WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 2, 2004, 7:00 P.M.
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL – PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING
790 "J" STREET, LINCOLN, CA

MINUTES

2003-2004 Goals & Objectives (G & 0) 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.

Members Present
Paul Long, President
Dennis Sonnenburg, Vice President
Karen Roberts, Clerk
Marcia Harris, Member
Earl Mentze, Member

Member Absent
None

Others Present
Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent
Jay M. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Scott Leaman, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

Press – Hank Lawson, Lincoln News Messenger

Student – Karin Harrington, LHS Student Advisory Representative

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

For the benefit of the students of the Western Placer Unified School District, President Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was no special business.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. President Long welcomed Rosemary Knutson as the new Secretary to the Superintendent, and noted the retirements of long time teachers Jack Gayaldo and Barbara Stephens.

3.1 Approval of Minutes
   a. Regular Meetings of February 3 and February 17, 2004

3.2 Approval of Warrants

3.3 Ratification of Personnel Items

a. Certificated:

a.1 Ratification of Certificated Resignation – Michelle Dworak, 3rd Grade Teacher, COES; Dan Kearney, 7/8th Grade, Sheridan

a.2 Request for Leave of Absence – Joan Lacktis, GEMS, Tentative Dates are 2/18/04 – 3/17/04

a.3 Request for Family Medical Leave Act – Amy Aceto, 4th Grade Teacher, COES

a.4 Ratification of Certificated Retirement(s) – Barbara Stephens, 3rd Grade Teacher, CCC; Jack Gayaldo, Phoenix High School Teacher

b. Classified:

b.1 Ratification of Classified Employment – Rosa Anderson, Short Term Grant Funded Bilingual Clerk, Lighthouse, .63 FTE

b.2 Ratification of Classified Resignation – Shawna Minter, Instructional Aide, FSS

b.3 Ratification of Classified Retirement(s) – Rosalina Baxter, Cafeteria site Cashier & Instructional Aide, FSS; Charlotte Campbell, Food Service Assistant, GEMS

c. Classified Confidential:

c.1 Ratification of Appointment of Rosemary Knutson to the Position of Secretary to the Superintendent, Beginning March 1, 2004, Step 3 on the Confidential Salary Schedule

3.4 Ratification of API Expenditures for Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no communication from the public.

5. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

Karin Harrington, Student Advisory Representative from Lincoln High School: Reported the third trimester has started; spring sports have begun; both boys and girls basketball teams are doing well; the wood duck program on the Weygandt property is underway; and the trout at the school farm will be released in May.

Western Placer Teacher's Association – Kris Knutson, President, gave recognition to the elementary school sites and the tremendous programs undertaken this week for Read Across America Week. There has been lots of community support with a long list of local dignitaries reading to students. Lincoln High School has a student that qualified for the State championship-wrestling tournament, with 3 or 4 students qualifying for section tournament. Julie Shackleford reported First Street School is having a "turn off the TV" on Wednesday nights. WPTA welcomed Rosemary Knutson to her new position.

Western Placer Classified Employee Association - Joe Ross, President, not in attendance.

Roger R. Yohe, District Superintendent - Reported on the upcoming Administrator of the Year for ACSA award night, board members can sign up with Rosemary (or Eva).

Jay M. Stewart, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services: Tonight Mr. Stewart addressed the state of the district budget. Due to the state of the economy, the district has received its first "qualified" First Interim budget report. Placer County Office of Education has established monthly meetings with the district in regard to its solvency. It was noted ADA is not what was expected. Projections for next year are showing a 1.9 million deficit. He reviewed all the adjustments and reductions to specific areas of the budget he had made to reduce the deficit as much as possible. He reported the 2003-2004 school year looks good with a 3% reserve, translating into a better beginning balance.

However, Placer County Office of Education indicates the district will need to issue lay-off letters for both certificated and classified employees. He noted it is important to remember – that with attrition, hopefully no one will lose his or her job. March 15th is the deadline for notices of lay-off for certificated employees, so a special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be required. The district's goal is to not lay off anyone, with retirements and new positions opening, it is hoped lay-offs will not be necessary, but notification is required. Association leaders will be kept informed; general fund spending has been called to a halt. He noted it is important to remember there are three pots of funding (1) general fund, (2) facility funds, (3) categorical monies. The general fund is the area of concern at this time, building of facilities and spending of categorical monies can continue.

Reports continued:
Scott Leaman, Asst. Superintendent of Instructional Services: Program Focus Area: California Assessment System- With the coming of March 19th assessments in all the different areas begin to take place. Mr. Leaman reviewed the California Assessment System i.e. the STAR Program and the tests that fall under that; he reviewed all the different tests taken at different grade levels. The Board had concerns with parents doing waivers so their student would not have to take the tests, but the district must be at the 95% level of students tested. Mr. Leaman also reviewed the (SHOP) Sutter Roseville Medical Center School Hospital Outreach Project schedule and the areas they are working with students such as nutrition, heart healthy, first aid, etc.
Bob Noyes, Director of Human Services: Not in Attendance.

