

# GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES

## Regular Governing Board Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2006

### I. PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION CONVENED

Vice President Evelyn Wills, with all Board Members present, convened the meeting at 4:25 p.m., on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at the East County Regional Education Center, 924 East Main Street, El Cajon, California. The Board immediately adjourned to executive (closed) session in the Resource Room.

### II. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

The Governing Board met in executive (closed) session to consider student discipline, public employee matters, employer-employee negotiations, and potential litigation. Staff present in closed session: Superintendent Terry Ryan; Bob Cornelius, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mike Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Steve Sonnich, Associate Administrator, Human Resources; District legal counsel, and Debra Peterson, Executive Assistant. The executive session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

### III. RECONVENE PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION

The Governing Board, with all Board Members present, reconvened public session at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room. Also present: Superintendent Terry Ryan; Bob Cornelius, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Steve Sonnich, Associate Administrator, Human Resources; Mike Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Debra Peterson, Executive Assistant; certificated and classified staff, students, and members of the community and the press. Student Board Member Sarah Anderson was present in open session only.

#### A. Call to Order

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

#### C. Communications from the Public on Topics that Fall Under the Subject Jurisdiction of the Governing Board.

At this point in the agenda, the Board heard public comment on items on the agenda.

#### Public Speakers - Items On or Not On the Agenda:

Mark Price expressed his support for the proposed charter district study and investigation. Matt Schumsky spoke to the Board in support of the charter district study and investigation. Bill Weaver spoke in support of a demographic study related to the development of a 12<sup>th</sup> high school. George Barnett spoke in favor of a high school in Alpine and offered his support of the District and the Board. Judith Goodloe spoke in opposition of two items (VIII.B.11 and VIII.B.12) deleted from the agenda. Gary Willhite objected to the approval of two management positions and his objection to the charter district study. Julie Umansky from the California Charter School Association spoke in favor of a charter district study. Kim Weed did not wish to speak, but expressed her written support for a Steele Canyon charter school.

#### E. Report of Executive (Closed) Session Action

##### Student Matters

A. Clerk Larry Urdahl reported that the Governing Board, in closed session, reviewed the findings of fact, the conclusion of law and any written objection to the same, which were presented by staff on student matters. The Governing Board then took action in public session to approve the recommendations. Separate action was taken on each item (a – d):

- a. MSC (Urdahl/Wills) to approve the Stipulated/Suspended Student Expulsion in cases # 52 through 58. The motion carried 5/0.
- b. MSC (Urdahl/Schreiber) to approve the Suspended Student Expulsion in cases # 4 through 8. The motion carried 5/0.
- c. MSC (Urdahl/Schreiber) to Revoke the Student Expulsion in cases # 14 through 20. The motion carried 5/0.
- d. MSC (Urdahl/Schreiber) to Lift the Student Expulsion in case # 1 through 28. The motion carried 5/0.

- B. MSC (Urdahl/Wills) to waive the requirement to pass the California High School Exit Exam as a condition for receiving a high school diploma for special education student # 1.**  
 The motion carried 5/0.

**Public Employee Matters**

MSC (Urdahl/Wills) in closed session the Governing Board ratified the decision of the Superintendent to send nonreemployment letters to the following temporary teachers, effective January 13, 2006: employee numbers 10870, 7195, and 12664. The motion carried 5/0.

**IV. PROCEDURAL**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

MSC (Schreiber/Wills) to approve the January 18, 2006 agenda including the following deletions. The motion carried 5/0.

**DELETE ITEMS:**

- VIII.B.11. – Approval of contractual revision for the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services as recommended.
- VIII.B.12. – Approval to revise the terms and conditions of the GUHSD Superintendent's Employment Contract

**B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 6, 2005.**

MSC (Wills/Nehring) to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2005, Regular Governing Board meeting. The motion carried 5/0.

