

**ESCONDIDO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
August 11, 2011**

<p>The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the board room by President Woods with all members present. Board members went to closed session at 6:01p.m.</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 Woods at 7:11 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconvene to Open Session</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joan Gardner.</p>	<p>Pledge</p>
<p>The following persons were present: Linda Woods, President Marv Gilbert, Clerk Marty Hranek, Member Staff</p> <p>Zoe Carpenter, Vice President Joan Gardner, Member Jennifer Walters, Superintendent Others as registered</p>	<p>Present</p>
<p>It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the agenda with the removal of items 19.17 and 19.20 which will be brought back to the board at a later date.</p>	<p>Approval of Agenda</p>
<p>It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Marty Hranek, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July14, 2011.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p>
<p>President Woods 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.</p>	<p>Oral Communications</p>
<p>Superintendent Walters introduced the district’s three new principals; Barbara Sanchez (Lincoln), Susan Adkins (Del Dios), and Jeff King (Mission). She welcomed them to EUSD.</p>	
<p>Jose Fragozo inquired about the next unification meeting with the high school district and also suggested that more information on DELAC be reflected on the district website.</p>	
<p>President Woods reported all written correspondence had been shared.</p>	<p>Written Communications</p>
<p>President Woods reported no action taken in closed session.</p>	<p>Closed Session</p>
<p>Mrs. Manusov, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services shared updated information on the study of the current trustee election system in light of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Level II process has been completed and is currently in review with legal counsel with an anticipated completion date of August 16. If results indicate a move to Level IV, there will be a meeting scheduled for August 23 at</p>	<p>CA Voting Rights Act</p>

SDCOE with district representatives and legal counsel. SDCOE is in the process of revamping the timeline which should be out in a week. This would still allow the district the needed time to implement a new system should it be necessary for the 2012 elections.

Jose Fragozo was glad to hear the update on the CVRA.

Oral  
Communications

Deputy Superintendent Bob Leon shared information and timeline on the appointee of the Board of Education to the Personnel Commission. At the September 22 meeting the board will publicly announce the name of the person it intends to appoint or reappoint. At the October 22 board meeting a public hearing will be held to allow employees, employee organizations, and the public an opportunity to express their views on the individual's qualifications. The board will also take action at the October 22 meeting.

Personnel  
Commission  
Appointee

Superintendent Walters asked the board to consider the formation of a District Collaboration Council as a solutions-oriented process for district stakeholders to jointly support universal student achievement. The purpose of this council would be to seek the best ways to bring about universal student achievement in Escondido by acknowledging, utilizing, and supporting the skills and talents of all EUSD employees. She stated that we are our own best reformers and collaborators to revolutionize education in Escondido through accountability for the school board, superintendent, teachers, principals, and support staff. This council would identify priorities in conjunction with the board's focus goals, assist in creating respectful and collaborative relationships to address the priorities; identify barriers to universal student achievement and ways to overcome the barriers. The council would assist in making strategic investments over time in the knowledge and skills of its employees and dedicate themselves to supporting the talents of EUSD employees to attain universal student achievement in Escondido, and to sustain performance improvements over time.

District  
Collaboration  
Council

After discussion, board consensus was to move forward with the District Collaboration Council with the inclusion of "Operational Norms." It was suggested that careful consideration be given to the council's first couple of tasks in order for the council to practice the norms.

Jose Fragozo stated that, not until we identify the problems in this district, will the District Collaboration Council be successful.

Oral  
Communications

Carol Rouse, Director of Fiscal Services, reported that the state adopted their budget on time and provides flat funding for education. It underfunds Proposition 98 without suspension and has "trigger" language that could result in mid-year cuts. It also strips county offices of education of fiscal oversight. It dictates revenue, staffing, and program levels, but prohibits budgeting for a known potential loss. The state has also closed the "second lay-off window." Categorical flexibility was extended two additional years. There is also potential for additional cash deferrals, which increases pressure on district cash reserves.

