

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education  
February 25, 2010**

<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the board room by President Gardner with all members present. The meeting was recessed immediately to closed session.</p>	<p>Call to Order; Recess to Closed Session</p>
<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened to open session by President Gardner at 7:07 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconvene to Op Session</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Armel Zamora, Farr Avenue School student.</p>	<p>Pledge</p>
<p>The following persons were present:</p>	<p>Present</p>
<p>Joan Gardner, President Royce Moore, Vice President Linda Woods, Clerk Zoe Carpenter, Member Marv Gilbert, Member Jennifer Walters, Superintendent Staff and press representatives Others as registered</p>	
<p>It was moved by Royce Moore, seconded by Linda Woods, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda.</p>	<p>Approval of Agenda</p>
<p>It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Linda Woods, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2010.</p>	<p>Approval of Minu</p>
<p>Angel Gotay, Farr Avenue School principal, introduced Farr’s student champions and read what the teachers wrote about their students. Students recognized were: Leslie Gomez, Jonathan Arias, Jennifer Uriostegui, and Armel Zamora.</p>	<p>School Champion</p>
<p>Cliff Smith, Oak Hill School principal, introduced Oak Hill’s student champions and read what the teachers wrote about their students. Students recognized were: Jazmin Mendez, Michelle Mazariegos, Liliana Elizalde, and Jennifer Olmedo.</p>	
<p>Both principals gave a report on strategies their staffs are using to further the district’s goal of providing innovative learning experiences for children.</p>	
<p>Randy Garcia presented certificates of appreciation to Lens Crafters managers, Lazaro Castillo and David Widman (represented by Vickie Chase), for their participation in the Gift of Sight program that provided 37 students with free eye examinations and eyeglasses during “Hometown Days.”</p>	<p>Recognition of Lens Crafters</p>

Jennifer Walters introduced Kathy Shirley, Director, Technology & Media Services, who showed the video Frank Maggi produced showcasing the iRead program using iPods. Following the video, Kathy introduced Cheryl Lee, Brian Bristol, and Rich Sherman from Apple. Ms. Lee said she and her colleagues are here to recognize Escondido Union School District and Kathy Shirley and her team. Ms. Lee said this is not the district's first recognition for outstanding and innovative achievement in educational technology. Project LIVE has received several awards and is being replicated in districts throughout the country. The iRead program is the latest in the accomplishments of Kathy Shirley and her team, which has resulted in the district being selected among only 37 districts to be awarded the Apple Exemplary Program Award for 2009-10. Kathy acknowledged the many teachers and, in particular, Frank Maggi, Brad Pascoe, and Tom Borer, whose collaboration has spearheaded the innovative programs for which this award was given. Kathy and the Apple team recognized the support from this Board of Education and leadership that has made these achievements possible.

Apple Exemplary Program Award

A short break was taken to enjoy light refreshments.

Break

President Gardner asked if there was anyone wishing to speak to an item on the agenda or on another topic that lies within the board's jurisdiction.

Oral Communications

Romero Maratea, EEEA president, addressed the board asking them to give careful consideration to making budget cuts aside from teacher layoffs.

Joe McDonald spoke in support of the petition he turned into the district to redraw the boundaries of Miller and Bernardo to send all the students in zip code 92029 to Bernardo, which he believes to be their neighborhood school.

President Gardner reported all written correspondence has been shared.

Written Communications

President Gardner reported no action was taken in closed session.

Closed Session

Carol Rouse, Director of Fiscal Services, reviewed changes and corrections to the budget information she provided at the last meeting.

2010-11 Budget Discussion of Potential Budget Reductions

Gina Manusov, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, went over the line items in the 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 proposed budgets. Included were recommendations from the cabinet on budget reductions to reach the target goal of \$14 million in cuts. Most of the proposed cuts would come from staffing and class size reduction.

Each board member talked about the state of the budget, describing for the audience the challenges they will face in the upcoming weeks finalizing the 2010-11 budget. Linda Woods said she would like to include in their budget deliberations revenue-generating ideas, specifically a parcel tax.

Joan Gardner said that in their lunchtime conversations with staff at the schools, they have heard from employees at every site that they want to know as soon as possible how the reductions will affect them personally. Given that a third of the reductions have to be negotiated, she asked that all entities involved in negotiations work together to negotiate these proposed reductions quickly so people can plan accordingly.

Each board member explained the reasons for their position on the petition they received requesting that the boundaries be changed for several streets now in the Miller attendance area making Bernardo the school of residence.

Request to Adjust Miller/Bernardo Boundary

It was unanimous among board members that there was no support to grant this request. It was unnecessary to take action on this agenda item.

