

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION • REGULAR MEETING
District Education Center • Board Room
1401 North Handy Street • Orange, California**

**Thursday • January 15, 2009
6:30 P.M. • Closed Session
7:00 P.M. • Regular Session**

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board President Ledesma called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Board Members Present for Closed Session: Deligianni, Ledesma, Moffat, Nichols, Ortega, Smith, Wayland

Board Members Absent from Closed Session: none

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the following item:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

5. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Ledesma called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ledesma invited the audience to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

7. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

Nothing to report

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 60

It was moved by Dr. Deligianni, seconded by Mr. Wayland, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adopt the January 15, 2009 agenda.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Item 9.A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dreier remarked that the FCMAT team's visit to the District Office last week. The team reviewed records and books and interviewed selected Board members, administrative staff, classified and certificated personnel, and leadership from both associations. Within ten days, there will be an exit letter; by the end of February, there will be a full report followed by a work/study session with the Board to go over the findings.

Dr. Dreier noted that Mr. Archibald will present information about the state budget and how it relates to decisions that must be made for Orange Unified. The Board will have to approve the necessary reductions by March 15th. Dr. Dreier will propose two work/study sessions to the Board to understand the recommendations that will be forthcoming. Dr. Dreier added that staff is studying every potential area for budget reductions, always with the intent of maintaining excellence in our instructional programs. Communication will be very important with the internal community, parents, and the entire Orange Unified School District community

Dr. Dreier gave an update on the bullying incident that was reported at the December Board meeting by parents of a former Canyon High School student that led to their decision to transfer their son to a private school. Since that time, staff has investigated the parent concerns and has been in communication with them. Dr. Dreier emphasized that staff takes this matter very seriously and appreciates that the parents brought this matter forward so that we may learn how to better serve our students in making sure that we have safe, welcoming schools.

Item 9.B. Board President's Report

Mr. Ledesma commented that the Board is going to work very hard in making sure that we look at everything and receive input to do our best to put together a budget that includes the necessary cuts, but impacts the least amount of people, especially the students.

Item 9.C. Board Recognition of Students, Staff and Community

CASTO School Bus Safety Poster Contest

Mr. Ledesma presented a Certificate of Recognition to Kellie-Ann Johnson, 2nd grade student, at Serrano Elementary School, who won the California Association of School Transportation Officials *School Bus Safety Poster Contest*. Kellie-Ann will receive a \$50 savings bond from CASTO.

Mrs. Moffat recognized Pam McDonald, Director of Transportation, for being highlighted in the CASTO newsletter for receiving grant money of \$216,000 in regard to the compressed natural gas station at the District's bus yard.

Mrs. Moffat recognized a science display at Prospect Elementary School, the Wyland Ocean

Challenge, a travelling classroom that illustrates the water cycle, the importance of maintaining water species in a clean environment, along with many hands-on activities.

Mrs. Smith recognized the Mock Trial programs at the four comprehensive high schools, particularly the volunteer parent attorneys who are responsible for prepping these teams: Canyon HS – Rolf Rolnicki and Michael Penn; El Modena HS – Celinda York; Villa Park HS – Scott Steiner and Frederick Glasser. (Unfortunately, Orange HS does not have a coach this year and will not be participating.)

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 11, 2008 (regular meeting)

Motion No. 61

It was moved by Dr. Deligianni, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008 regular meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items

None

12. ACTION ITEMS

Item 12.A. Proposed Board Policy Revisions – BP 5116.1, *Intradistrict Open Enrollment* – First Reading

In order to be in compliance with the Categorical Program requirements, it is necessary to revise and update Board Policy 5116.1 pertaining to intradistrict open enrollment procedures. The Educational Services staff has completed the research necessary to determine the required revisions which are presented for consideration by the Board of Education.

Motion No. 62

It was moved by Mrs. Moffat, seconded by Mr. Ortega, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the proposed Board Policy revisions for the BP 5116.1, *Intradistrict Open Enrollment* procedures for a first reading.

