
**LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, December 13, 2005, 6:00 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 54957 regarding public employee discipline/dismissal/release/leave. Staff in attendance included Brenda Miller, Superintendent; Bob Bronzan, Deputy Superintendent; Yolonda Holmes, Director; and Karen Rezendes, Legal Counsel.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

Morrison announced the following action taken in closed session.

Action: Morrison moved, White seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to affirm the findings and decision of staff.

RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Miller invited Granada High School (GHS) Principal Chris Van Schaack forward to introduce GHS Dance Team coaches Cathy Tennyson and Madalyn Munoz. Ms. Tennyson and Ms. Munoz shared their excitement and joy for the Dance Team as the girls won the American School Spirit Award. After a nationwide contest, the Universal Dance Association chose the GHS Dance Team as the group that exemplified the highest level of school spirit in their school and community. For winning this competition, the dance team has won a \$1000 Varsity gift certificate, \$1500 camp tuition to any UDA camp, a \$1000 cash prize for Granada High School, and the whole team will be going to Orlando, Florida in February for the National Dance Team Championship where they will make a special appearance and receive a feature spot on ESPN. Team members and coaches came forward to shake hands with the Superintendent and Board Members in acknowledgement and praise of their achievements.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Action: McLaughlin nominated Dr. Julie Orvis as President of the Board for 2006. There being no further nominations, **the nomination carried 5-0** to elect Dr. Julie Orvis as President of the Board for 2006.

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Action: White nominated Dr. William Dunlop as Clerk of the Board for 2006. There being no further nominations, the nomination carried 5-0 to elect Dr. William Dunlop as Clerk of the Board for 2006.

Mr. Morrison commented on the many positive things that have occurred throughout the year and expressed his wishes for the best we can provide for our students in the coming year.

Julie Orvis thanked Bill Morrison for his time and his efforts for the students, parents, and staff of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Mr. Morrison was presented with a clock for serving as President of the School Board in 2005.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: McLaughlin moved, Morrison seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2005.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Correspondence

None.

Audience

Matt Anaya, expressed concern for the level of communication between the Principal and parents of Altamont Creek Elementary School.

Ashley Shilling, requested the Board consider allowing juniors at Livermore High School to go off campus at lunch time.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Nathan Richerson reported Livermore High School's Spirit Week was a success and that winter sports have begun.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Ratification of the Tentative Agreements with the Livermore Education Association (LEA), California School Employees Association (CSEA), United Public Employees Livermore Chapter 790 (SEIU), and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for the 2005/06 School Year

Presenters: Brenda Miller, Superintendent
Keith Pickering-Walters, LEA

Public Comment: None

Action: McLaughlin moved, Morrison seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to ratify the agreements with the Livermore Education Association (LEA), California School Employees Association (CSEA), United Public Employees Livermore Chapter 790 (SEIU), and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for the 2005/06 School Year.

Approval of a Salary Increase for Livermore Management Association (LMA), Superintendents, and Confidential and Supervisory Employees

Presenter: Brenda Miller, Superintendent

Public Comment: None

Action: Morrison moved, McLaughlin seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to authorize the Superintendent to implement a 4% salary increase and a 1% one-time, contribution toward the cost of benefits to members of the Livermore Management Association (LMA), Superintendents, and Confidential and Supervisory Employees.

First Period Interim Financial Report as of October 31, 2005

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

Public Comment: Keith Pickering-Walters and Kate Runyon

Action: White moved, Dunlop seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to approve the District's First Period Interim Financial Report as of October 31, 2005.

Single School Plans for Student Achievement 2005/06 Part B

Presenter: Kelly Bowers, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects

Public Comment: None

Action: Morrison moved, White seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to approve the Single School Plans for Student Achievement 2005/06 Part B.

9-12 Course Descriptions/Instructional Materials

Presenters: Kelly Bowers, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects
Tim Rankin, Granada High School Teacher

Public Comment: None

Action: Morrison moved, McLaughlin seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to approve the 9-12 Course Descriptions/Instructional Materials.