**V. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Recognition of Louise McClain, Guidance Counselor at Granite Hills High School, Recipient of the Jonasson Endowment Award for 2005-2006 Counselor of the Year Presented by the Counseling Department at San Diego State University
- B. Recognition of Girls' Cross Country, Division II, West Hills High School, CIF-SDS Champions/Award
- C. Recognition of Donations to the Grossmont Union High School District
- D. Report by Board President Jim Kelly on 2006 Goals and Objectives

Board President Jim Kelly reviewed the Governing Board accomplishments over the past year and outlined his goals and objectives for 2006, some of these goals include:

- Adopt a guiding theme of *Innovation for Excellence* in the District and highlight on our website
- Production of a quarterly newsletter highlighting academic advancements and Proposition H updates
- Provide quality, rigorous and relevant curriculum for our students
- Continue to implement intervention programs to assist students who have not passed the California High School Exit Exam
- Implement the findings of the School Safety Committee
- Continue to implement the recommendations of the Fiscal Crisis Management Teams
- Development of an ongoing mechanism of maintaining current classified information
- The implementation of a "parent portal" system to give parents access their student's information

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Business Services

1. Acceptance of the 2004-2005 Annual Audit Report by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company

Gregory Cook, of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company, LLP, reported that his findings indicated that the District had used good financial practices demonstrating that the District had properly maintained records and the records adequately reflected the financial status of the District. He stated that the District was no longer in deficit spending and was maintaining the mandatory 3% reserve.

### B. Superintendent

1. MSC (Nehring/Wills) for approval to direct Grossmont Union High School District Administrative staff to begin the preparation of a Districtwide Charter Petition with the assistance of other certificated and classified staff on behalf of the GUHSD. Motion carried 5/0.

Member Nehring presented a proposal for consideration and study regarding a possible Districtwide charter petition.

2. First Reading of Revisions to Administrative Regulation 4119, Personnel; Sexual Harassment (No Action)

Dr. Ryan noted that it was his intent to review and update the Board Bylaws and District policies over the next year.

## VII. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

### A. Superintendent's Executive Summary

Superintendent Ryan reported that he had visited the Viking Center and was impressed by the commitment and dedication of the staff and the student volunteers. Dr. Ryan reported that he had attended a state budget workshop and noted that school districts across the state are facing the same budgetary issues.

### B. Budget Update

Assistant Superintendent Bob Cornelius reported on the state budget workshop and how the anticipated budget projections would affect the District in the coming year.

## VIII. CONSOLIDATED AGENDA (ONE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A. THROUGH C.)

MSC (Wills/Schreiber) to approve the Consolidated Motion (Consent Agenda). The motion carried 5/0.

### A. Educational Services (Mike Lewis, Assistant Superintendent)

1. Ratification and Approval of Employment of Instructional Consultant(s) in Compliance With Government Code Section 53060; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
2. Ratification and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding With Shakti Rising to Provide Recovery Resource Services for Grossmont Union High School District Schools and Students; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
3. Ratification and Approval to Submit and Implement, if Funded, the Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant, El Capitan High School; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
4. (Item held. Action reported under Section IX) Approval to Submit and Implement, if Funded, the Teaching American History Grant; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
5. Approval of Long-Distance Student Travel

6. Approval of Institutional Membership for the Grossmont Union High School District, School Year 2005-2006; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
7. Approval of Agreement (A-5320R1) With ChoicePoint Services, Inc., to Provide Drug and Alcohol Testing Services, Regional Occupational Program; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same