Marv Gilbert reported that he participated in Shadow-a-Student day at Hidden Valley Middle School. He attended the Budget Communications Committee meeting; DELAC meeting; lunchtime conversations at North Broadway and Nicolaysen Community Day School; participated in a walk through at Juniper School; and attended a music concert at Del Dios Middle School featuring band and choral performances.

Members' Report

Zoe Carpenter reported she attended a TIDES meeting and participated in lunchtime conversations at Glen View and Nicolaysen Community Day School. She congratulated Elisa Fregoso and the Lincoln team for entering safe harbor. She said Kathy Shirley, Frank Maggi, Brad Pascoe, and Tom Borer are "awesome."

Linda Woods reported attending lunchtime conversations at Rock Springs, North Broadway, and Nicolaysen Community Day School. She attended the music concert at Del Dios, COMPACT, Budget Communications Committee, and a mentoring workshop, sponsored by the SDCOE, CARE Project, and EEEA, at North County Regional Education Center (NCREC). She complimented Tony Richutti, whose work in mentoring and good role modeling is exemplary.

Royce Moore reported attending the Shadow-a-Student event at Hidden Valley, and appeared as "Zero, the Hero" at Central School last week.

Joan Gardner reported she attended lunchtime conversations. She congratulated Lincoln School for an amazing accomplishment to reach safe harbor when the achievement target gets raised higher each year.

President's Report

All board members expressed their appreciation for the exemplary work she has done and offered their good wishes to Chris Haney, who is retiring tomorrow after almost 28 years in position of Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. Chris has worked for eight superintendents, almost 30 board members, and has logged almost 700 board meetings over that time.

Superintendent Walters stated that all five board members were at Nicolaysen Community Day School today to speak with three staff members. She thanked them for such a high level of involvement and caring.

Supt's. Report

Brenda Jones reported that the all-day learning cycle held this week was outstanding as evidenced by the comment cards submitted at the end of the day. She thanked Leila Sackfield and her team of administrators who put the program together.

Cabinet  
Announcements

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Zoe Carpenter, and passed 5-0 take the following action:

Consent Items

Approve Certificated Personnel Order 2009-10-12.

Human Resources

Approve the non-reelection of the following probationary employee, 3498.

Adopt Resolution 2009-10-12 to reduce or discontinue particular kinds of services and to terminate the employment of certain certificated employees of the district for the 2010-11 school year, including the determination of tie-breaking criteria.

Approve renewal of Committee on Assignments in accordance with EC 44258.7 (c) and (d).

Approve Classified Personnel Order 2009-10-12.

Approve public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Approve independent contractor agreement with Amazing School Assemblies for one assembly for Bernardo third- through fifth-grade students at a cost of \$550.

Educational  
Services

Approve memorandum of understanding between the district and the San Diego Bilingual Teacher Training Program during the 2009-10 school year.

Approve overnight attendance for up to 24 Bear Valley Middle School ASB students, teacher, Denise Van Doorn, and one adult/teacher to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual CASL State Conference.

Approve the Administrative Review Panel's recommendation for reinstatement in Student Case 2009-10-05.

Special Education  
PPS

Adopt new BP 5141.27, Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs, with accompanying administrative regulation.

Business Services

Approve an addendum to the public works contract with American Technologies, Inc. to include cabinet repairs and water damage mitigation.

Approve an addendum to the maintenance services contract with Ciro's Arbor Care, Inc. for professional tree removal and pruning as needed for the 2009-10 school year.

Approve district participation in the next County Cooperative Auction and/or use e-Surplus Auction web site to dispose of surplus property; further approve the disposal of any surplus property that the district is unable to sell.

Ratify an amendment to the contract with California Retrofit, Inc. to extend the contract period to June 1, 2010; authorize the superintendent or designee to execute/sign the necessary documents.

Accept with thanks donations to Escondido Union School District pursuant to Education Code 41303 for the period of 1/30/10 through 2/12/10 in the amount of cash to the district of \$19,563.82.

Fiscal Services

Approve Nutrition Services financial report for December 2009.

Approve Nutrition Services purchase orders for the month of December 2009 in the amount of \$213,288.56.

Approve commercial warrant register for January 2010 in the amount of \$1,786,553.27.

Approve purchase orders for the period 1/24/10 through 2/6/10 in the amount of \$379,211.08.

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

Adjournment

**I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct copy of the actions of the Board of Education at a regular meeting, as recorded in these minutes.**

Certification

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Jennifer Walters, Superintendent/Secretary

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Linda Woods, Clerk

