
LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, August 23, 2005, 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, William Morrison, with Julie Orvis, Clerk, members Tom McLaughlin, Anne White, and William Dunlop present. The Board adjourned to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Education Code Section 48918(c) regarding two expulsion hearings; pursuant to Education Code 54957 regarding public employee discipline/dismissal/release/leave, and public employee employment; pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 regarding conference with labor negotiator(s); pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 regarding Conference with Legal Counsel concerning pending litigation. Staff in attendance included Brenda Miller, Superintendent; Bob Bronzan, Deputy Superintendent; Bob See, Director; and Yolonda Holmes, Director.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session with Student Board Member Representatives Clive Parkinson and Nathan Richerson present. Margaret Gehlert, Superintendent's Secretary, also in attendance.

Morrison announced the Board took no action in closed session and reported in open session the following:

Action: McLaughlin moved, Orvis seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to accept the Administrative Panel's recommendation and direct, effective immediately, that Student Y be expelled from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for violation of Education Code section 48915(c)(2), 48915(a)(2), and 48900(k). However, the Board orders the expulsion be suspended for one calendar year through July 2006. A Rehabilitation Plan is on file at the District Office.

Action: Dunlop moved, McLaughlin seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to accept the Administrative Panel's recommendation and direct, effective immediately, that Student Z be expelled from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for violation of Education Code section 48900(f), 48900(g), and 48900(k). However, the Board orders the expulsion be suspended for one calendar year through August 2006. A modified Rehabilitation Plan is on file at the District Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: McLaughlin moved, Dunlop seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2005.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Miller introduced and welcomed to our district Susan Sambuceti, Principal of Junction Avenue Middle School. Ms. Sambuceti came forward to shake hands and receive the best wishes of each Board Member.

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

Keith Pickering-Walters, LEA, commented on teachers returning to school, spending time and energy preparing for their students' arrival. He addressed the fact that many teachers donate their time to do this and should be recognized for this donation of time. Mr. Pickering-Walters asked the Board to place staff as its highest priority when looking at budget priorities for the coming year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Correspondence

Sheila Jordan, Superintendent of Alameda County Schools, sent a letter representing an annual report to the District's Governing Board regarding the fiscal status of the District. She commended the District on its conservative ADA projections and budgeting and the restoration of the 3% reserve for economic uncertainties. Superintendent Jordan urged the District to fully implement the planned reductions in spending and again recommended the position of Chief Business Official be filled as soon as possible. The LVJUSD Governing Board, the community, and staff were commended for their achievement in turning the District's financial future around for the current and subsequent years.

Audience

Kathleen Real-Goucher addressed the issue of involuntary transfers from East Avenue Middle School and the need to demonstrate the democratic process to our students.

Kathy Berger, Abigail Gregg, Abbie Gregg, Tamara Reus, Elizabeth Berger, and Alex Frogner all spoke regarding the transfer of teachers and office staff from East Avenue Middle School. They commented on the talents of all involved and the wonderful work being done at the school.

Susan Ze spoke on behalf of fellow staff members at East Avenue Middle School regarding the transfer of teachers, the processes involved, and the need for better communication. She expressed concern for the morale of staff members at the site.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Clive Parkinson and Nathan Richerson were welcomed to their first official Board meeting. They each commented on their readiness for the first day of school.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Opportunities Available to Staff and Students through Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher's Office

Presenter: Grace Schmidt, Representing Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher's Office

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Presenter: Yolonda Holmes, Director of Human Resources

Public Comment: None

Action: Morrison moved, White seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to adopt the revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

2005-2006 Revised Budget

Presenter: Bob Bronzan, Deputy Superintendent
Susan Kinder, Director of Fiscal Services

Public Comment: None

Action: Dunlop moved, White seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to approve the Revised Budget for the 2005-2006 school year.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Action: Morrison moved, McLaughlin seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to approve items X-A-1 through X-A-5. Items included resignations/retirements, employment of personnel, employment of extracurricular coaches, leaves of absence, and gifts to the District.

Resolutions

Action: Morrison moved, White seconded, and motion carried by a roll call vote.
Resolution No. 117-05/06, Authorization to Sign State Preschool Contract for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Ayes: Dunlop, White, Morrison, Orvis, and McLaughlin Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Orvis attended two Policy Committee meetings where the issue of middle school honors criteria was addressed. Dr. Orvis attended the Livermore Valley Education Foundation's (LVEF) golf tournament dinner

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at Poppy Ridge. She participated in a facilities tour with the Facilities Committee to see all the changes that have occurred over the summer at various sites.

McLaughlin greatly enjoyed an open house at Sunset Elementary School and visited quite a few sites.

Dunlop spent a day as a hole monitor at the LVEF golf tournament.

White commented on the miracles that happen the day before schools starts and how everything will be ready for our students' return.

Morrison joined Dr. Orvis on the facilities tour and encouraged people to visit the Granada High School campus in a month or so to see all the wonderful changes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Miller reported on the progress of the "Facts Sheet" being created to provide information regarding the District and the Livermore Trails project. She mentioned that the District's goals for the 2005-2006 school year will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval. Ms. Miller commended all staff members who have been feverishly working to prepare for the start of school.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



William Morrison
Board President



Julia Stephens Orvis, D.V.M.
Board Clerk