clerk
Zoe Carpenter, EUSD Member
Dr. Mike Caston, EUSD Superintendent
George McClure, SPUSD President
Darlene Hansen, SPUSD Vice President
Marie Verger, SPUSD Clerk (arrived 6:40 p.m.)
Matt Marshall, SPUSD Member
Howard Cottam, SPUSD Member
Jeff Felix, SPUSD Superintendent
Staff and press representatives

It was moved by Tina Pope, seconded by Jon Petersen, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda with no changes.

Approval of
Agenda

President Grosso welcomed members of the visiting boards and thanked them for being available for a joint meeting. She introduced consultant Paul Goldfinger, School Services of California vice-president. Mr. Goldfinger's firm was hired by the high school district to do a unification study.

Presentation on
Unification

He explained the process necessary to unify the three districts and reviewed his findings in the report on unification. The focus of the study was concentrated on the financial aspects of unification, and he determined that, based on the 2003-04 fiscal year, a unified district would generate increased revenue of \$10 million each year. However, the amount of new revenue would be reduced by the equalization of salaries and a reduction in COLA. After factoring in other items that would detract from the \$10 million, the net revenue increase fell between \$6-7 million.

Mr. Goldfinger handled questions from board members, and members from each board shared their feelings with one another about the potential unification, pro and con. San Pasqual Union and Escondido Union board members expressed their inclination not to unify at this time.

It was suggested by President Grosso that the elementary districts place an item about the feasibility of unification on their respective board agendas for discussion and public input. The Board of Education took no action on this request.

Next Step

President Grosso declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 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

Michael Caston, Superintendent of Schools

Linda Woods, Clerk