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

6.1 (D/A) APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL SPECIALTY FURNITURE BID OF $415,923.46 FOR THE TWELVE BRIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Stewart *(03-04 G & O Component V)*

•This proposal provides furniture, equipment and supplies to equip the Twelve Bridges Elementary School. This proposal includes School Specialty setting up the furniture and equipment and then removing the shipping materials from the site. The District has scheduled mid-July for the delivery period.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the School Specialty Furniture Bid of $415,923.46 for the Twelve Bridges Elementary School. Discussion with clarification was held in regard to some of the listed areas.

6.2 (I/D/A) REVISIT OF DISTRICT LOGO – Long *(03-04 G &O Component I- V)*

•At the request of Board President Long the Board of Trustees revisited the decision made earlier for a new district logo. Mr. Long reviewed the reasons he had brought this item back, i.e. the last logo was designed by a student in the graphic arts class at Lincoln High School, following a contest. If implemented the cost factor for just letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc. would cost approximately $5500.00. This does not include the costs to change the logo on all district vehicles. He also felt the logo did not

represent the District or the commitment to education. He emphasized he would like to leave the logo just as it is.

Mrs. Harris spoke to the issue, noting the Board had decided it was a district moving into a new era, meeting new people, presenting ourselves to more people and should have a more polished logo. She read a letter from a member of the community in favor of the new logo, and expressed that there would be no added expense as it would be transitioned in. She noted marketing is a serious thing, and we need to market Western Placer Unified School District.

Mrs. Roberts reminded the Board of Trustees that she would not be running for re-election in November, and that money should not be spent on new letterhead until after elections.

Mr. Mentze spoke of the effects of a good logo, noting he is not fond of the new logo and would like something that would sweep the board off its feet.

Mr. Sonnenburg spoke to the issue, saying he was new to the community, but not new to education, and this logo does not represent what education should represent and that he could not support it. He also agreed that with the district financial picture, the district should not go ahead with this.

Mr. Sonnenburg made a motion that the Board of Trustees does not adopt this logo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mentze and passed on a 4-1 roll call vote, with Mrs. Harris casting the no vote.

7. COMMENTS - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7.1 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
  This is subject to the passage of Measure E on today's ballot.

- Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School Land Plan/Gladding Parkway
  This item is still in discussion.

7.2 2004 CSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

•The Board of Trustees considered casting a vote for a Subregion 4-D CSBA Assembly Delegate.

On a motion made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees cast its vote for Rene Aguilera, for the Subregion 4-D CSBA Assembly Delegate.

7.3 MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Earl Mentze: Mr. Mentze reported on the meeting held today with the City of Lincoln. In attendance at that meeting was Mr. Sonnenburg, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Yohe, Jerry Johnson, City Manager, and Randy Graham, Director of Finance, from the City of Lincoln. This is a Collaborative Planning Group working on facilities such as joint-use buildings, parks, etc. The areas reviewed by Mr. Mentze were: the possible joint-use city hall and district office and conference space; the possibility of the city renovating the current Civic Auditorium for joint-use City Council and Board of Trustee meeting chambers; the possibility of the City of Lincoln purchasing back the Lincoln Community Center; Foskett Ranch Property Access; joint use agreements for parks; etc.

Marcia Harris: Mrs. Harris shared information on the subject of "bullying" that she is working on with the middle school principal. A focus group has been formed; parent, teacher, and student surveys have been done. She noted some excellent ideas have been brought forward. At this time Mrs. Harris announced she would be resigning from the Board of Trustees, effective immediately, the family will be relocating to Oregon. She noted the board has done a lot of good things, but this is not a good board to be on if you have a difference of opinion. (Upon Mr. Long's questioning, Mrs. Harris indicated she would not be attending any more meetings and an official letter of resignation is forthcoming.)

Karen. Roberts: Mrs. Roberts asked if an end of the year retirement party is being planned yet? WPTA President, Kris Knutson indicated he would be discussing this with the Rep Council.

Dennis Sonnenburg: Mr. Sonnenburg praised Mrs. Harris for her hard work on the "bullying" issue and encouraged her to keep this as one of her goals in the future, he noted his appreciation for her lead in this. He also reported on a visit to Colfax High School, along with Mr. Yohe, Jordan Knighton, District Architect, and Mr. Butler, to see new facilities to get ideas for the Twelve Bridges High School. He will be attending another planning meeting this week for that facility.

Paul Long: Thanked Mrs. Harris for her time on the Board, noting she had done a good job. He also reported having attended award ceremonies at Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School for different grade levels, noting they are doing a great job out there.

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING (S)

- The President established the following meeting(s):
  >March 16, 2004, 7:00 p.m. Creekside Oaks Elementary School

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Paul Long, President

Karen Roberts, Clerk

Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent

Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

Adopted: May 4, 2004

Ayes: Roberts, Mentze, McLeod, Long

Noes:

Absent: Sonnenburg

Abstain: