

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education
November 1, 2007**

The October 25, 2007, rescheduled regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the board room by President Woods with all members present. The meeting was recessed immediately to closed session.

Call to Order;
Recess to
Closed Session

Note: The October 25 regular meeting was cancelled due to Firestorm 2007.

The following persons were present:

Present

Linda Woods, President
Zoe Carpenter, Vice President
Marv Gilbert, Clerk
Joan Gardner, Member
Royce Moore, Member
Jennifer Walters, Superintendent
Staff representatives
Others as registered

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened to open session by President Woods at 7:00 p.m.

Reconvene to Op
Session

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andrea Tate, a Rock Springs student.

Pledge

President Woods asked the audience to join the board and cabinet in a moment of silence in remembrance of those people who lost their homes, were injured, or perished in the recent firestorm that overtook the county last week. Of particular note was the tragic loss of one of the district's veteran teachers, Vicky Fox, Rincon Middle School GATE teacher, and her husband.

Moment of Silenc

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda with the removal of the closed session item to confer with legal counsel.

Approval of
Agenda

It was moved by Joan Gardner, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 4-0-1 (Royce Moore abstained since he was absent from this meeting) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2007.

Approval of
Minutes

Mark Garner, principal of Juniper School, first introduced Juniper's staff members as well as the families of Juniper's student champions. He read statements from each student's teacher highlighting why they were chosen. Those students recognized were: Victor Torres, Ella Reisinger, Kristine Nguyen, and Miranda Lotze.

Student Champio

Kathy Morris, principal of Rock Springs School introduced Rock Spring's champions and read what the teachers wrote about their students. Students recognized were: Andrea Tate, Alisa Prewett, Yulisa Escobeda, and Anika Grimmett.

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. No one asked to speak.

Oral Communica-
tions

President Woods reported all communications have been distributed.

Written
Communications

President Woods reported that no action was taken in closed session.

Closed Session

The board held the first reading of revised BB 9250, Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits. President Woods suggested removing the words “or a conflict with a preexisting obligation” from the proposed new language. There was consensus, and the bylaw will be brought back for approval at the December meeting.

BB 9250

Royce Moore said that he really appreciated the work the staff did during the crisis with the fires last week. He also thanked Jon Centofranchi, Rincon Middle School principal, for the extra burden he has carried working with media, staff, students, and community over the loss of Vicky Fox.

Members’ Report

He saw on a television at the airport in Sydney, Australia news about Escondido, California. He knew the situation must have been very bad if Escondido was featured on worldwide news.

Joan Gardner also complimented Jennifer and the staff for their leadership during this crisis, and she expressed her sadness for the losses people have experienced and in particular for the loss of Rincon teacher Vicky Fox.

Marv Gilbert expressed his kudos to Jennifer and her staff and said he was very sorry to hear about Vicky.

He attended the North Broadway 25th anniversary celebration picnic. While he was there, he walked the school and was impressed with the appearance of the school and grounds. He also went to their assembly the next morning. He really loved having former teachers come back to participate in the celebration.

Zoe Carpenter also attended the North Broadway anniversary celebration. She expressed her kudos to Jennifer and the staff for their handling of the crisis during the fires. She has not heard any criticism from parents, teachers, or community members on how the district handled the emergency. She complimented Maintenance and Operations for the fast and thorough clean up. Kudos also went to Kathy Shirley’s department for their work transitioning from this location to Aldergrove.

President Woods attended the forum held at the county office, Community Engagement Training, which is a joint venture of CSBA and ACSA. She attended the North Broadway anniversary events. She said Ed Nelson did a fine presentation on the MAP program at the most recent C.A.F.E meeting she attended.

President’s Repor

She praised Jennifer for the way she handled the crisis last week and felt she was kept very well informed. She passed along a compliment from a L. R. Green parent on Jennifer's thorough communication last week.

Superintendent Walters read a note sent by Denise Smith, who is an at-will reading teacher at Orange Glen, thanking the district for paying employees for the lost week of school due to the fires. Financially, people depend on this income and a week's lost wages would have been a burden. Another thing staff has expressed their gratitude for was having students return on Tuesday and being given Monday for staff to prepare and share with one another their personal experiences during the fires.