**B. Human Resources (Steve Sonnich, Associate Administrator)**

1. Ratification and Approval of Certificated Personnel Actions
2. (Item held. Action reported under Section IX) Ratification and Approval of Classified Personnel Actions
3. Ratification and Approval of Certificated Personnel Actions, Helix Charter High School
4. Ratification and Approval of Classified Personnel Actions, Helix Charter High School
5. Ratification and Approval of Personnel Actions, Adult School and Regional Occupational Program
6. Ratification and Approval of Agreement (A-3923R14) With San Diego State University for Placement of Student Teachers for the Period July 1, 2005, Through June 30, 2006; and Authorization for the Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
7. (Item held. Action reported under Section IX.)Ratification and Approval of the Following Job Description: Benefits Coordinator
8. (Item held. Action reported under Section IX) Ratification and Approval of the Reclassification From Budget Analyst to Supervisor, Budget Operations, Effective January 19, 2006
9. Ratification and Approval of Agreement (A-8387) With Point Loma Nazarene University for Special Education Teacher Interns, Effective January 1, 2006; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
10. Approval of 3.0% Salary Increase For Cabinet Members as Recommended
11. Item Deleted
12. Item Deleted

**C. Business Services (Bob Cornelius, Assistant Superintendent)**

1. Ratification and Approval of Employment of Business Consultant(s) in Compliance With Government Code Section 53060; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute the Necessary Agreement(s)
2. Ratification and Approval of Revisions to the 2005-2006 Budget:
  - a. Transfer Funds Between Major Budget Categories
  - b. Transfers Affecting Revenue and Expense
  - c. Transfers Affecting the Fund Balance (Separate Document)
3. Ratification and Approval of Contractual and Encumbered Purchase Orders and Paid Warrants
4. Ratification and Approval of Maintenance, Service, and Licensing Agreements and Warranties; and Authorization for the Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
5. Ratification of Change Order #1; Acceptance of Project as Complete, Subject to the Completion of Minor Punch List Items; and Authorization to File Notice of Completion for Bid #2975, Interior Bleacher Replacement at El Cajon Valley, El Capitan, Helix Charter, Monte Vista, and Santana High Schools
6. Ratification of Change Order #4, for Bid #2981, Infrastructure Upgrades, Categories 1 and 2, at Helix Charter High School
7. Ratification of Change Order #2 for Non-Proposition H Funded Bid #2987, Athletic Track Replacement, Helix Charter High School
8. Ratification of Change Order #2 for Bid #2989, Electrical Housing at Granite Hills High School
9. Ratification of Change Order #2 for Bid #2990, Electrical Housing at Helix Charter High School
10. Ratification of Lump-Sum Payment to Designated Individual(s) for Waiver or Buy-Out of Medical Insurance
11. Approval of Monthly Budget Summary for the Period Ending November 30, 2005 (Separate Document)
12. Approval of Mileage Reimbursement of 44.5 Cents Per Mile for Employees' Use of Personal Vehicles for the Period Beginning January 1, 2006
13. Approval of New Agreements for Use of Real Property for Agriculture Purposes; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same:
  - a. A-5375 Ivanhoe Ranch Partners, LLC

14. (Item held. Action reported under Section IX) Approval of Agreement (A-5372-a) for the Services of State Environmental and Land Acquisition Consultant for High School; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
15. Approval to Amend Agreement (A-5297a-1), Section 2.7, With Erickson-Hall Construction Company; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
16. (Item held. Action reported under Section IX.) Approval of Agreement (A-5389) With David Taussig & Associates, Inc., to Provide Demographic Study Services for Various Projects Districtwide; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
17. Adoption of Resolution (2006-24) to Delete and Add Authorized Agents to Sign Checks on the Granite Hills High School Associated Student Body Checking Account
18. Authorization for County Auditor and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to Reissue Outdated Warrant
19. Authorization to Declare Miscellaneous Equipment and Vehicles as Surplus and Disposal of Items by Public Auction Conducted by Professional Auctioneer
20. Authorization to Renew the Following Agreements for Use of Real Property for Agriculture Purposes; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same:
  - a. A4155 R9 Smith Ranch (Kern Family LLC, Stephen R. Smith, Gary D. Smith)
  - b. A5184 R3 Louis V. Schooler III, LLC
  - c. A5280 R1 Douglas and Chamane Shellstrom Trust
  - d. A5282 R1 Mick Ruis
21. Acceptance of Project as Complete, Subject to the Completion of Minor Punch List Items; and Authorization to File Notice of Completion for Bid #2980, Infrastructure Upgrades, Categories 1 and 2, at Grossmont High School
22. Acceptance of Donations; and Authorization to Send Letters of Appreciation on Behalf of the Governing Board

#### **IX. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSOLIDATED MOTION TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY**

**VIII.C.14** – MSC (Wills/Nehring) to approve agreement (A-5372-a) for the services of State Environmental and Land Acquisition Consultant for a high school. The motion carried 5/0.

