WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 16, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
GLEN EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL – SPIRIT CENTER
204 "L" STREET, LINCOLN, CA

MINUTES

2003-2004 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.

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, Asst. Superintendent of Instructional Services
Bob Noyes, Director of Human Services
Mary Boyle, Principal, Glen Edwards Middle School
Mike Doherty, Vice Principal, Glen Edwards Middle School
Stacey Brown, Vice Principal, Lincoln High/Glen Edwards Middle School
Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

Press – Jason Probst, Lincoln News Messenger - Absent

Student – Karin Harrington, LHS Student Advisory Representative

5:30 P.M. **OPEN SESSION - Room 29, Glen Edwards Middle School**

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

5:31 P.M. **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

1. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/EXPULSION PURSUANT TO E.C. 48918**
   a. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
      Student #02/03 U – Re-entry
   b. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
      Student # 02/03 CC – Re-entry
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

3. **REJECTION OF CLAIM (RUIZ) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9 SUBSECTION (b3C)**
4. **ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

6:15 P.M. **TOUR OF GLEN EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY**

7:00 P.M. **OPEN SESSION - Glen Edwards Middle School Multi**

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On behalf of the students of the Western Placer Unified School District, President Long called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 action taken in Closed Session regarding the following items:

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

a. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student #02/03 U – Re-entry

On a motion by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg, passed by majority vote (Mrs. Roberts abstaining due to her absence during Closed Session) the Board of Trustees approved the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to allow the re-entry of Student #02/03 U.

b. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant To E.C. 48918
Student # 02/03 CC – Re-entry

On a motion by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg, passed by majority vote (Mrs. Roberts abstaining due to her absence during Closed Session) the Board of Trustees approved the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to allow the re-entry of Student #02/03 CC.

2.2 DISCLOSURE OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE

On a motion by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mrs. Harris, passed by majority vote (Mrs. Roberts abstaining due to her absence during Closed Session) the Board of Trustees ratified the dismissal/release of an Instructional Aide at Creekside Oaks Elementary School.

2.3 REJECTION OF CLAIM (RUIZ) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9 SUBSECTION (b3C)

On a motion by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg, passed by majority vote (Mrs. Roberts abstaining due to her absence during Closed Session) the Board of Trustees approved the rejection of a claim (Ruiz) pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 Subsection (b3C).

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1 GLEN EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL FEATURED

• The middle school staff focused on the schools modernization needs and improvements during the tour of the school site. During their report to the Board their focus was on technology, recap of assignments on line, Accelerated Reader & Math, plus a performing arts presentation, a scene from the Christmas Carol, and two music selections from the advanced band.

President Long questioned Mary Boyle, Principal in regard to the newspaper article stating students had to buy their own music stands. Her response was that two students share a stand and it was suggested students could buy a stand if they wanted, it is not a requirement.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Sonnenburg, seconded by Mr. Mentze and passed by unanimous vote to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented.

4.1 Ratification of Personnel Items
- a. Certificated Employment: None
- b. Classified Employment: None
- c. Certificated Management Employment: Judith Frost, Interim Principal, January 5, 2004 – June 11, 2004, (24 hours/week), COES
- d. Classified Resignation: Melody Lindsay, Secretary I, COES
- e. Ratification of Classified Transfer: Kandice Lowe, School Secretary 1, transfer from Sheridan School to Creekside Oaks Elementary School, effective 1/5/04

4.2 Ratification of API Expenditures for CCC

4.3 Approval of Library Funds

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no communication from the audience on any item not on the agenda.

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

Karin Harrington, Student Advisory Representative from Lincoln High School: Reported on the Winter Ball, Winter Concert, CSF, food drive, and the basketball team had won the last two tournaments in a row.

Western Placer Teacher's Association – Kris Knutson, President, commended the GEMS band and drama students. He reported the Christmas party was a huge success – it was a celebration of all employees. He publicly thanked the community such as the City of Lincoln, Rainbow Market and the Lions club for their support.

District Superintendent - Mr. Yohe noted the Board had information regarding Teachers Who Make a Difference and to contact Mrs. McGuire as to attendance. He also reported this was the third year to work with the Lincoln Volunteer Center to assist families in need. 216 students representing 90 families will get an opportunity to have a great Christmas.

Jay M. Stewart, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services: Mr. Stewart reported (1) the Twelve Bridges Elementary School is getting close to begin the actual buildings: (2) Foskett Ranch –has been approved by the State Allocation Board. (3) Twelve Bridges Middle School is moving along; (4) modernization – they are working on GEMS heat and air and new design work

Scott Leaman, Asst. Superintendent of Instructional Services: Mr. Leaman's Program focus Area was "District Library Services/Plan". Monies available have decreased considerably. He also took the opportunity to recognize Cheryl Harrison, Librarian at GEMS for her work helping with the new joint use library at Twelve Bridges.

7. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION

CODE: (A) = Action (D) = Discussion (I) = Information

Members of the public wishing to comment on any items should complete a yellow REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES form located on the table at the entrance to the Performing Arts Theater. Request forms are to be submitted to the Board Clerk before each item is discussed.

7.1 (D/A) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #03/04.22 A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION REGARDING THE USE AND TRANSFER OF THAT PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL FARM – Yohe *(03/04 G &O, Components V)*

• This resolution would establish the intention of use and transfer of the Lincoln High School Farm property to Western Placer Unified School District from the United States Department of Defense. The thirty-year agreement ends in January 2004 with the property reverting back to the district. The Lincoln High School Farm Foundation manages the operation on the farm, working with the District to provide opportunities to the students.