Item 12.B. 2009 Calendar of Regular Board Meetings

The Board of Education approved the following 2009 Calendar of Regular Board Meetings at the December 11, 2008 Annual Organizational Meeting. Due to specific date changes made at the December meeting, it was suggested that this item be brought back for further discussion at the first meeting in January.

Dr. Dreier recommended eliminating the January 29th Board meeting and adding two work/study sessions to deliberate on the budget and the FCMAT report: February 5th and March 5th. Additionally, Dr. Dreier suggested building into future calendars a few more work/sessions on the budget during this critical period of time.

Also added to the calendar was the January 24th Board Governance workshop.

Motion No. 63

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wayland, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to amend the calendar of 2009 regular board meetings to eliminate the January 29 meeting and add three work/study sessions: Saturday, January 24, Thursday, February 5, and Thursday, March 5.

13. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 13.A. Impact of Governor's Proposed 2009-10 State Budget and Potential Budget Solutions

On December 31, 2008, the Governor released his State Budget Proposal for 2009-10, more than a week earlier than the Constitutional requirement. The Constitutional deadline is January 10th, but the Governor's administration has been working hard to get the budget out early because of the collapse of state revenues. The deficit at the end of 2009-10 is estimated to be \$41.6 billion unless corrective action is taken. The impact of the Governor's State Budget Proposal for 2009-10 on the District was reviewed including potential midyear reductions for 2008-09 and cash flow issues. Potential budget solutions for future consideration were reviewed and discussed. These solutions were developed based on a thorough review of all department and school site budgets and suggestions received from employees at all levels of the District. (See attached power point.)

Speakers

Chalynn Peterson of Silverado Canyon spoke in support of Silverado Elementary School and the possibility of transferring the school into a magnet or charter school.

Erney Rodriquez of Anaheim spoke in support of Riverdale Elementary School and asked that the school be kept open.

Mindi Ewell, of Anaheim, spoke in support of keeping Riverdale Elementary School open.

Mar Lynn, of Anaheim, spoke in support of keeping Riverdale Elementary School open.

The Board noted that no decisions have been made regarding the closure of schools. The District is in the process of evaluating all the things that needed to be looked at to decide how these challenges will be met.

Item 13.B. Discussion of the District's Homework Policy

Information regarding the District's homework policy was presented at the October 30, 2008 meeting. Dr. Marsha Brown presented an update since that meeting regarding the implementation and consistency of the District's homework policy. She noted that all principals have been dealing with this topic; the current board policy and administrative regulation was

discussed; site data was collected regarding the current implementation of the policies. Additionally, a homework packet consisting of 1) Planning for Homework, 2) Reflecting on my Current Beliefs & Practices about Homework, and 3) Assessing Myself Regarding Homework along with the board policies were distributed to principals to discuss with their staff. Some schools have brought the topic to their school site council for parent feed-back. All schools will be asked to do this as well. Some schools have formed committees to review that particular school's homework policy and to recommend updates if necessary to bring them into compliance with board policies. At the elementary level, homework is assigned to reinforce class work; new learning is never assigned as homework; as a rule, regular homework is not assigned over the weekend; reading is assigned on a daily basis as are a review of math facts. Secondary principals are not in agreement as a group as to the purpose of homework at the secondary level. The principals are to meet to discuss ideas to bring all secondary teachers into compliance with board policies and to discuss ideas for a process to begin to coordinate the homework assignments among teaching staff. Secondary department chairs will begin discussing homework at their regularly scheduled District meetings.

Following the presentation, Board member discussion took place regarding the many variables involved with assigning homework.

Item 13.C. Second Quarter Status Report for 2008-09, Year Two, of the Three-Year Strategic Plan

The first quarter status report of the three-year strategic plan was presented on October 16, 2008. Dr. Dreier presented the second quarter status report for the period October through December 31st.

Under Personalization, Dr. Dreier pointed out that 15 elementary schools received staff development in teaching Thinking Maps. Thinking Maps is a process for students to organize their thoughts and ideas to maximize oral language development and writing skills.

