
LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 1, 2008, 6:45 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 regarding public employee discipline/dismissal/release/leave, public employee employment; pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 regarding conference with legal counsel, existing litigation; pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding conference with real property negotiators. Staff in attendance included Brenda Miller, Superintendent; Mike Martinez, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Bowers, Assistant Superintendent; Floyd Wilson, Executive Director; and Pete Edrington, Legal Counsel.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session with Student Board Member Representatives Cameron Brown and Sarah Rupley present. Margaret Gehlert, Superintendent's Secretary, also in attendance.

McLaughlin announced the Board took no action in closed session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Runyon moved, Dunlop seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2008.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

East Avenue Middle School and Christensen Middle School are both being recognized at this meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Miller brought forward East Avenue Middle School Vice Principal Amy Robbins who introduced Kathy Gabel, Leadership Class Teacher, and some of her outstanding students. Ashley Holmes, Wyatt Koon, Taylor Stafford, and Jamie Elliott each spoke about the Leadership Team and its many wonderful activities and services.

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Ms. Miller brought forward Helen Foster, Mendenhall Middle School Principal, who recognized the school's 50 Mile Club and a number of individual students. Teacher Bill Wooten and Principal's Secretary Cheryl Clark assisted in recognizing Erik Blaze, Carolyn Murray, Victoria Burke, Dominex Kovacs, Cassi McDiarmid, and Ben Perry for their amazing achievements in math, history, spelling, band, and judo competitions. Ms. Foster also named all the students who participate in the school's 50 Mile Running Club and recognized them for their effort in keeping fit.

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Correspondence

None.

Audience

None.

STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Cameron Brown, Livermore High School, reported on the school's Seniors Helping Seniors program, the choirs' trip to the Heritage Festival in Anaheim, and preparations for the Battle of the Bands competition.

Sarah Rupley, Granada High School, gave an update on various athletic successes, Granada Idol, and the upcoming Junior Prom and Battle of the Sexes.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Morrison reported being on vacation since the last meeting.

White attended many meetings, some of which were the Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative, Project Road Runner at Marilyn Avenue School, Intergovernmental, and one with the Technology Committee. Mrs. White went to Rancho Elementary School and Livermore High School (LHS) with Superintendent Miller and Susan Kinder to discuss budget issues.

Runyon participated at an Intergovernmental meeting, a Rotary Mini-Grant Committee meeting, and a Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program Board meeting. She congratulated Livermore High School Student Lee Schellenberger for receiving the Presidential Scholarship from San Francisco State University.

Dunlop attended Livermore High School's Seniors Helping Seniors program and their Academic Awards Ceremony. He helped Mrs. Runyon with the Rotary mini-grants.

McLaughlin visited schools and plans to go to the groundbreaking ceremony at LHS tomorrow.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Miller enjoyed Spring Break and is now busy interviewing for administrative and teaching positions. This Friday Emma C. Smith Elementary School will welcome Senator Don Perata to talk about education and the budget crisis.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Utility Analysis

Presenter: Susan Kinder, Executive Director of Fiscal Services
Floyd Wilson, Executive Director of Facilities

Public Comment: None

Elementary Running Clubs

Presenter: Cindy Alba, Executive Director of Curriculum and Special Projects
Bret Dupuis, Parent Volunteer Rancho Elementary School
Denise Nathanson, Principal Emma C. Smith Elementary School

Public Comment: None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Board Policies – Series 5000 and Series 6000

Presenter: Kelly Bowers, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Public Comment: None

Action: **White moved, Dunlop seconded, and motion passed 5-0** to approve Board Policies-Series 5000 (Students) and 6000 (Instruction) for posting prior to the Second/Final Reading.

CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Action: **Runyon moved, Morrison seconded, and motion carried 5-0** to approve items XII-A-1 through XII-A-5. Items included resignations, leaves, coaches, bill and salary warrants, and an out-of-state field trip.