Member Urdahl thanked the Superintendent and Dr. Cornelius for beginning the process on the first steps towards the building of a 12<sup>th</sup> high school.

**VIII.C.16** – MSC (Nehring/Wills) to approve agreement (A-5389) with David Taussig & Associates, Inc., to provide demographic study services for various projects Districtwide. The motion carried 5/0.

Member Urdahl again thanked Superintendent Ryan and Dr. Cornelius for their quick action in beginning the study process for a 12<sup>th</sup> high school.

**VIII.A.4.** – MSC (Wills/Schreiber) to submit and implement, if funded, the Teaching American History Grant. The motion carried 4/0/1. (Member Urdahl absent)

Member Schreiber pulled this item to highlight this grant and to bring to the attention of the Board the many valuable history programs available.

**VIII.B.2.** – MSC (Schreiber/Nehring) to ratify and approve classified personnel actions. The motion carried 3/0/2. (Abstained: Schreiber/Urdahl)

**VIII.B.7** – MSC (Schreiber/Wills) to ratify and approve the following job description: Benefits Coordinator. The motion carried 5/0.

Member Schreiber pulled this item to get information and clarification regarding this new position.

**VIII.B.8.** – MSC (Schreiber/Wills) to ratify and approve the reclassification from Budget Analyst to Supervisor, Budget Operations, effective January 19, 2006. The motion carried 5/0.

Member Schreiber pulled this item to get information and clarification regarding the recent reorganization and restructuring requiring the reclassification of this position.

## X. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION

### Board Member Reports

Student Board Member Sarah Anderson thanked Member Wills for attending the ASB Executive Council meeting in January. She reported that the Council discussed election procedures and upcoming ASB events in the District. Member Schreiber reported that she enjoyed attending the El Cajon Valley High School CIF championship game. Ms. Schreiber reported on the fundraising efforts of the Mount Miguel High School JROTC to attend the national competition. Member Schreiber thanked Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union for their support of this project. Member Nehring thanked the Board for their strong support regarding his proposal to study a districtwide charter. He reported that he had appreciated meeting with the auditor and was pleased with the results of the report. Member Urdahl reported that he would be attending a ceremony at Steele Canyon High Schools to dedicate the new field lighting. Mr. Urdahl reported that he planned on visiting all schools this year including the Viking Center. Vice President Wills said that she had enjoyed attending the ASB Executive Council meeting this month. She reported that she was impressed with the high level of humanitarian outreach programs sponsored by the ASB throughout the District, including sponsoring a school in Louisiana suffering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. President Jim Kelly commended Student Board Representative Sarah Anderson for the professionalism in conducting the ASB Executive Council meetings. President Kelly reported that he was looking forward to attending the Steele Canyon field lighting ceremony and he commended Member Nehring on his call for a study of a districtwide charter and his vision for the District. Superintendent Ryan announced the retirement of Dr. Bob Cornelius, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. He noted his tireless efforts on behalf of the District and the passage of Prop H. Superintendent Ryan thanked Dr. Cornelius for his commitment to the District and his leadership.

### Items for Future Board Meeting Agendas

1. Facilities Update (Member Wills)
2. Strategic Planning Workshop (Member Schreiber)

## XI. COMMUNICATION ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – (All speakers were heard in section III.C.)

Adjournment 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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 Terry Ryan, Superintendent