President Long opened the meeting for public comment limiting each to two minutes and to not repeat, if possible. The following people addressed the Board in favor of approval of the resolution.

1. Julie Schackleford, Teacher at Creekside Oaks Elementary. She noted 68% of schools in California have Ag programs without the land. Even elementary students profit by using the Lincoln High School farm for planting pumpkins and field trips. She supports the school farm.
2. Jane Tahti, Former Teacher, noted her personal energies are focused on preserving agriculture and open space in Western Placer County. She spoke to encourage the Board of Trustees to place the Lincoln High School Farm in an agricultural easement, with the exception of the assigned acreage for a future school site.
3. Al Fleming, Former Teacher, also spoke to this issue, noting this is a rare opportunity to save land for agriculture. Looking around Lincoln there is little left. He cautioned the Board to not be swept away that every thing that is bigger is not better. The farm is immensely valuable and is an island of hope for this community.
4. Shirley Russell, Former Teacher, spoke that the land was given to the district for a purpose, she reminded the Board of the BUILD Project where the commitment to "step out of the box" was made. Small things make up the big picture and Western Placer is unique and stands for students. She urged the Board to keep the land as a part of what the district is all about.
5. Chuck Wing, Community Member representing the Municipal Advisory Committee, read a letter from this agency appointed by the Placer County Board of Supervisors, in support of the resolution. He also spoke of both his children being active in the school farm program.
6. Glenn Vineyard, Former Board of Trustee and Farm Foundation member, cautioned the Board to be careful of selling off property to make money. He noted a lot of

people have worked very hard on the Farm Foundation over the years.

7. Carol Anderson, Current Teacher: Spoke of wanting her daughter to be able to use the farm and how current elementary students participate in field trips and learn of agriculture by visiting the far.

A motion was made by Karen Roberts, seconded by Dennis Sonnenburg, and passed by majority roll call vote (4-1 vote, Harris casting the dissenting vote) to approve Resolution #03/04.22 A Resolution of Intention Regarding the Use and Transfer of that Property Known as the Lincoln High School Farm.

Mrs. Harris read a statement (attached to this document) expressing the rationale and logic behind her vote on this item.

7.2 (D/A) **APPROVAL OF FY 2002-2005 WESTERN PLACER CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION'S SALARY AND BENEFIT PROPOSAL -Stewart** *(03/04 G &O, Components I V)*

•The salary and benefit proposal for classified employees is as follows: FY 2002-03, 0.00%; FY 2003-04, 1.05% salary increase to all classified employees retroactive to July 1, 2003. Mid-year increase to the health and welfare cap to cover the cost of Kaiser + Child, Dental & Vision; FY 2004-05, 1.05% salary increase to all classified employees, maintain the health & welfare cap to cover the cost of Kaiser + Child, Dental & Vision.

A motion was made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Harris and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve the FY 2002-2005 Western Placer Classified Employees' Association's Salary and Benefit Proposal as submitted.

7.3 (D/A) **APPROVAL OF THE FY 2003-2004 FIRST INTERIM REPORT - Stewart** *(03/04 G &O, Components V)*

•The FY 2003-04 First Interim Report was distributed to the Board of Trustees for discussion and review.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Sonnenburg and passed by unanimous vote, to approve the FY 2003-2004 First Interim Report.

7.4 (D/A) **APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PART II FOR 2003-04 – Leaman** *(03/04 G &O, Components V)*

•The annual approval of the application for Federal and State categorical funds, commonly known as Consolidated Application, Part II, is requested at this time. The application includes an

increase from $315,621 to $821,004 discussed during budget planning for the 2003-04 school year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Mentze and passed by unanimous vote, to approve the Consolidated Application Part II for 2003-04.

8. COMMENTS - 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

8.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Marcia Harris:

* Attended a lot of winter arts events at the schools, the band concert was excellent, well attended, on time, decorations great.
* Attended the Christmas Carol at GEMS, 1st production of the Performing Arts, it was outstanding
* Attended the First grade concert at COES, very well attended by parents
* Acknowledged the letter received from a parent against putting the entire farm land in a trust

Karen Roberts:

* Publicly acknowledged Nels Tahti for his dedication to promoting the performing arts in the District. The GEMS band performed at a Twelve Bridges function and was excellent. Western Placer was one of first districts to make it part of its curriculum.
* She thanked Julie Shackleford for the roses each member had received.
* She noted for 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.

* The Christmas party was fantastic, she thanked the committee.

Earl Mentze:

* Mr. Mentze also noted the Christmas party was a wonderful time. He also noted having attended a performance at Sheridan School of a group of professional musicians, which was very good.

Dennis Sonnenburg:

* He thanked Mary Boyle and staff, for the great tour of the school site, for hosting the meeting, and the great performance by the students.
* He reported he is putting time in on planning for the new Twelve Bridges High School, they have met several hours the last two Mondays, have worked on design work, it is fun to be part of it and see it to fruition.

Paul Long:

* The GEMS performance at Twelve Bridges was outstanding, he was very proud of our students and staff.
* Thanked Mary Boyle and staff for the wonderful success at GEMS, he noted our successes should be put out in front of the community.

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING (S)

- The President established the following meeting(s):
  >January 6, 2004, 7:00 p.m. Lincoln High School Performing Arts Building

10. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Paul Long, President

Karen Roberts, Clerk

Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent

Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

Adopted:	January 6, 2004
Ayes:	Harris, Mentze, Roberts, Sonnenburg, Long
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

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