California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Nominations

Presenter: Anne White, School Board Member

Public Comment: None

Action: Morrison moved, Dunlop seconded, and motion passed 5-0 to nominate Anne White to the 2006 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Action: Morrison moved, McLaughlin seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to approve items X-A-1 through X-A-11. Items included resignations/retirements, leaves of absence, employment of personnel, employment of extracurricular coaches, employment of consultants, purchase order summary report, bill and salary warrants, gifts to the District, disposal of obsolete records, and an out-of-state field trip.

Resolutions

Action: Morrison moved, White seconded, and motion carried by a roll call vote.

Resolution No. 129-05/06, Acceptance of the Installation of a Wheelchair Lift at Livermore High School

Resolution No. 130-05/06, Acceptance of the Replacement of Four Steelgard Buildings at Leo Croce Elementary School

Resolution No. 131-05/06, Authorization to Sell Surplus Property

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Morrison attended the CSBA conference in San Diego where he concentrated on sessions that addressed distance learning. Mr. Morrison also visited his cluster schools.

White stated the CSBA conference was very enriching, specifically a session on the achievement gap. She attended the first meeting of the Tech Committee where three previous tech plans were reviewed. The Alameda County School Boards Association meeting is Thursday, December 15, 2005 and one of the topics to be discussed is ROP programs.

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Dunlop enjoyed a presentation on Character Education while attending the CSBA conference. The model discussed was a very well organized, city-wide program. He also sat in on a session which covered local education foundations and how they interact with their districts. Other sessions of interest covered distance learning, improving achievement of low performing students, and equalization of low wealth schools. Dr. Dunlop reported the Math Counts program has begun at Christensen Middle School and that volunteers are still needed at Christensen and Junction Avenue Middle Schools.

McLaughlin found the CSBA session on the achievement gap to be very interesting. He attended a cultural dinner at Joe Michell Elementary School.

Orvis went to a School Site Council meeting at LHS where she and Superintendent Miller presented the Board's Vision and Goals for the 2005/2006 school year. She visited Rancho Las Positas Elementary and also attended meetings of the Facility, Tech, and Policy committees. While at the CSBA conference, Dr. Orvis attended a table-top meeting where the topic of discussion was guidance counselors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Miller greatly enjoyed Livermore High School's production of Macbeth and commented on the outstanding student performances. She spent a morning at East Avenue Middle School and was able to meet with the Principal, teachers, and students and take a tour of the facility. Faculty Communication Council meetings continue this school year and provide an opportunity to bring up issues and new information from each site. Ms. Miller also attended the CSBA conference in San Diego. She reminded the audience that the District office will be closed over winter break, December 19, 2005 through January 2, 2006.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:25 P.M. 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 54956.9 regarding Conference with Legal Counsel concerning existing litigation. Staff in attendance included Brenda Miller, Superintendent; Bob Bronzan, Deputy Superintendent; Yolonda Holmes, Director; and Bob See, Director.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session.

Orvis announced the Board took no action in closed session.

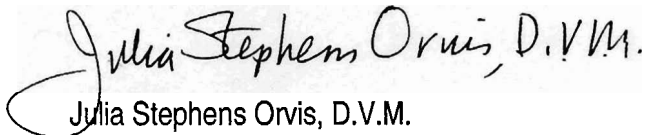
Action: **White moved, Morrison seconded, and motion carried 5-0** to accept the Administrative Panel's recommendation and direct, effective immediately, that Student K be expelled from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for violation of Education Code sections 48915(c)(4), 48900(i), 48900(n), 48900(k) and [48915(b)(1) and (e)(1)]. However, the Board orders the expulsion be suspended for one calendar year through November 2006. A Rehabilitation Plan is on file at the District Office.

Action: Morrison moved, McLaughlin seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to accept the Administrative Panel's recommendation and direct, effective immediately, that Student J be expelled from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for violation of Education Code sections 48900.4 and 48900(k) and [48915(b)(1) and (e)(1)]. A Rehabilitation Plan is on file at the District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted


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


William Dunlop
Board Clerk