

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
P.O. Box 788  
San Andreas, CA 95249

**June 3, 2003  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at the District Administrative Offices at 5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gerri Conway  
Jim Foltz  
Zerrall McDaniel  
Hank Nagle  
John Yerman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Frost  
Cheri Folendorf  
Betty White  
Ann DeLara  
Lucinda Brower  
Jan Matson  
Bill Hamilton  
Carol Whitehead, CSEA  
Anne Dasch, CUEA  
Helen Pickens  
Kathy Bell  
Ed Collett  
Mike Merrill  
Susan Bratset  
Sharon Knick  
Peggy Stout

**OTHERS:** Interested community and staff  
B.J. Ely, SELPA Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Closed session items were announced as listed on the agenda.

**PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

There was no public comment at this time.

The Board convened into closed session at this time. Zerrall McDaniel was not present.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with Management / Confidential / Supervisory (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CASTA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54954)**

The meeting recessed at this time to attend a potluck and band concert at Toyon Middle School.

**OPEN SESSION**

Open session was called to order at the District Office at 7:30 p.m. with the salute to the flag and roll call. All present.

At this time, item XV-D, Toyon Middle School Woodshop, was moved forward on the agenda.

Bruce Cunningham addressed the Board regarding the Woodshop Program at Toyon Middle School and expressed his desire to preserve the program. Mr. Cunningham explained the process of creating a project made of wood and explained the different skills involved. A parent addressed the Board expressing what she felt the program had done to help her son. Another parent also addressed the Board expressing his displeasure with this program being cut. Another parent spoke about the budget crisis and acknowledged that this is not an easy time for decision makers such as the Board; he fears we are narrowing ourselves into meeting test results and eliminating other aspects of educating the whole child. Teacher Gary Johnson spoke about programs at TMS and how proud the staff is of what the school has to offer. Alex Quinones spoke about carpentry work being a basic skill and how he feels that it would be a shame to cut this program; he also offered \$500 to begin raising funds to help fund the program. A contractor from Murphys spoke about woodshop and how he has succeeded in his own business thanks to a woodshop program, and also recommended that the Board agendize further study of a means to save this program. Teacher Joellyn Fuller spoke about educating the whole child. A student also spoke about what woodshop means to her, as well as other students, and presented a petition to the Board.

Superintendent Frost discussed the reasoning behind this program cut and the budgetary necessity to do this. Mr. Frost also addressed the academic pressures created by NCLB – accountability is massive for Math, English/Language Arts, and Science.

The Board agreed to agendize an effort to save the Woodshop Program and rally community support; this item will be on the June 17 Board meeting agenda. The Board thanked community and staff for their input and support with this issue and is looking forward to working together toward a potential solution.

**Mokelumne Hill Elementary Report and Introductions**

Principal Ed Collett provided an informational report on happenings at Mokelumne Hill Elementary.

**Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Annual Report**

Jim Pesout provided an annual BTSA Report for the Board's information.

Item XV-B, Approval of Tri-County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Local Plan for Special Education 2003, was moved forward on the agenda.

Tri-County SELPA Director BJ Ely discussed the Special Ed Local Area Plan for 2003. Superintendent Frost recommended to our Board that the Local Plan not be approved tonight, and that it be reagendized on the next Board agenda. MSC 5-0 to decline approval of the Local Plan tonight and reagendize on June 17, 2003.

**PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with Management / Confidential / Supervisory (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CASTA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54954)**

Administrative Hearing Panel recommendations were considered and will be voted on in open session.

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTERS**

**AHP 2002/03-24**

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel abstained) to approve the AHP's recommendation that the student be expelled from TMS through January 2004, with alternative placement at Mt. Ranch Community School under the terms and conditions of a rehabilitation plan. The student is in violation of Ed Code 48900 (c) and (k).

**AHP 2002/03-26**

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel abstained) to approve the AHP's recommendation that the student be expelled from GSHS. The student is 18 years of age and may enroll in Adult Education. The student is in violation of Ed Code 48900 (i) and (k).

**AHP 2002/03-25**

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel abstained) to approve the AHP's recommendation that the student be expelled from TMS through January 2004, with alternative placement in the CUSD Transition Program under the terms and conditions of a rehabilitation plan. It is recommended that the expulsion be suspended. The student is in violation of Ed Code 48900 (i) and (k).

**AHP 2002/03-27**

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel abstained) to approve the AHP's recommendation that the student be expelled from TMS through June 2004, with alternative placement in the CUSD Transition Program under the terms and conditions of a rehabilitation plan. It is recommended that the expulsion be suspended. Any violation will revoke the suspended expulsion and the student will be placed in Mt. Ranch Community School. The student is in violation of Ed Code 48900 (b) and (k).

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

None presented.

**PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MSC 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2003; April 22, 2003
- B. Routine Personnel:
  - All Personnel – No item presented.
  - Certificated Personnel
    - 1. Resignation of one probationary Teacher
    - 2. Employment of one probationary Teacher
  - Classified Personnel
    - 1. Promotion for two probationary Child Care Instructors
    - 2. Employment of one substitute Child Care Aide
    - 3. Employment of one substitute Paraeducator
    - 4. Employment of one probationary Health Aide
    - 5. Employment of two probationary Custodian/Gardener
    - 6. Employment of one probationary Skilled Maintenance
    - 7. Employment of one permanent Bus Drivers
    - 8. Employment of two substitute Bus Drivers
  - Management/Confidential/Supervisory
    - 1. Employment of one temporary Summer Swim Program Manager
- C. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing through May 21, 2003
- D. Approval, Donations:
  - 1. West Point Elementary: \$50.00 cash from Volcano Lodge No. 56, F & AM, one clarinet from Michelle Richardson, valued at \$300.00; one printer from Justine ten Zeldam, valued at \$50.00.
  - 2. Jenny Lind Elementary: Two Apple computers, valued at \$40.00, and one keyboard, valued at \$50.00, from Pat Van Lieshout.
  - 3. CUSD Music Program: One trombone from Susan McTague, valued at \$400.00.
- E. Appointment of CIF League Representatives for 2003/04: Vince Bicocca and Mark Campbell.
- F. Approval, Contract for Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Compliance Services for 2003/04 with Charles Koeber
- G. Rejection of Claims against the District: Waite and Christman v. CUSD
- H. Approval, Contract with Stanislaus County Office of Education to Buy Back 20 Days of James Pesout's 2002/03 Contract to Provide BTSA Training Services
- I. Approval of Contracts for Technology Services with Vallecito Union School District and Bret Harte Union High School District for 2002/03

**ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

No items removed.

**PERSONNEL**

**Certificated Report**

Anne Dasch reported that the general consensus was one of satisfaction with the negotiations agreement given the difficult financial times.

**Classified Report**

No reported.

**All Personnel** - No item presented.

**Certificated Personnel** - No item presented.

**Classified Personnel** - No item presented.

**Management/Confidential/Supervisory** – No item presented.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**Curriculum Report** - No report.

**Approval, School Site Plans**

MSC 5-0 to approve School Site Plans as revised and presented (year two of a three-year plan).

**Approval, 2003/04 Consolidated Application, Part I**

MSC 5-0 to approve the 2003/04 Consolidated Application, Part I, as presented.

**2003/04 Calendar Revision**

MSC 5-0 to approve the 2003/04 calendar revisions as presented. These changes reflect a change in co-planning days from Thursdays to Fridays for TMS and CHS; this will result in a savings of transportation costs.

**BUSINESS**

**Facilities Report**

Superintendent Frost reported that projects are moving along.

**Authorization to Award Bid for: CHS Asbestos Removal**

MSC 5-0 to authorize awarding bid for CHS asbestos removal to Riverbank Interiors for the bid price of \$16,426.00.

**Approval, Price Increase for Elementary and Secondary Breakfasts and Lunch for Secondary for the 2003/04 School Year**

MSC 5-0 to approve price increases for elementary and secondary breakfasts and lunch for secondary for the 2003/04 school year.

**Authorization to Submit Emergency Waiver Allowance of Attendance because of Emergency Conditions J-13A**

MSC 5-0 to authorize submitting emergency waiver allowance of attendance because of emergency conditions J-13A as presented for West Point Elementary and Rail Road Flat Elementary.

**Discussion 2003/04 CUSD Budget**

MSC 5-0 to table to next meeting.

**POLICY/REGULATIONS**

**First Reading**

The following Board Policies were presented and accepted for a first reading:

1. BP 5145.6, Parental Notifications (Revised)
2. BP 6142.1, Family Life/Sex Education (Revised)

**Second Reading/Adoption**

MSC 5-0 to adopt the following Board Policies as presented at the second reading:

1. BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements (Revised)

**Administrative Regulations/Exhibits**

The following Administrative Regulations were presented for information:

1. AR 4112, Appointment and Conditions of Employment (Revised)
2. AR 4117.7, Employment Status Reports (Revised)
3. AR 4161.1, 4361.1, Personal Illness/Injury Leave (Revised)
4. AR 4212, Appointment and Conditions of Employment (Revised)
5. E 5145.6, Parental Notifications (Revised)
6. AR 6142.1, Family Life/Sex Education (Revised)

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

John Yerman commented regarding electives and educating students as a whole. Mr. Yerman stated that perhaps middle school isn't the place for electives such as woodshop, noting that perhaps there could be a common place for ROP classes and county high schools could attend.

Gerri Conway advised that she attended the Association of Low Wealth Schools meeting yesterday; she has some new information from that meeting and will provide it to fellow Board members.

Hank Nagle commented that he has concerns about using electives as a means to meet education requirements we are faced with today.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on June 17, 2003, 7:00 p.m., at the District Administrative Offices.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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James L. Frost  
by Helen Pickens