Budget Update

The 2011-12 fiscal year reflects many changes for special education including the

repeal of AB 3632 mandate which transfers the responsibility of mental health services to schools; AB 100 provides one-time Proposition 63 funding- \$98.6 million; and the special disabilities adjustment which was unfunded because the formula sunset on July 1, 2011.

The state budget includes the elimination of the Redevelopment Agencies (RDA). In the event that an RDA is dissolved, previously established pass-through payments from the dissolved agency would continue, with payments administered by the county auditor-controller.

The State's final budget defers additional approximately \$2.1 billion of payments to schools; assumes \$4 billion more in general fund revenue above May forecast; puts K-12 education at risk of losing \$1.9 billion by triggering a cut if revenues fall short of projections; allows automatic reductions to the school year (seven additional days) if triggered cuts are made, however, this would still be subject to collective bargaining; takes away \$2.1 billion from K-12 education through a sales tax shift and reallocates those funds to other areas of the budget without suspension of education's minimum guarantee.

Mrs. Rouse reported that the 2011-12 Budget Act provides for an automatic reduction to state appropriations, including funding to schools if state revenues fall short of projections. School districts however, are prohibited from budgeting for these reductions. The Director of Finance shall forecast the General Fund revenues for 2011-12 no later than December 15. This forecast will be compared to the LAO's November 2011 General Fund forecast, and then the Director of Finance will use whichever forecast is higher. This will determine if a mid-year reduction to education will be made.

Total budgeted revenues are \$140,284,496 for an overall increase of \$5,476,779 since the budget was adopted in June, which combines an unrestricted increase of \$5,517,058 with a small restricted decrease of \$40,279. The increase is due to the assumed reduction of \$330/ADA having been removed.

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the first revision of the district's 2011-12 Adopted Budget.

Assistant Superintendent Gina Manusov discussed the restoration of certain 2011-12 budget reductions, in accordance with direction provided by Assembly Bill 114 to develop a budget that is consistent with "flat" levels of state funding.

Budget Reduction  
Restoration

Proposed restorations to be added now:

Modified receptionist position \$43,300

Expulsion panel \$7,723

Custodian positions (8 FTE) \$400,000

Assistant Principal (1 FTE) \$100,000

Library Tech hours \$240,063

Music Teacher \$86,500

Deferred Maintenance contribution \$200,000

Total restorations equal \$1,077,586

Potential mid-year restorations:

Two furlough days \$900,000

Management furlough days equity \$15,000

Redevelopment \$800,000

Total potential mid-year restorations equal \$1,715,000

Combined total restorations \$2,792,586

All board members reported being pleased with restoration choices.

Linda Woods suggested if there are no mid-year cuts that the district evaluates how current reductions are affecting office staffs before restoring the \$800,000 redevelopment funds. Her concerns were custodians and the cut in hours to preschool instructional assistants.

Joan Gardner indicated that the \$800,000 redevelopment restoration is intended to give the district a cash flow cushion and reminded the board that EUSD is still paying off Certificates of Participation from the Rincon Elementary conversion to a middle school.

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to approve the restoration of certain 2011-12 budget reductions, in accordance with direction provided by Assembly Bill 114 to develop a budget that is consistent with “flat” levels of state funding.

Discussion of staff recommendation to maintain the crossing guard program, and approve additional funding thereof from 67 percent to 100 percent for the 2011-12 school year. It was further recommended that during the school year district staff evaluate the need for crossing guards as currently deployed and assess the possibility of a more efficient way to meet the central need of safe pathways to and from district schools.

Crossing Guard Program

It was moved by Zoe Carpenter, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 5-0 to approve maintaining the crossing guard program and approve additional funding from 67 percent to 100 percent for the 2011-12 school year.

Discussion to maintain current level of funding for School Resource Officer services as in prior years took place (25 percent of one FTE).

School Resource Officers Services

Marv Gilbert expressed concerns with the city action of reducing services to two officers and the possible delay in response time to school sites. He discussed the possibility of having three officers instead of two. Joan Gardner stated that EUHSD could not afford to contribute anymore. Linda Woods indicated that since the district will be funding crossing guards in total, perhaps the city can make a larger contribution to the resource officer funding.

