

**Minutes of the Special Board Workshop of the
Board of Education
August 18, 2011**

<p>The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Linda Woods with all members present. Marty Hranek led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>Call to Order; Pledge</p>
<p>The following persons were present: Linda Woods, President Zoe Carpenter, Vice President Marv Gilbert, Clerk Joan Gardner, Member Marty Hranek, Member Jennifer Walters, Superintendent</p>	<p>Present</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. No one asked to speak.</p>	<p>Oral Communica- tions</p>
<p>Superintendent Walters gave a background on the district’s current board member Code of Ethics. All board members concurred that the current Code of Ethics is appropriate and applicable. Members signed the collective Code of Ethics.</p>	<p>Code of Ethics</p>
<p>CSBA Professional Governance Standards were reviewed as many of the district’s current governance standards emanated from them. Linda Woods suggested that all board members collectively attend a superintendent evaluation session at the annual CSBA conference in December if offered. In January, the board will review the superintendent evaluation concept.</p>	<p>Professional Governance Standard</p>
<p>Current EUSD board and superintendent protocols were reviewed and discussion took place. The following minor changes were made to the existing protocols:</p>	<p>Protocols</p>
<p>General #4; Govern in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility, dignity, and respect*, while honoring the right to <i>respectfully</i> disagree with each other.</p>	
<p>Board #24; Communicate directly with the superintendent <i>and/or appropriate cabinet member</i> prior to board meetings to address questions and/or concerns about agenda items; honor the “no surprises” rule with the superintendent and fellow board members.</p>	
<p>Mr. Fragoza expressed concerns regarding the difficulty of finding the mission statement on the EUSD website.</p>	<p>Oral Communica- tions</p>
<p>Superintendent Walters reviewed the existing mission statement from Dr. Retana’s tenure. She shared a draft of a possible new mission statement; <i>Universal student achievement is Escondido Union School District’s mission. Each student, employee, parent, and community member is an important contributor to universal student achievement in Escondido.</i> Current abbreviated focus goals to follow.</p>	<p>Mission Statement</p>

After some discussion it was determined that ‘simple is good’ and rather than a mission statement this year, the district will just have a focus “Universal Student Achievement.” The board will revisit the idea of a mission statement at a later time. The focus will be posted on the website.

It was moved by Marv Gilbert, seconded by Joan Gardner, and passed 5-0 to adjourn at 8:15 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 special meeting, as recorded in these minutes.

Certification

Jennifer Walters, Superintendent/Secretary

Marv Gilbert, Clerk