WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 4, 2006 7:00 P.M.
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL – PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING
790 "J" STREET, LINCOLN, CA

MINUTES

2005-2006 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.

4:00 P.M. **OPEN SESSION - Administrative Conference Room – D.O.**

1. Call to Order
2. Announce Closed Session Items
3. Adjourn to Closed Session

4:05 P.M. **CLOSED SESSION - Administrative Conference Room – D.O.**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**
Update on certificated negotiations

2. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/EXPULSION PURSUANT TO E.C. 48918**

a. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Stipulated Expulsion #05/06 Q

b. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Expulsion #05/06 R

c. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Expulsion #05/06 S

d. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Stipulated Expulsion #05/06 T

3. **INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEALS**

a. Interdisictrict Transfer Appeal 06/07 1
b. Interdisictrict Transfer Appeal 06/07 2

4. **PERSONNEL**
Public Employee Appointment
Facilities Superintendent/District Superintendent

5. **ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

Members Present

Dennis Sonnenburg, President
James McLeod, Vice President
Melanie Eustice, Clerk
Earl Mentze, Member
Paul Long, Member

Others Present

Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent
Scott Leaman, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services
Jay M. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Bob Noyes, Director of Human Services
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the Superintendent

Press - Richard Myers, Lincoln News Messenger
Student – Garrett Snyder, Lincoln High Student Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The Board of Trustees will disclose any action taken in Closed Session regarding the following items:

2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Update on certificated negotiations

An update was given, and the board has asked that the bargaining team meet.

2.2 STUDENT DISCIPLINE/EXPULSION PURSUANT TO E.C. 48918

a. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Stipulated Expulsion #05/06 Q

Motion by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Earl, and passed by unanimous vote to approve stipulated expulsion.

b. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Expulsion #05/06 R

Motion by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Mr. McLeod, and passed by unanimous vote to approve expulsion

c. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Expulsion #05/06 S

Motion by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by unanimous vote to approve expulsion, Mr. Mentze abstained

d. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student Stipulated Expulsion #05/06 T

Motion by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by unanimous vote to approve stipulated expulsion.

2.3 INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEALS

a. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal 06/07 1

Motion by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Mr. McLeod, and passed to deny the appeal, with the exception of one no vote by Mrs. Eustice.

b. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal 06/07 2

Motion by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed to deny the appeal, with the exception of one no vote by Mrs. Eustice.

2.4 PERSONNEL

Public Employee Appointment
Facilities Superintendent/District Superintendent

Mr. Sonnenburg read the following statement:
"Tonight in closed session the Board considered some critical and significant changes in our district's organizational structure. We have been studying our situation since early February. The district is entering an unprecedented growth period as was reflected in the draft of the Facilities Master Plan presented by Ron Fiest at the March 7th Board Meeting. He commented, "Your staff will be heavily stretched to stay up with the building program." In a few short months we will be constructing close to a quarter billion dollars worth of projects. Including our joint projects with the city and community college we will be completing and opening Twelve Bridges Middle School, and four others under construction, namely, Twelve Bridges High School, the Joint City/District/College Library project, Lincoln Crossing Elementary School and the City Hall/District Office on Sixth Street. Our new high school, at over 70 million dollars, will be the largest project ever initiated by Western Placer. In addition to construction, the design plans for Lincoln Crossing Middle School and a second elementary school for Twelve Bridges are in progress.

Currently the district has no Facilities Department to oversee this rapidly expanding operation. The vision and responsibility needed to manage this growth are extremely important to the district. With so much at stake,

critical oversight can potentially yield significant savings and ensure that projects will be completed as planned on time.

Therefore, the Board has worked with Roger Yohe to develop a plan which would adequately manage this growth. Under the plan Mr. Yohe will be transferred to head-up this department as Facilities Superintendent. Several of his duties will include:

A. Overseeing construction projects, including attending construction meetings, managing the budgets and approving changes in conjunction with the District Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.
B. Making presentation and recommendation to the Board of Trustees on all phases of the school planning, design and construction process.
C. Assuming full management responsibilities for the Facilities Department, personnel and operational activities within WPUSD.