Under Partnerships, Dr. Dreier mentioned that the web site has been updated to become more user-friendly to receive update on news in the District. Budget updates will be posted on a regular basis.

At the end of April, the strategic planning session will take place inviting back the community members, staff, and Board members to put together a plan to guide the District through the next three years.

Mr. Ledesma asked as to the possibility of video-stream meetings on the web site, if it would be cost-effective. Further, he asked if the Board Bylaws and Policies could be posted online. Lastly, With regard to the Board agenda, Mr. Ledesma asked as to the possibility of a searchable PDF where individuals could drop in a word and go to the article in the agenda.

Dr. Dreier concurred that communication is very important and she would look into Mr.

Ledesma's suggestions.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion No. 64

It was moved by Mr. Ortega, seconded by Mr. Wayland, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the consent items.

Item 14.A. Purchase Orders List

The Board approved the Purchase Order List dated December 1, through December 21, 2008 in the amount of \$1,243,463.54. See attached Purchase Orders Lists.

Item 14.B. Warrants List

The Board accepted the Warrants List dated December 1, through December 21, 2008 in the amount of \$7,263,154.74. See attached Warrants Lists.

Item 14.C. Gifts

The attached list of cash donations and following items were donated to District for use as indicated. A letter of appreciation will be forwarded to the benefactor.

- Apple Computer (excellent condition) to Canyon Rim Elementary, donated by Gordon Gunn
- Paint to the Villa Park High School Art Department, donated by Dr. Steven Darmstadt
- LaserJet P4015 Printer (new) to be used in the Library at El Modena High School, donated by ASB - Media

Item 14.D. Resolution No. 23-08-09: Approval to Utilize the Price Agreements between Santa Ana Unified School District and Office Depot, Pioneer Stationers, Inc., School Specialty, and Southwest School & Office Supply for the Purchase of Instructional Supplies

The Board approved District utilization of the Santa Ana Unified School District Bid 12-08 to procure instructional supplies from Office Depot, Pioneer Stationers, Inc., School Specialty and Southwest School & Office Supply as required.

Item 14.E. Approval of Renewal Culver Newlin Furniture Price Agreement

The Board approved the renewal of the NMUSD Bid No. 104-07 Furniture Price Agreement with Culver Newlin for an additional year.

Item 14.F. Resolution No. 24-08-09: Approval to Utilize the Price Agreement Bid No. 209-4 between Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District and Southwest School & Office Supply for the Purchase of Office, Classroom, and Arts & Craft Supplies

The Board approved District utilization of the PYLUSD Bid No. 209-4 to procure office, classroom and arts & craft supplies from Southwest School & Office Supply, as required.

Item 14.G. Resolution No. 25-08-09: Adoption of the Annual Five-Year School Fees Report and Findings thereon for Fiscal Year 2007-08, in Compliance with Government Code Sections 6606 and 6601

The Board approved Resolution No. 25-08-09 adopting the Annual and Five-Year Statutory School Fees Report and Findings for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Item 14.H. Acceptance of Completed Contracts and Filing of Notices of Completion

The Board accepted the above contract as complete, authorize staff to file appropriate notices of completion and release the retention payment(s) to the contractor(s).

RESOLUTION 06-07-08 – Energy Conservation Program

Project(s):	Orange High School
Board Approval:	September 27, 2007
Original Purchase Order:	803935
Completion Date:	December 1, 2008
Contractor:	Chevron Energy Solutions Co.
Original Project Amount:	\$2,338,364
Change Order(s) Amount:	\$ -0-
Total Project Amount:	\$2,338,364
Fund(s):	Special Reserves (40)

BID 603 - Exterior Painting

Project(s):	Canyon High School
Board Approval:	July 24, 2008
Original Purchase Order:	901359
Completion Date:	December 8, 2008
Contractor:	Painting & Décor Ltd.
Original Project Amount:	\$ 94,300
Change Order(s) Amount:	\$ 9,200
Total Project Amount:	\$103,500
Fund(s):	Deferred Maintenance (14)

BID FC6013 – Modernization – Change Orders Phase I & II

Project(s):	Portola Middle School
Board Approval:	December 14, 2006
Original Purchase Order:	915430
Completion Date:	March 31, 2008
Contractor:	T & Y Construction Inc.