Superintendent Walters stated that in terms of safety the reduced number of school resource officers does not place our kids at risk; however, it may take more time from

administrators and there may be a higher number of students in school offices. Marty Hranek concurred with that statement.

It was moved by Joan Gardner, seconded by Marty Hranek, and passed 5-0 to approve the same percentage of financial contribution to the City of Escondido for School Resource Officer services for the 2011-12 school year as was provided in the 2010-11 school year.

Conducted a first reading on the following:

- BP 1113, District and School Web Sites, revised
- BP 4040, Employees Use of Technology, revised
- BP 4119.11, Sexual Harassment, revised
- BP 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21, Professional Standards, revised
- BP/AR 4158, 4258, 4358, Employee Security, new

First Readings

Marty Hranek reported attending the Felicita project-based learning event. He visited classrooms and saw exciting science projects taking place. He also attended the iPad training with administrators. He said there were many good things happening in the district.

Member's Report

Joan Gardner reported attending the Felicita project-based learning event. She visited two fifth-grade classrooms and saw their lunar landers and visited a K classroom where they were learning about magnets.

Marv Gilbert had no report.

Zoe Carpenter thanked Technology Media Services for all their work over the summer.

Linda Woods reported that September 8, 2011, is the next regularly scheduled board meeting. She thanked Jennifer Walters and Kathy Shirley for writing the grant that was awarded to the district for the iPads that administrators received and will be using throughout the school year.

President's Report

Superintendent Walters had no report.

Supt's. Report

Regarding item 19.1, Jose Fragozo questioned the extension of the superintendent's employment contract.

Oral Communications

Regarding items 19.23, 19.24, and 19.25, Jose Fragozo expressed concerns with the conditions of the schools.

Item 19.1 was pulled for a separate vote.

Consent Items

It was moved by Joan Gardner, seconded by Marv Gilbert, and passed 4-0-1 (Hranek abstained) to approve extending the employment contract of Superintendent Jennifer Walters through June 30, 2015.

Superintendent

After the vote, Marv Gilbert stated that it was important for everyone to understand that Ed Code allows for a district to contract for up to four years with its superintendent. He indicated that Superintendent Walters has done an outstanding job for the district. He further said that there is no monetary value associated with extending the contract.

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

Approve Certificated Personnel Order 2011-12-02.

Human Resources

Approve Classified Personnel Order 2011-12-02.

Approve public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Approve Psychology Intern agreement between the Escondido Union School District and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, University of California, Santa Barbara, effective August 16, 2011 through June 7, 2012.

Third reading and approval of new BP/AR/E 6158.1 Independent Study, Physical Education.

Educational Services

Approve addendum to the independent contractor agreement with *Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)* for up to 16,000 student test licenses, for a revised total cost of \$200,000. The additional \$12,500 to be paid with district ARRA SFSF funding.

Approve the AB430 professional development services agreement with the *Leadership Services Program of the San Diego County Office of Education* for the 2011-12 school year at a cost of \$13,600, paid with district Title II funds.

Approve independent contractor agreement with *Rob Damwijk* to provide the music, lighting, party favors, and disc jockey services for Rincon Middle School's student dances for the 2011-12 school year at a total cost of \$3,050 paid with funds raised from ticket sales.

Approve independent contractor agreement with educational consultant *Carolyn Moshier*, for services during the 2011-12 school year, at a cost of \$78,000 paid with district Title II and Pioneer QEIA funds.

Approve independent contractor agreement with *Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)* to provide a parent training course for Felicita parents in 2011-12, as required by the Felicita School Improvement Grant, at a cost of \$10,000 paid with SIG funds.

Approve independent contractor agreement with *Cary Trivanovich* for two bullying prevention assemblies for all Bernardo students at a cost of \$750 paid with donated funds from the Bernardo PTA.

