WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 2, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL – Performing Arts Building
790 "J" STREET, LINCOLN, CA

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.

MINUTES

6:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION - Administrative Conference Room – D.O.

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

6:35 P.M. CLOSED SESSION - Administrative Conference Room – D.O.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

a. Name any employee organization with whom negotiations to be discussed are being conducted. **CSEA Classified Association**

b. Identify the titles of unrepresented individuals with whom negotiations are being conducted. **None**

c. Identify by name the agency's negotiator. **Jay Stewart, Classified Negotiator**

2. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

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, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
Scott Leaman, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services
Bob Noyes, Director of Human Services
John Bliss, Principal, Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School
Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

Press – Loryll Nicolaisen, Lincoln News Messenger - Absent

Student – Karin Harrington, LHS Student Advisory Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

For the benefit of the students of the Western Placer Unified School District, President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

• The Board of Trustees disclosed there was no action taken in Closed Session regarding the following items:

2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

a. Name any employee organization with whom negotiations to be discussed are being conducted. **CSEA Classified Association**

b. Identify the titles of unrepresented individuals with whom negotiations are being conducted. **None**

c. Identify by name the agency's negotiator. **Jay Stewart, Classified Negotiator**

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1 Recognition of 2003 Service by Karen Roberts as Board President

The Western Placer Unified School District honored Mrs. Karen Roberts for her service during the year 2003 as Board of Trustee President. Mrs. Roberts has served two terms as President while being a board member.

4. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As per Board Bylaw 9100 – the Board shall hold an annual organization meeting within the time limits prescribed by law (Education Code 35143). At this meeting the Board shall:

4.1 Elect a President, Vice President, and Clerk from its Members

~As per Education code 35143 and Board Bylaw 9100 the Board of Trustees shall hold an annual organizational meeting to elect a President, Vice President and Clerk from its members.

To begin election of a new board president, Mrs. Roberts handed the gavel to the Superintendent to conduct the election of a new president.

President

A motion was made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg, and passed on a 4-1 vote, (Harris abstaining), to appoint Mr. Paul Long as President of the Board of Trustees for 2004.

The gavel was then passed to Mr. Long to conduct the rest of the business.

Vice President
A motion was made by Mrs. Roberts to appoint Mrs. Harris as Vice President, Mrs. Harris declined to serve, so Mrs. Roberts nominated Mr. Sonnenburg as Vice President, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed on a 4-1 vote, (Harris abstaining), to appoint Mr. Sonnenburg as Vice President of the Board of Trustees for 2004

Clerk
A motion was made by Mr. Sonnenburg to appoint Mrs. Harris as Clerk; Mrs. Harris declined to serve.

Mr. Long stepped down as chairman and nominated Mrs. Roberts as Clerk, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed on a 4-1 vote, (Harris abstaining), to appoint Mrs. Roberts to serve as Clerk of the Board of Trustees for 2004

Board Member Marcia Harris abstained from all voting on the three board member officers, giving the following statement:
"For many years the reorganization of this board followed orderly rotation for leadership succession. In a systematic pattern board leadership roles rotated among its members. The rotation - The succession rotated a member to Vice President, then Clerk, then President, and then to member again. Karen Roberts was Clerk prior to her presidency as was Earl Mentze our past President and the President before him. When this system is adhered to there is a greater likelihood of a harmonious and non-political school board. The rotation has been broken by the appointment of Paul Long to Board President. I believe a school board should function as non-politically as possible a school board free from special interest attachments works more effectively to improve education for students. The move to abandon the normal board leadership rotation tonight may be based on the multi million dollar farm aid proposal set to be approved next year which I cannot support. I am sorry to see the farm aid issue politicize this board and be taken so far as to disrupt the traditional succession process of board leadership. I respectfully abstain from the leadership actions proposed."

* At the December 16, 2003 Mrs. Roberts made the following adjustments to the minutes of 12/2/03 as per Board Bylaw 9323 in regard to abstentions: *The Board believes that when no conflict of interest requires abstention, its members have a duty to vote on issues before them. When a member abstains because of a conflict of interest or for any other reason, his/her abstention shall be considered to concur with the action taken by the majority of those who vote, whether affirmatively or negatively.* The abstentions voiced under election of officers will not be valid, as per this information.

4.2 Appoint A Secretary to the Board.
~According to Board Bylaw 9122, the Superintendent shall act as Secretary of the Governing Board.

A motion was made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mentze and passed by unanimous vote, to appoint Superintendent Roger Yohe as Secretary to the Board.

4.3 Authorization of Signatures
~As per Board Bylaw 9100, the board of Trustees will authorize district officials as those who are authorized to sign district documents.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg, and passed by unanimous vote the Board of Trustees authorized the following people to sign documents: Roger R. Yohe, Jay M. Stewart, Scott Leaman, Bob Noyes, and Trudy Wilson.

4.4 Develop a Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Year
~The Board of Trustees must annually develop a schedule of regular meetings for the upcoming year.

A motion was made by Karen Roberts, seconded by Dennis Sonnenburg to approve the Schedule of Regular Meetings for 2004. Following discussion, it was decided to add March 30, 2004 as a meeting and cancel the April 6th board meeting, which falls during spring break. Mrs. Roberts revised her motion to include this decision and Mr. Sonnenburg also amended his second. The calendar was then unanimously approved.

4.5 Develop a Board Calendar for the Year
~The Board of Trustees will review its Strategic Plan and Yearly Calendar.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg and passed by unanimous vote, the Strategic Plan and Yearly Calendar were approved.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the Consent Agenda as submitted. President Long noted the retirement of long time employee Eva McGuire, who has worked with the Board of Trustees for many years.

5.1 Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2003, November 18, 2003
5.2 Approval of Warrants
5.3 Ratification of Personnel Items

a. Certificated Employment: None
b. Classified Employment: Melissa Mikel, Campus/Cafeteria Supervisor (1 hr./day) - FSS
c. Classified Confidential Retirement Resignation: Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no communication from the public.

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

Karin Harrington, Student Advisory Representative from Lincoln High School: Reported FFA is selling Christmas Trees at $20 & 25.00; a new class has been established for students to help pass the California High School Exit Exam; LHS had a scholar of the week at Channel 10; the leadership class is conducting a food drive.

Western Placer Teacher's Association – Kris Knutson, President, on behalf of the association congratulated Eva McGuire and Earl Mentze on a "job well done". First trimester grades are out and students are informed of their progress, several celebrations are being planned at the school sites and encouraged the board to attend. He also encouraged all to attend the District Christmas party.

District Superintendent - Mr. Yohe noted that both associations, Mr. Noyes, and Mrs. McGuire are working on the Christmas party and encouraged all to attend this affordable event. The Superintendent also reported he had attended a kick-off meeting with Kevin Ramirez, City of Lincoln Officials, etc. for the Sierra College bond measure. This will be on the March ballot and if passed will help fund Sierra's part of the joint campus at Twelve Bridges.

Jay M. Stewart, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services: Mr. Stewart reported (1) the Twelve Bridges Elementary School is not falling behind. Concrete and paving is in so work can be accomplished during the winter months: (2) Foskett Ranch – it is hoped to have access to the site in January. (3) Twelve Bridges Middle School is moving along; (4) modernization – NTD has met with middle school staff and maintenance in regard to a whole program plan i.e. new reconstruction, reconfiguration, etc. Tonight's main focus is a presentation of the proposed Carlin Coppin Elementary School land plan – Gladding Parkway and East Lincoln Corridor. A presentation was given by EIP Associates, MHM Engineers & Surveyors, and DKS Associates, transportation solutions. A Meadowlands subdivision is also planned. There was extensive discussion by the Board of Trustees, the Principal at Carlin Coppin School and parents that were in attendance. The outcome was the need to get traffic completely away from the school; and safe routes to school for students. It was noted what was presented was unacceptable and it needs to go back to the city for review. The District and the developers will work with the City of Lincoln on this issue.

Scott Leaman, Asst. Superintendent of Instructional Services: Mr. Leaman's Program focus Area was "Physical Education Test Scores". These were reviewed. Most of the scores were higher. Mr. Leaman reported the district will be receiving some technology funds.

Bob Noyes, Director of Human Services: Mr. Noyes reported on the following: Negotiating team met today - talking stage of AB1207 retirement and years of service – comparing STRS or private firm; No Child Left Behind – working on how to meet credentialing issues – all teachers are compliant at state level, but not federal; language change in regard to catastrophic leave, intention to tentatively agree on this article; BTSA – stipends for current team, i.e. working conditions, sharing concerns they had. Sub contracting services. All other stipends not under contract, address with general language.

