

**WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 2, 2007, 7:00 P.M.  
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER  
790 J Street, Lincoln, CA**

## MINUTES

2007-2008 Goals & Objectives (G & O) for the Management Team: Component I: Quality Student Performance; Component II: Curriculum Themes; Component III: Special Student Services; Component IV: Staff & Community Relations; Component V: Facilities/Administration Budget.

**7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION – Performing Arts Theater – LHS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Members Present**

Paul Long, President  
James McLeod, Vice President  
Brian Haley, Member  
Paul Carras, Clerk

**Members Absent**

Ana Stevenson, Member

**Others Present**

Scott Leaman, Superintendent  
Bob Noyes, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services  
Mary Boyle, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services  
Terri Ryland, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
Cathy Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Maintenance Services  
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the Superintendent

**Student** – Joanna Loya, Lincoln High Student Advisor

**Press** - Cheri March, Lincoln News Messenger

**2. DISCLOSURE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY**

**3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Recognition of a District Employee, Victoria Bortolus

Scott recognized Vickie with a certificate and read the following: Vickie unselfishly heeded the cry for help when a child was choking. Her actions were quick as she performed the Heimlich maneuver on a student, and was then able to

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return to her cashiering duties to make certain all students got through the lunch line in a timely manner. Vickie truly cares about the children of Foskett Ranch Elementary and works hard to help them. She's an excellent employee. Jeff Dardis, Food Service Director also shared on another situation she assisted in earlier in the day, and expressed what a great employee she is.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meetings of September 4th & September 18, 2007

4.2 Approval of Warrants

4.3 Ratification of Personnel Items

**Classified:****a. *Ratification of Classified Employment:***

Mary Crowell – Campus/Café. Supervisor – LCE

Valerie Rhodes – Campus/Café. Supervisor – COE

Renee Triano – Campus/Café. Supervisor – TBM

Jason Wigley – Technology Support Tech. Assist. - DIST

**b. *Ratification of Classified Increase in Time:***

Dennice Stearns – from 4hr. School Office Clerk II to 8 hr. School Office Clerk II - TBE

**c. *Ratification of Classified Additional Position:***

Robin Davis – adding the 20 minute Camp/Café. Supervisor position at TBE to current 2 hr. Food Service Assistant position at LHS effective 10/01/07.

Tina Diaz – adding the 20 minute Camp/Café. Supervisor position at LCE to current 5.6 hr. Special Ed. Inst. Aide position at TBE effective 8/20/07.

Tere Props – adding the 20 minute Camp/Café. Supervisor position at LCE to current 2 hr. Camp/Café. Supervisor position at LCE effective 8/20/07

**d. *Ratification of Classified Transfers:***

Lori Geist – from 1.5 hr. Camp/Café. Supervisor at CCC to the 2 hr. Camp/Café Supervisor position at CCC effective 9/17/07.

Tina Mosier – from 3.5 hr. Paraprofessional, Physical Health Care position at FRE to the 5.6 hr. Special Ed. Instr. Aide position at LHS effective 9/24/07.

**e. *Ratification of Classified/Confidential Transfer/Promotion:***

Kari O'Toole – from 8 hr. Assistant Supt., Educational Services Secretary to 8 hr. Personnel Acct. Tech. effective approximately 10/15/07.

4.4 Obsolete Science and Social Science Instructional Materials.

4.5 Ratification of Article XIII (Salaries) in Certificated Collective Bargaining.

4.6 Approve donation of "60" T.V. to Creekside Oaks Elementary.

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- 4.7 Approve donation of 1959 Willys Pickup to the Lincoln High School Auto Shop.
- 4.8 Approve donation of 1999 Buick LeSabre to the Lincoln High School Auto Shop.
- 4.9 Resolution 07/08.8 declaring an emergency for the work of Johnson Controls to install two boilers at Lincoln High School.

Motion by Mr. Carras, seconded by Mr. Haley and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve consent agenda as listed. Mr. Long reviewed the donations that were given to our district

## 5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

**Andrea Stephenson** reported things are going well with Twelve Bridges Library. Computers will be installed this week. The big cozy books are in, and the furniture will be delivered next week. She will be talking with district Principals about services available at the library. She is currently working on aligning California Standards, and will be attending a technology leadership meeting. She is also meeting with Jan Smith to discuss ROP. She invited everyone to the sneak peak preview of the library on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the actual grand opening will be held Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

**Keith Hugget** expressed his anger about the recent actions taking place by combining classes. He read the following letter on behalf of Concerned Parents of the Sheridan Elementary School: Our district is obviously undergoing some serious upheaval due to the shortsightedness of both previous and current board members regarding the construction of new schools and the budgets for said constructions. The shortsightedness should be costing the School Board, not the students for which the Board serves. Due to the lack of funds the older schools are being forced to take on most of the burden of combining their classes. This is *not* being done at Foskett Ranch nor Twelve Bridges schools. If combination classes are good for one school shouldn't they be good for all? Shouldn't they be implemented at *every* school? Why do we bother having individual class if combination classes are such a success?

The town of Sheridan has a large rental population. This means that there is a large influx of people moving in and out of the area all the time. Currently there are several vacancies in the area which has an effect on the student population at Sheridan Elementary. Is the financial situation within Western Placer Unified School District such that every time there are vacancies from rental activity that the structure at Sheridan Elementary will be modified?

The creation of three new schools has enticed parents away from the older schools and the District has allowed many intra-district transfers. *Why did the District allow so many and is it prepared to allow those requested by dissatisfied parents?* The District claims we don't have the fund to pay for the teachers to allow the classes to remain the way they were, with enrollment numbers being so much lower than last year. Here at Sheridan the total number of student we have lost between this year and last year is 7. S-E-V-E-N!

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When you consider the 20 to 30 we lost the previous year due to change from being a K-8 to a K-5 seven students is next to nothing.

Everyone keeps saying that the combination classes will be “fine” and it will “work out.” No one is saying the truth. This is a bad decision. It was not made with the best interest of the children in mind. At Sheridan Elementary we are being forced to split our second grade class into two different classes, lumping some with our first grade class and some with our third grade class. The quality of education is greatly diminished as teachers now have to teach two separate curricula in a single room to children of distinctly different maturity levels. Combination classes have proven to fail here at Sheridan Elementary. Our current Second grade teacher took the second grade class *because* she didn’t want to teach a combination 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> class and is now forced to teach a combination 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Third grade teacher, a phenomenal third grade teacher, has *never* taught Kindergarten which is her *new* position due to the forced combination. In addition, your forced combination classes have now made us a “closed” school. Should families with children move into Sheridan they will be forced to send their children to a different school – thus possibly exacerbating our, Sheridan’s, enrollment problems, in the future. Once enrolled in another school parents will not want to move their children away from their friends they have made there.

Last year, with eighty-seven (87) students and five (5) teachers our API scores increased a dramatic 27 points. What other school in the district can claim that? Our current enrollment is eighty (80) students and we are being forced to eliminate 1 teacher. Please, give us our Kindergarten teacher back and restore us to the way we were. If enrollment is the issue, since the new schools are all full, send the children trying to enroll there our way! Obviously we were doing *something* right!

**6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION**

- 6.1 Lincoln High School, Student Advisory – Joanna Loya – not available
- 6.2 Western Placer Teacher’s Association – Mike Agrippino gave two brief reports. The first one was on behalf of the bargaining team and all the members of the Western Placer Teachers Association. I would like to thank our superintendent, Scott Leaman, for his work with us on restructuring the certificated salary schedule. It has been a pleasure to work with Scott and the district team on this and other issues. The tone has been positive, professional, and sincere. We are confident that we will continue to work together to meet the challenges of our district. Secondly, the Teachers Association has noted over the last several months that some public statements made both orally and in writing have increasingly implied that a quality education can only occur in a brand new school. Unfortunately, these comments have been disheartening to some teachers. Let me reassure the School Board and the public that the teachers of Western Placer are dedicated and talented. Whether in a new school or an old one, the curriculum being presented, and the results seen are of the highest quality. The teachers of Western Placer know that the

commitment to our students is the number one priority of this district.  
Thank you.

- 6.3 Western Placer Classified Employee Association – Joe Ross – not available
- 6.4 Superintendent, Scott Leaman reported Bob Noyes is being sought as ACSA Vice President, which includes state wide office as educators for the schools in California. He reported that Cathy Allen would be reviewing the architect interview process and we would like to have a good pool of architects. He reported we are looking at another elementary school. Scott reported on October 8<sup>th</sup> he would be releasing a statement of intent on the allegations in the binder.
  - 6.4.1 Response to Public Comment from 9/18/07 Board Meeting: Mr. Leaman responded to some concerns regarding builders we're currently using to build our schools. There were also concerns of combinations classes, which are very common in our District. There was also a concern in any transfers being made after the start of school. The district tries to make any changes needed as close as possible to the beginning of the school year.
- 6.5 Assistant Superintendent(S)
  - 6.5.1 Mary Boyle
    - a. *Program Focus Area: No report*
  - 6.5.2 Terri Ryland
    - a. *Budget Update: No report*
  - 6.5.3 Bob Noyes – No report
  - 6.5.4 Cathy Allen reported there is still construction on the Lincoln Crossing Park, she has identified 3 locations for additional classrooms. Clark and Sullivan will put these in and should start the project in the springtime, and this will be a separate project to DSA. The City Hall/District Office is moving along, Heather is in the process of ordering furniture with Williams and Paddon. Cathy discussed a meeting that was held with Cresleigh Development concerning fees. She met with the Maintenance staff and introduced herself and offered her help. She discussed the RFQ paper screening and is currently down to 10, the interviews will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a mixture of people on the panel, which will include a member from the community.

7. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION  
CODE: (A) = Action (D) = Discussion (I) = Information

- 7.1 (I/D/A) **HEAD LICE POLICY - Leaman (07-08 G & O Component IV)**
  - The California Department of Health Services and the California School Nurses Association recommend school districts adopt and adhere to a “no live lice” policy with regard to head lice and students. Current WPUSD policy is more restrictive “nit-free” policy, restricting students from attending school during the

process of receiving treatment for head lice when no live lice are present, and resulting in excessive absences. We recommend revising our district policy to be consistent with the recommendations of the California Department of Health Services and the California School Nurses Association.

Ms. Betty Jo Boren, District nurse discussed the new process on head lice, and the nit free policy. The process would be that the nits hatch in 7-10 days, so the students would have treatments, and be checked on a regular basis upon returning to school. She indicated as long as a student is being treated they can return to school and will be checked by the nurse on a regular basis. This will help from keeping students out of school for such a long period of time and missing so much education. After much discussion, there was a motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Carras and passed by unanimous vote to accept the changes to the Head Lice Policy.

Mr. Carras requested the board discuss policy process at a later date.

## 8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 8.1 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are a number of agenda items that the Board of Trustees has been monitoring. They are NOT action items for tonight's meeting, but Are noted here for continuing purposes and to ensure that when there are changes or new information they will be called up as Action/Discussion/Information

- Relationship with Sierra Community College
- Twelve Bridges High School
- Audio Visual Media Board Policy – will be looked at.
- Gladding Parkway Carlin C. Coppin

### 8.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Board Member Reports/Comments

**Mr. Haley** had no comment.

**Mr. McLeod** thanked WPTA and the Districts bargaining team for all their work. It's good for the district.

**Mr. Carras** expressed he is looking forward to the Library Grand Opening.

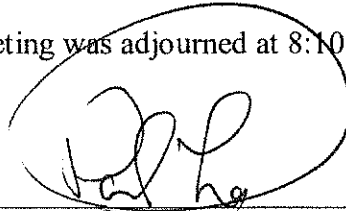
**Mr. Long** had no comment.

## 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETINGS(S)

- The President will establish the following meetings(s):
  - October 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Lincoln Crossing Elementary

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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**Paul Long, Board President**



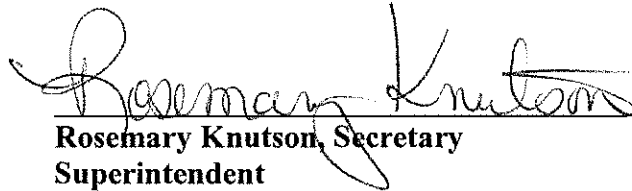
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**Paul Carras, Clerk**



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**Scott Leaman, Superintendent**



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**Rosemary Knutson, Secretary  
Superintendent**

**Adopted:** November 6 2007

**Ayes:** Haley, Carras, McLeod, Stevenson, Long

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

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