Approve agreement with the *San Diego County Superintendent of Schools* for up to 25 days of professional development in English language development for elementary principals, coaches, and bilingual program teachers during the 2011-12 school year at a cost of \$37,000.

Approve the Administrative Review Panel's recommendation for reinstatement in Student Cases 2010-11-04, 2010-11-19, 2010-11-31, and 2010-11-33.

Special Education/  
Pupil Services

Ratify a memorandum of understanding between High Tech High, the Desert/Mountain SELPA, and Escondido Union School District to secure a dismissal with prejudice in a settlement agreement (OAH Case No. 2011051067) in exchange for partial payment of attorney fees, not exceeding a total cost to the district of \$750.

Ratify room and board agreement with *Provo Canyon School* for a student with special needs who was recently placed at this out-of-state non-public school by the San Diego County Children's Mental Health Services for the 2011-12 school year; further approve paying for/reimbursing parent's mileage and travel expenses during the school year, up to one visitation per quarter, not exceeding \$600 per trip.

Table agreement with *California State University San Marcos* to provide the services of students enrolled in the university's nursing program to assist in the implementation of the Project 21 T.O.D.A.Y. (Transforming Obesity and Diabetes Awareness in Youth) program at targeted elementary schools at no cost to the district.

Approve contract with *Interquest Detection Canines of San Diego* to utilize their services, including an informational assembly, at all middle schools and Nicolaysen Community Day School during the 2011-12 school year for up to eight days at \$400 per day for a total cost not exceeding \$3,200.

Approve independent contractor agreement with *Paige Marketing Communications Group, Inc.* to provide marketing/advertising services for the CARE Youth Project, Escondido Union School District's Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative.

Table independent contractor agreement with *Palomar Pomerado Health* for implementation of the Project 21 T.O.D.A.Y. (Transforming Obesity and Diabetes Awareness in Youth) program, a school-based obesity and diabetes awareness program for targeted elementary schools at no cost to the district.

Ratify contract with *West Shield Services* to provide escort and transportation services to take a district student with special needs to Provo Canyon Non-public School in Utah for the 2011-12 school year; authorize the superintendent to sign the necessary documents.

Ratify agreement to reimburse mileage to parent for the transportation of their special education child to and from NewBridge Non-public School during the 2010-11 school year, not exceeding 43.2 miles per day; further approve reimbursing parent for the 2011-12 school year.

Adopt resolution 2011-12-01 requesting county approval to waive competitive bids for the repair of a portable restroom facility at Lincoln School; authorize the superintendent or her designee to execute/sign all necessary documents.

Business Services

Adopt resolution 2011-12-02 requesting county approval to waive competitive bids for mold abatement of the basement area at Central School; authorize the superintendent or her designee to execute/sign all necessary documents.

Adopt resolution 2011-12-03 requesting county approval to waive competitive bids for the repair of portable restroom facilities at Miller, North Broadway, and Orange Glen Schools; authorize the superintendent or her designee to execute/sign all necessary documents.

Reject a non-responsive bid from G. A. Dominguez. Award a contract in the amount of \$149,535 to GEM Industrial Electric, Inc. for site improvement projects at L. R. Green School.

Approve GEM Industrial, Inc. Change Order No. 1 related to the emergency repair/upgrade of the campus fire alarm system for Nicolaysen Community Day School.

Approve filing a Notice of Completion for GEM Industrial, Inc. for general contractor services related to the emergency repair/upgrade of the campus fire alarm system at Nicolaysen Community Day School; authorize the superintendent or her designee to execute/sign all necessary documents.

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

Approve purchase orders for the period 6/26/11 through 7/23/11 in the amount of \$10,272,750.14

Fiscal Services

Approve commercial warrant register for June 2011 in the amount of \$3,197,263.45

Approve revolving cash for the period 6/30/11 through 7/5/11 in the amount of \$1,108.45

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Zoe Carpenter, and passed 4-0 to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Marty Hranek left before the motion was made and the vote was taken.

Adjournment

August 11, 2011

**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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Marv Gilbert, Clerk