Public Comment: None

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Action: Dunlop moved, Runyon seconded, and motion carried 4-1 (Morrison dissenting) to approve item XII-A-6, acceptance of Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Mid-term Progress Report for Del Valle Continuation High School.

Resolutions

Action: White moved, Dunlop seconded, and motion carried by a roll call vote.
Resolution No. 032-07/08, Fix the No Child Left Behind

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

Public Comment: None

Action: White moved, Runyon seconded, and motion carried by a roll call vote.
Resolution No. 033-07/08, Governor's Proposed 2008/2009 Budget

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

Public Comment: None

Action: Dunlop moved, Morrison seconded, and motion carried by a roll call vote.
Resolution No. 034-07/08, Construction of School Facilities and Applying for State Grant Funds at Other Grade Levels for Livermore High School Addition Project

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

Public Comment: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas McLaughlin

Tom McLaughlin
Board President

Kate Runyon

Kate Runyon
Board Clerk

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XII. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Motions

1. Confirmation of Resignations/Retirements

BACKGROUND:

Staff has formally accepted the resignations and/or retirements from employees on the attached list as authorized by Education Code Section 44930. These names are being presented for confirmation.

STATUS:

The vacancies created by the list of resignations/retirements will be filled only with the Superintendent's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable.

TIME FACTOR:

As indicated on the attached list of resignations/retirements.

2007-2008 BOARD GOALS:

Maintain Fiscal Solvency
Meet Student Needs

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm the attached list of resignations/retirements.

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RESIGNATIONS

CERTIFICATED 2007/2008

1. Patricia Davis, Teacher, retirement, Option 1, effective April 29, 2008
2. Marie Marshall, Teacher, retirement, effective June 13, 2008
3. Nicole Whitman, Teacher, resignation, effective June 13, 2008

XII. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Motions

2. Leaves of Absence

BACKGROUND:

Union agreements allow employees to request leaves of absence for various reasons.

STATUS:

The employee listed below is requesting a leave of absence.

**CERTIFICATED
Recommend Approval**

1. Kimberly Anderson, has requested a .50 FTE leave of absence under Article 25, effective for the 2008/2009 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable.

TIME FACTOR:

As indicated above.

2007-2008 BOARD GOALS:

Maintain Fiscal Solvency
Meet Student Needs

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the leave of absence request for the employee listed above.

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XII. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Motions

3. Approval of Employment of Extracurricular Coaches, 2007/08

BACKGROUND:

As a result of retirements and resignations, extracurricular coaches need to be hired.

STATUS:

The individual below has been recommended for employment as indicated.

1. Jo Lucas, Middle School Track Coach

FISCAL IMPACT:

Positions are part of the District's authorized staffing.

TIME FACTOR:

Employment is for the 2007-08 school year.

2007 – 2008 BOARD GOALS:

Provide Leadership
Maintain Fiscal Solvency
Enhance Community Relations
Improve Educational Performance
Meet Student Needs

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the extracurricular coach listed above.

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XII. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Motions

4. Accept Bill and Salary Warrants

BACKGROUND:

The attached list of bill warrants shows payment of the District's operating expenditures for the month of March 2008.

STATUS:

All of the warrants have been approved by the Alameda County Office of Education. The warrant registers are available for public review by any interested party in the Accounting Office located at 685 East Jack London Boulevard, Livermore.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Operating expenditures for March 2008 are \$4,168,694.21.

TIME FACTOR:

March 2008.

2006-2007 BOARD GOAL:

Maintain Fiscal Solvency.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Bill warrants for March 2008.