To replace the District Superintendent can be an expensive, time consuming and risky process. The Board noted that Assistant Superintendent, Scott Leaman had served the district exceedingly well, as both principal and assistant superintendent, for the past 13 years. With superintendent positions opening up in nearby districts, Scott could easily be lost by our district in the near future.

Therefore, the Board decided to interview Scott for the position of District Superintendent. This was doubly appealing because Scott and Roger have worked so well together for many years and a good working relationship between these two positions will be critically important for this district for the next few years.

Scott interviewed exceptionally well. In addition, the Board noted he is respected by the site administrators and has provided outstanding leadership throughout his career in Western Placer. He understands the heart and soul of the district, and he can keep us all moving in the right direction.

The Board worked with its attorney and Roger and Scott to develop details in contractual form for this transfer and promotion. This action will result in a net savings to the district general fund since the Facilities Superintendent position will be funded out of developer fees and the District Superintendent will enter at a reduced salary. This will take effect on July 3rd with a transition to begin immediately so both are prepared to assume their new duties."

After his statement a motion was made unanimously and approved by the board of trustees to approve the realignment of superintendents.

After the statement on realignment of superintendents a motion by Mr. Long, seconded Mentze, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the realignment of superintendents. Mr. McLeod made a statement to Mr. Yohe on how much he is appreciated for all his hard work with the district and the community. Mr. Leaman also gave a brief statement of gratitude to Roger and the district for his promotion to superintendent. After his statement he was given a standing ovation by the audience.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation pre GMP for Twelve Bridges High School and status report on Lincoln Crossing Elementary School - NTD

Mr. Jordan Knighton gave a power point presentation on the overview of the Twelve Bridges High School project. He reviewed all aspects of the facilities. He also discussed joint facilities with both the City of Lincoln and Sierra College. The bid process will begin in April and conclude in May. Construction will start June 2006, and the occupancy will be by July of 2008. A Twelve Bridges High School planning update booklet was given to the board of trustees.

Jordan also gave a presentation on the Lincoln Crossing Elementary School, which includes an adjacent city park. He indicated the occupancy on this facility will be July 2007. Mr. Long requested a sign with the occupancy date be put on the property for the community to see. Mr. Knighton assured Mr. Long that new signs will be put up.

4 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes
Regular Meetings of March 7th, & March 21st, 2006

4.2 Approval of Warrants

4.3 Ratification of Personnel Items

Classified:

a Ratification of Classified Transfer/Promotion:

Tina Diaz – Campus/Café. Supervisor to Instructional Aide - TBE

Certificated:

b. Ratification of Certificated Retirement:

Marilynn Dibble – Physical Education Teacher – GEMS

4.4 Approval of Agreement for the provision of Legal Services by Girard, Vinson & Trujillo, LLP

Mr. Long requested that item number 4.4 be removed from the consent agenda, and be brought back for discussion. A motion was made by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as listed with the exception of item number 4.4.

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Desirai Gomez – Addressed the board regarding over populated class sizes. She is new to the Lincoln area, her children attend Creekside Oaks. Her daughter was struggling, but is now back on track with the help of a team of teachers. However, she feels her son is falling through the cracks because of the amount of students in one class. She talked about teachers going above and beyond for their students. She asked the board of trustees to think back when they were in school, and were would they be without their teacher?

Michael Bodie – Addressed the board in regards to Creekside Oaks Elementary and Glen Edwards Middle School, he expressed he is still upset about the portable multi that was put in at Creekside Oaks. And now the city has put in new locks at the community center, not allowing the students to utilize the facility, and asked what kind of arrangements have been made with the city for joint use of the community center. He reported since he has been attending the board meetings, there has been no mention of new facilities for Creekside Oaks and Carlin C. Coppin, and feels unhappy to say it's like a tale between two cities with the older schools getting nothing, and the new facilities having everything. He also brought up the subject of class size. He hopes to see with the new leadership for Western Placer Unified School District that they live up to their obligation.

Dan Burbage-Macaluso – Talked about pay increases and how he could not wait another 2 years to see COLA. He talked about the time he spends working with students during his lunch. He also talked about the prep time that was negotiated for a lower salary.

Lanina Spencer – She handed out a packet to all board members that was put together by a group of teachers from Twelve Bridges Elementary asking them to review the information and invited board members to visit their classrooms to see where monies are spent, and answer any questions they might have.

Rob Kerrigan – Congratulated both Roger and Scott for the administrative alignment that took place this evening, and shared the bargaining team is looking forward to working with Scott. The negotiating team put together a presentation called the "Our Arduous Journey" and it was presented to the board of trustees.

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 Lincoln High School, Student Advisory – Garrett Snyder – Reported April 18th will be mid term accreditation for Lincoln High School, which is a check up from 3 years ago. He will report back in May.
- 6.2 Western Placer Teacher's Association – Mike Agrippino – Shared a statement to the board in regards to negotiations.
- 6.3 Western Placer Classified Employee Association – Joe Ross - Not in attendance
- 6.4 Superintendent, Roger Yohe - Shared an invitation to the Board of Trustees received from the Friends of the Library for an Open House scheduled on May 3rd.
- 6.5 Assistant Superintendent(s)
  - 6.5.1 Jay M. Stewart
    - a. Budget Update: No report

b. Facilities Update:

6.5.2 Scott Leaman

a. Program Focus Area: *Curriculum Adoption* – Mr. Leaman reported the health adoption will be delayed until next year. He also talked about Social Science adoption, this will be brought back for discussion. He reported Star testing has just arrived and will begin the first of May, along with GATE testing and Assessment testing that will continue through the end of the school year.

6.5.3 Bob Noyes, Personnel Director – Reported on the interviewing process to hire teachers for the up and coming year. To date there have been 25 teachers hired, and we will continue interviewing after Spring Break.

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

7.1 (I/D) NEWCASTLE BOUNDARY CHANGES COMMITTEE Yohe
(05-06 G & O Component IV-I)

•The Newcastle Boundary Change Committee has asked to be on the agenda for discussion and questions regarding the proposal NBCC has given Western Placer Unified School District.

Mrs. Mary Stockwell spoke on behalf of the NBCC, she handed out packets and asked the board to work with the NBCC. She reported there had been a few minor changes to the original proposal which were include the packets. She reported that a presentation has been given to both Ophir and Loomis board members, but they are not willing to work with the NBCC.

Marcy Buckner a student from Glen Edwards Middle School asked to continue her education in Lincoln Schools.

Victoria Buckner, Mother of Marcy reported that she lives within Newcastle but does not want to see these changes take place. She expressed not wanting to attend Newcastle Schools she feels very much a part of the Lincoln Community and really wants to keep her kids in the Lincoln school district.

Nicole Buckner a student at Lincoln High School expressed the difficulty of changing schools. She fits right in at school and her grades are very good. She would like to graduate at Lincoln High School.

Elaine Lowe – A former teacher who lives on Gold Hill Road, and has raised 4 children in Western Placer Unified School District. Lincoln is our Community they don't want to attend Del Oro, or Newcastle schools. They want to stay where they are and keep the boundaries where they currently are.

William Fawx – Has lived on Gold Hill Road for years. He gave a brief background about himself. He is World War II Veteran and has four daughters who attended Newcastle schools. He has been a part of the Newcastle district for many years. He asked about the impact, and who would determine the final decision on the transfer, and would there be any room for appeals, and asked about appeal process. He felt that both sides of the petitions should have contacted him. He also thanked the board for listening.
Steve Cole – Lives on 193 and Gold Hill Road on the boundary line. He expressed being troubled about the two school districts that have been linked on his property. He expressed that those it effected should be asked how they feel before a decision is made.
Dennis Allen – Reported this change would not affect the middle school and the high school. He reported on Ron Fiest talking about keeping the kids together from K-12th so they can stay together.
This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

7.2 (D/A) **OPHIR/LOOMIS PETITION TO ANNEX WITH WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – Yohe** *(05-06 G & O Component IV-V)*

•Both Ophir and Loomis have submitted petitions to the Western Placer Unified School District Board of Trustees for approval of transfer of territory from the Western Placer Unified School District to both Ophir Elementary School District and Loomis Union Elementary School District.

Mr. Rob Reynolds from Loomis talked about boundaries, and said he was willing to answer any questions on this boundary changes.