Supt's. Report

Bob Leon complimented Jennifer on her handling of this crisis. He said she was a strong leader, who stayed calm, and had a good plan.

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

Consent Items

Designate December 13, 2007, as the annual organizational meeting.

Superintendent

Adopt Resolution 2007-08-10 to allow Board Members Joan Gardner and Marv Gilbert to be excused from attending the July 31, 2007, special board meeting due to hardship.

Approve Certificated Personnel Order 2007-08-6.

Human Resources

Adopt Resolution 2007-08-6 authorizing certain certificated personnel to teach out of their credential area.

Approve Classified Personnel Order 2007-08-6.

Approve public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Approve Larry Moratto as the appointee of the classified employees to the Personnel Commission for the term beginning at noon, December 1, 2007, to noon, December 1, 2010.

Approve the Title I Supplemental Educational Services Provider/District contracts for the 2007-08 school year as follows:

Educational Servi

- A to Z In-Home Tutoring
- A+ Educational Center
- The Academic Advantage
- Academic Tutoring Services, Inc.
- ACE Tutoring Services, Inc.
- Basic Educational Services Tutoring, Inc.
- Brain Hurricane
- Carney Educational Services
- Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc.

The Community College Foundation
Doctrina Tutoring
Extreme Learning, Inc.
Friendly Community Outreach Center
Hope Through Housing
Oxford Tutoring
Professional Tutors of America, Inc.
Ready for America Learning Service
Southern Sudanese Community Center of San Diego
Total Education Solutions, Inc.
UROK Learning Institute

Approve the independent contractor agreement with Lamb's Players Theatre for an all-student presentation at North Broadway School at a cost of \$875.

Approve an independent contractor agreement with Literature Comes to Life for all-student assemblies at Orange Glen School at a cost of \$1,490.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Mad Science of San Diego for NASA Academy of Future Space Explorers voluntary, after-school program for GATE students at Felicita School, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Playwright's Project for a playwriting series for eighth-grade GATE students at Bear Valley Middle School for a cost of \$4,090.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Slim Goodbody Assembly Programs to provide two assemblies for all Reidy Creek students at a cost of \$1,125.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Lamb's Players Theatre for two assemblies for Honor Levels 1 and 2 students at Del Dios Middle School at a cost of \$750.

Approve one-year renewal of Unitedstreaming Video Encyclopedia Licensing for teachers and students at Oak Hill School at a cost of \$1,494.80.

Approve out-of-county field trip for Mission Middle School "Club Live" students to attend an anti-drug rally at Magic Mountain in Valencia, California.

Approve out-of-county field trip to Knotts Berry Farm in Buena Park, California, for ASB and AVID students at Bear Valley Middle School.

Approve out-of-county field trip for AVID students at Hidden Valley Middle School to Knotts Berry Farm in Buena Park, California.

Approve memorandum of understanding with Mental Health Systems, Inc. to | Special Education

provide referral, assessment, prevention, and intervention services for at-risk youth and families at no cost to the district or families.

PPS

Ratify the memorandum of understanding with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to participate in the three-year Riverside Comprehensive Assistance Team (RCAT) training and certificate grant at no cost to the district.

Approve addendum to agreement with Construction Testing & Engineering, Inc. for geotechnical and materials testing and special inspection for Mission Middle School kitchen remodel project.

Business Services

Approve agreement with Trident Technologies for a water treatment program for the Aldergrove HVAC system for the 2007-08 school year.

Approve D K Barnett Construction, Inc. Change Order No. 1 related to the Aldergrove tenant improvement project.

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 the following donations to Escondido Union School District pursuant to Education Code 41303 for the period of 9/29/07 through 10/12/07: cash to the district \$17,018.43.

Fiscal Services

Approve Petition for Issuance of New Warrant in Lieu of Void warrant # 10-179357 dated 11/30/06 in the amount of \$54.40.

Approve commercial warrant register for the month of September 2007 in the amount of \$2,371,330.02.

Approve purchase orders for the period of 9/30/07 through 10/6/07 in the amount of \$398,349.18.

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Royce Moore, and passed 4-0 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 regular meeting, as recorded in these minutes.

Certification

Jennifer Walters, Superintendent/Secretary

Marv Gilbert, Clerk