On July 24, 2008, the Board approved the release of Phase I & II retention. The change order retention for those phases should have been

included in that release. This Notice of Completion releases only those funds.

Phase I & II Change Orders Retention: \$28,251

Fund(s): Special Reserves (40)

Item 14.I. Personnel Report

The Board approved the attached Personnel Report.

Item 14.J. Study Trips

The Board approved the following study trips:

Canyon High School – Girls Varsity Waterpolo – San Diego, CA – January 23–24, 2009

Canyon High School's Girls Varsity Waterpolo team under the direction of coach Steve Anderson, will travel to San Diego to compete in the El Capitan High School Waterpolo Tournament. The students will have the opportunity to compete against teams from the San Diego area. Fifteen female students will be accompanied by two male and two female adult chaperones and will stay at the Holiday Inn Express, La Mesa. Parents will provide transportation for their student and any parent driving a student other than their own will have an approved District driver certificate on file prior to this trip. There is no cost per student and scholarships are available. No substitute will be required. The students will not miss any school days.

Canyon High School – Girls Softball Team – Bullhead City, AZ – March 12–14, 2009

Canyon High School's Girls Softball team under the direction of coach Lance Eddy, will travel to Bullhead City to participate in the Max Preps Softball Tournament of Champions Invitational. Students will have the opportunity to compete against top level championship athletes from across the nation. Eighteen female students will be accompanied by three male and two female adult chaperones and will stay at the Edgewater Hotel, Laughlin. Transportation will be provided by parents who will have an approved District driver certificate prior to this trip. There is no cost per student. No substitute will be required. The students will miss one and a half days of school.

El Modena High School – Girls Varsity Softball Team – Bullhead City, AZ – March 12-14, 2009

El Modena High School's Girls Varsity Softball team under the direction of coach Steve Harrington, will travel to Bullhead City to participate in the Max Preps Softball Tournament of Champions Invitational. The defending CIF Division II Champion Vanguarders are one of 40 state ranked and/or nationally ranked teams invited to participate. College coaches will be present to evaluate talent, recruit, and offer athletic scholarships. Sixteen female students will be accompanied by eight male and thirteen female adult chaperones and will stay at the Riverview Hotel, Bullhead City. Transportation will be provided by parents. There is no cost per student. No substitute will be required. The students will miss two days of school.

Item 14.K. Consolidated Application Part II, 2008-09

The Board approved the submission of the Consolidated Application Part II for the 2008-09 school year to the California State Department of Education.

Item 14.L. Single Plans for Student Achievement for the 2008-09 School Year

The Board accepted and approved the Single Plans for Student Achievement for the 2008-09 school year.

Item 14.M. Textbook Adoptions – Final

The Board adopted the attached list of textbooks.

Item 14.N. Expulsion of Student: Case No. 08-09-08

The Board upheld the recommendation of administrative staff.

Item 14.O. Expulsion of Student: Case No. 08-09-09

The Board upheld the recommendation of administrative staff.

Item 14.P Contract Services Report – Pupil Services

The Board approved the Contract Services Report – Pupil Services as follows.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #8093

The District will fund an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for speech and language assessment of a special education student. Parents will submit invoice and proof of payment.

Special Education not-to-exceed \$675

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #346223

As the result of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) the District will reimburse the parents of a special education student for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy July through September 2008, upon presentation of itemized billing statements and proof of payment.

Special Education not-to-exceed \$920

AMERICAN LANGUAGE SERVICES

The services of American Language Services are required to transcribe two chapters of an Algebra textbook, plus the glossary, into Braille for a visually impaired student.

Special Education not-to-exceed \$5,670

15. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items


David Summers, teacher at Crescent Elementary, spoke of the need for additional employees to work on the computers at school sites.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

By call of the chair, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Mark Wayland
Clerk of the Board