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

8.1 (D/A) APPROVAL OF PHASE I OF TWELVE BRIDGES MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTRACT - Stewart *(03-04 G & O Component V)*

•In order to meet the August 2005 timeline for the completion of the Twelve Bridges Middle School, the District is separating the contract into two phases. The first phase will focus on the site improvement aspect of the project.

On a motion was made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Phase I of the Twelve Bridges Middle School contract.

8.2 (D/A) APPROVE RESOLUTION 03/04.21 REGARDING ANNUAL ACCOUNTING OF DEVELOPER FEES FOR 2002-03 FISCAL YEAR IN THE FOLLOWING FUNDS OR ACCOUNTS: CAPITAL FACILITIES FUND AND MELLO-ROOS FUND - Stewart *(03-04 G & O Component V)*

•The material pertaining to this item was presented at a publicly noticed Board Meeting held on November 04, 2003. At this time, no public comment has been received regarding the presentation of the 2002-03 Annual Accounting of Developer Fees. The Board of Trustees will consider approval of Resolution 03/04.21 Regarding Annual Accounting Of Developer Fees For 2002-03 Fiscal Year In The Following Funds Or Accounts: Capital Facilities Fund And Mello-Roos Fund.

On a motion was made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution 02/03.21 Regarding Annual Accounting Of

Developer Fees For 2002-03 Fiscal Year In The Following Funds Or Accounts: Capital Facilities Fund And Mello-Roos Fund.

9. COMMENTS - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

9.1 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 ----The Superintendent reported Sierra Community College is very consumed with passing the bond measure.
- Gladding Parkway and Carlin C. Coppin School Land Plan

The Superintendent requested the Gladding Parkway and the Carlin Coppin School Land Plan be added to this area. Following the lengthy discussion earlier in the meeting, this is an area the board will continue to monitor. The need to re-designate housing across from the school is very important.

9.2 NEW DISTRICT LOGO

•A motion was made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Harris and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the new district logo as decided at the last meeting. (oak leaf, acorn, large lettering, colors are green and black). This new logo will be phased in. Mrs. Harris will follow through to get the district a good copy for duplication.

9.3 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER

• Board Member Earl Mentze had submitted his resignation as a Board of Trustee member, effective December 31, 2003. Mr. Mentze was given the floor to speak to this item, he noted: he greatly appreciated the opportunity to be one of the five board members. It was not an easy decision to resign, he came to that decision so consequently submitted his letter of resignation. It was primarily due to the pressure of time, he felt with the change in his career he did not want to be less of a board member. He noted being a board member requires a lot of time. Mr. Mentze said his feet were firmly set in stone and was all set to resign – BUT – he asked to withdraw his resignation! He will continue to invest the time in the education of the students of Western Placer Unified School District.

9.4 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dennis Sonnenburg: Attended the City of Lincoln General Plan Steering Committee meeting on November 20th, he noted it is quite a process and got quite an education. The City's zone of influence in adjusting lines was enlightening. He noted the Mayor's vision for Lincoln was impressive as it pertains to planned development of the area and raising the tax income to keep up with surrounding cities.

Marcia Harris: Attended a Character Assembly at COES, also wanted to encourage all to attend upcoming winter choral and dramatic events at both GEMS and LHS. GEMS is charging for concerts and students are having to pay for music stands, she encouraged board support of these programs. She also wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Karen Roberts: As board president Karen had received a letter requesting the board to select a representative to the Treasury Oversight Committee. The board decided to not select a representative.

Paul Long: Attended the Placer County Trustee Dinner and was impressed with the Placer County Teacher of the Year. He also attended a facilities session with Jay and Roger with NTD/EDGE regarding the new middle school as acted upon tonight. Mr. Long also reviewed revenue limits as presented in the Sacramento Bee and the inadequate way they are dispensed. He compared surrounding school districts and noted how difficult it is to compete with proper salaries for teachers.

10. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING (S)

- President Long established the following meeting(s):
  >December 16, 2003, 7:00 p.m. Glen Edwards Middle School, 204 L Street, Lincoln

11. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Paul Long, President

Karen Roberts, Clerk

Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent

Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

Adopted: Harris, Mentze, Roberts, Sonnenburg, Long

Ayes: Adopted: 1/6/04

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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