Mr. Yohe reported the boundary changes have been discussed for the last 2 years. He talked about the unionization of Ophir and Loomis school districts, and if this transfer is approved tonight it then goes to Placer County Boundary Committee for approval.

The board of trustees expressed many questions on the transfer, as far as loss of developer fees and how this would affect students that are currently attending Western Placer but will no longer be within our boundaries. It was assured by Mr. Reynolds that interdistricts would be honored in allowing students to continue their education in Western Placer Unified School District. Mr. McLeod had a concern with putting something into the agreement allowing the students to attend where they would like, because board policy changes. The Ophir board president who was present at the board meeting guaranteed, Mr. McLeod 100% that this would not be a problem.

A motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed to approve the boundary transfer. The vote was 3 in favor and 2 opposed by McLeod and Eustice.

7.3 (D/A) **APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 6146.1 MODIFICATION – Leaman** *(05-06 G & O Component IV-V)*

•At the end of the 2005-06 school years, a very small number of students in the district may complete the required credits for graduation but not receive a passing score on the high school exit exam. The district is requesting a modification in Board Policy 6146.1 to issue a Certificate of Completion to these students.

A motion by Mrs. Eustice, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by unanimous vote to approve board policy 6146.1 modifications.

7.4 (D/A) **SITE PLAN APPROVAL – Leaman** *(05-06 G & O Component IV-V)*

•2005-06 site plans from all schools are being submitted to the Board for approval at this time. Plans have been revised with updated budgets and modified goals.

A motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the site plan that were submitted for approval.

7.5 (I/D) **GLEN EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL FUTURE PLANS – Stewart** *(05-06 G & O Component IV-V)*

•The Board of Trustees has requested that this item be brought to the board for discussion. Which include future plans for Glen Edwards Middle School, could be remodel the current facilities as a middle school, or transform it into an elementary school.

Mr. Stewart reported Glen Edwards was designed to be an elementary school, and anything done at this point has been patchwork for a middle school. He reported on assessment from Ron Fiest, himself and the Architect would be instead of modernize Glen Edwards Middle School is make it an elementary school. He reported it would cost 3.5 to 5 million dollars of remodeling it back into an elementary school. The district will have two other middle schools by 2009. Mr. Stewart reported Glen Edwards Middle School will never be a state of art middle school. Mr. McLeod commented he feels we should look at keeping a middle school within the city and walking distance for the students. Mr. Stewart reported it would be a 20 million dollar renovation to keep Glen Edwards Middle School as a middle

school. Some of the concerns from board members were when to build and how fast. Mr. Stewart reported a modernization to Glen Edwards Middle School would come from district funding, he explained there are two pots one being modernization and the other being growth monies. There was discussion from the board on feeling the need to push the plans through for commitment on the Lincoln Crossing Middle School price for the property which needs to be finalized by 2007. Mr. Stewart reported a piece of modernization in the process is also looking at putting permanent classrooms and the multi purpose room over at Creekside Oaks Elementary School. Mr. Stewart reported he would need direction from the board on these proposals for Glen Edwards Middle School. This was information and discussion item only, no action was taken.

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
- Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School Land Plan/Gladding Parkway
- Budget Suspensions for the 2004/05 School Year

8.2 BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. McLeod – Reported on an ACSA dinner he attended last week where Jan Smith, received an award for Vice Principal of the Year at Lincoln High.

Mr. Long – Talked about when there was only one board meeting per month, and how he feels the importance to hear from the teachers. He expressed he would like to hear more from the teachers on a personal base, regarding their classrooms. He also talked about a magazine called the "Placer Magazine", it has great information.

Mrs. Eustice – Requested to have class size and Kindergarten class size as an agenda item on the April 18th board meeting.

Mr. Mentze – No report

Mr. Sonnenburg – Reported he would be leaving to go to India, and would be missing two board meetings.

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

- The President will establish the following meeting(s):
  >April 18, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Sheridan School

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Dennis Sonnenburg, Board President

Melanie Eustice, Clerk

Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent

Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to Superintendent

Adopted: May 2, 2006

Ayes: Long, Mentze, Eustice

Noes:

Absent: McLeod, Sonnenburg

Abstain:

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