
LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, November 1, 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, William Dunlop, and Anne White. The Board adjourned to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Education Code Section 48918(c) regarding one expulsion hearing; 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 54956.9 regarding Conference with Legal Counsel concerning existing litigation. Staff in attendance included Brenda Miller, Superintendent; Bob Bronzan, Deputy Superintendent; Yolonda Holmes, Director; Bob See, Director; and Jackie McHaney, Legal Counsel.

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.

Action: Dunlop moved, McLaughlin seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to accept the Administrative Panel's recommendation and direct, effective immediately, that Student E be expelled from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for violation of Education Code section 48900(c), 48900(h), and 48900(k) and [48915(b)(1) and (e)(1)]. However, the Board orders the expulsion be suspended for one calendar year through October 2006. A Rehabilitation Plan is on file at the District Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: McLaughlin moved, Morrison seconded, and motion carried 4-0 (Dunlop abstaining due to absence) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2005 and the Special Meeting of October 27, 2005.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A revised cover sheet for item X-A-7, Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip for High School Marketing Students, reflecting the addition of a third chaperone, was distributed.

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RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Miller invited Livermore High School (LHS) Principal David Chamberlain and LHS teacher Linda Milanese forward to introduce three students who are winners of the National Council of Teachers of English 2005 Achievement Awards in Writing. Grace Ryan, Kelsey Schimmelman, and Diana Stegall began the process in December 2004 by writing a short story. This last April they each wrote an essay. Their hard work and dedication earned them an honor shared by few others in the country. Grace, Kelsey, and Diana came forward to shake hands with the Superintendent and Board Members in acknowledgement and praise of their achievements.

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

Keith Pickering-Walters, LEA, thanked the Board for the Budget Workshop held on October 27, 2005 and noted it was very well received by unit members who attended. He encouraged people to vote on November 8th and to communicate with legislators regarding the system of getting initiatives on the ballot.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Correspondence

None.

Audience

Arlina Mele and Sonya Ibsen, GHS Dance Team, reported all is well at Granada High School. They announced a GHS student is participating in the Habitat for Humanity Program by working very hard on her family's new home.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Clive Parkinson reported Granada High School's women's volleyball team is doing very well and that there will be a lunch rally Thursday in preparation for the GHS vs. LHS football game on Friday night at Livermore High.

Nathan Richerson invited everyone to come to LHS and watch the game this Friday.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Coordinated Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Presenters: Floyd Wilson, Director of Facilities
Chief Jim Linhart, Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD)
Tessa Burns, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator LPFD

Public Comment: Cynthia Nielsen

Developer and Mitigation Fees

Presenters: Floyd Wilson, Director of Facilities
Bob Thurbon, Legal Counsel

Public Comment: None

Budget Update

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

Public Comment: None

Assessment Report 2004-2005

Presenter: Kelly Bowers, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Action: **McLaughlin moved, Morrison seconded, and motion passed 5-0** to extend the meeting past 10:00 P.M.

Public Comment: Maggie Schumacher

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Action: **McLaughlin moved, Morrison seconded, and motion carried 5-0** to approve items X-A-1 through X-A-7. Items included approval of employment of personnel, employment of extracurricular coaches, employment of consultants, revised CSEA salary schedule, reclassification of High School Campus Supervisor, bill and salary warrants, and an out-of-state field trip.

Resolutions

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

McLaughlin visited GHS and went to look at the new swing set at Joe Michell. While looking through various site newsletters, he noticed a difference in the amounts listed for lost revenue due to absences.

Orvis attended a Policy Committee Meeting, which focused on graduation requirements and the need to align these with State guidelines. She also attended the retirement party for Fran Prickett and will be at a Policy Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2005.

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White attended a Diversity Committee meeting where two of the topics discussed were bullying and harassment. She will be attending the Alameda County Teacher of the Year reception to honor Dan Curran, staff development activities, and meetings to review Single School Plans for Student Achievement 2005/06 Part B. Mrs. White expressed concern for GHS students who were not able to attend the academic celebration due to being up late completing homework assignments.

Dunlop was out of the country but did see an article on conducting back-to-school nights. He also noticed a sign that said, "Higher Standards – Better Education" and suggested this be our motto.

Morrison enjoyed the Halloween parade at Jackson Avenue and explained the work being done on their playground.


SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Miller reported plans are underway for monthly Professional Development days for administrators. Topics such as data analysis, leading change, and laws regarding personnel issues will be covered. She commended the talented staff members at Arroyo Seco Elementary on their Halloween skit. It was greatly enjoyed by students, family, and friends.

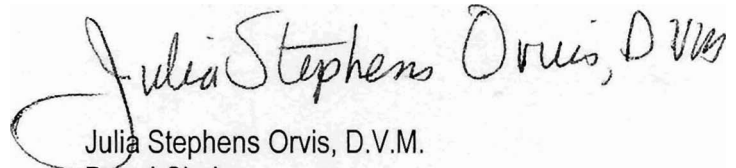
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



William Morrison
Board President



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