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General Fund 0101 Bill Warrants	\$	6,339,350.69
Adult Education Fund 11 Bill Warrants	\$	36,758.76
Child Development Fund 12 Bill Warrants	\$	133,542.00
Cafeteria Fund 13 Bill Warrants	\$	199,975.72
Deferred Maintenance Fund 14 Bill Warrants	\$	14,137.86
Capital Projects Measure L GOB Fund 2101 Bill Warrants	\$	929,609.38
Capital Facilities Developer Fees Fund 25 Bill Warrants	\$	1,211,185.52
Insurance Reserve Fund 67 Bill Warrants	\$	44,512.44
Retiree Benefit Trust Fund 71 Bill Warrants	\$	-
Leo Croce Scholarship Fund 7401	\$	-
FEB 2008 Bill Warrants Submitted For Approval		<u>\$8,909,072.37</u>
FEB 2008 Salary Warrants		<u>\$6,121,514.81</u>

XII. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Motions

5. Approval of Out-Of-State Field Trip for Granada High School students to Attend the Reno Jazz Festival April 24, 2008, through April 27, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Board Policy requires specific authorization in each instance where students and staff travel out of state on school business.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is a co-curricular student-centered organization specifically designed to provide activities that will motivate students to learn marketing, management and entrepreneurial competencies that will prepare them to become employed in the field of marketing.

STATUS:

Fifteen Granada High School marketing students and chaperones plan to travel to the University of Reno, Nevada, April 24, 2008, through April 27, 2008. Attendees will be driving school vans and private vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost per student is \$180. The trip is being funded by student donations and the Granada High School Jazz Boosters.

TIME FACTOR:

April 24, 2008 through April 27, 2008.

2007-2008 BOARD GOALS:

Enhance Community Relations
Meet Student Needs

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the out-of-state field trip for high school students to attend the Reno Jazz Festival April 24, 2008, through April 27, 2009.

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XII. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Motions

6. Review/Accept Western Association Of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Mid-Term Progress Report For Del Valle High School

BACKGROUND:

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is one of six regional accrediting associations in the United States. The original purpose of accreditation in the United States was designed to encourage the standardization of secondary school programs, primarily to ensure for the benefit of colleges and universities that graduating students had mastered a particular body of knowledge. However, today the process developed by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), involves a dual purpose that continues the expectation that schools must be worthy of the trust placed in them to provide high quality learning opportunities, but with the added requirement that they clearly demonstrate that they are about the critical business of continual self-improvement.

The full accreditation process has three stages: the self-study, the visit, and the follow-up. A school's philosophy and the WASC criteria serve as the underlying bases for these stages. The cycle of self-study, visit, and follow-up is normally repeated every six years, a full term. However, schools may receive other terms that include one, two, or three years or denial. At the midpoint of the term of accreditation, the site prepares a third year progress report summarizing the school's major accomplishments of the schoolwide action plan and other changes since the visit. The Governing Board reads, reviews, and formally accepts the report which is forwarded to the Accrediting Commission for Schools. Depending upon the term of accreditation, a school may be required to have a one or two day review by two or more members of the original Visiting Committee. Del Valle High School had their last WASC Accreditation Visit April 18-20, 2005 and received a six-year accreditation with a one-day mid-term progress report visit and review.

STATUS:

Schools that receive a six-year term with a progress report and on-site visit must prepare a succinct report outlining progress made in accomplishing the schoolwide action plan that incorporated the schoolwide critical areas for follow-up or major recommendations.

This report is to be prepared prior to the end of the third year of the six-year term. The Commission has assigned a two-member team to visit the school for one day. During the visit, the team will verify the written progress report and examine other areas as needed. The team's findings will be sent to the Commission.

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Del Valle High School will host a WASC Mid-Term Progress Report visitation on April 9, 2008. In anticipation of this visit, the site, with district support, has prepared a mid-term progress report. All certificated staff contributed. The progress report was approved by the School Site Council on March 19, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2007/08 WASC Mid-Term Progress Report visit for Del Valle High School will cost approximately \$1,500.

TIME FACTOR:

Del Valle received a six-year accreditation in April 2005. The WASC Mid-Term Progress Report visitation will take place on April 9, 2008.

2007-2008 BOARD GOALS:

Provide Leadership
Improve Educational Performance
Meet Student Needs

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Review/Accept Western Association Of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Mid-Term Progress Report for Del Valle High School.