

GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES

Regular Governing Board Meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2005

I. PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION CONVENED

President Jim Kelly, with all Board Members present, convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at Steele Canyon High School, 12440 Campo Road, Spring Valley, CA 91978. The Board immediately adjourned to executive (closed) session in the Teachers Lounge.

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 6:30 p.m.

III. RECONVENE PUBLIC (OPEN) SESSION

The Governing Board, with all Board Members present, reconvened public session at 6:45 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Also present: Superintendent Terry Ryan; Bob Cornelius, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Steve Sonnich, Associate Administrator, Human Resources; Mike Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Chris Keeler, Attorney, Debra Peterson, Executive Assistant; certificated and classified staff, students, and members of the community and the press. Alternate Student Board Member Kelcie Price 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 the Agenda:

George Barnett expressed his support to the Board and urged the Board to continue work toward a new high school in Alpine. Bill Weaver thanked the Board for their continued efforts to build a high school in Alpine. Michele Randel urged the Board to continue to work towards building a high school in Alpine. James Hartline urged the Board to vote Member Schreiber as Board President. The following members of the public spoke in favor of approval of a monetary settlement agreement for Helix Charter High School: Dan Baite, Jenn Osborn, John Geary, Mimi Test, Shelly Pool, Mark Rhea, Amanda Dolphin, Joel Hall, Gabe Thibideau, Kevin Osborn, Gregg Osborn, Cathy Singer, Doug Smith, Kris Irving, Paula Ann Trevino, Mary Jo Lund, Leslie Messier, Rhonda Hinton, Will Jacouway, Peggy Crabtree, Russell Buckley, Jack Shu, Tom McElfresh, Julie Damschen, and Richard Sutton.

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 – c):
- MSC (Urdahl/Schreiber) to approve the Stipulated/Suspended Student Expulsion in cases # 30 through 51. The motion carried 5/0.
 - MSC (Urdahl/Wills) to approve the Suspended Student Expulsion in cases # 2 & 3. The motion carried 5/0.
 - MSC (Urdahl/Wills) to Revoke the Suspended Student Expulsion in cases # 11 through 13. The motion carried 5/0.

Potential/Pending/ Threatening Litigation

MSC (Wills/Schreiber) to reject claim number 06-11-02. The motion carried 5/0.

IV. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition of Eileen Mandell, Grossmont High School, as Recipient of Art Instructor of the Year in the Secondary School Category by the City of El Cajon Arts and Culture Commission
- B. Recognition of Peter McGuire, Campus Utility Worker at Mount Miguel High School, as Second Quarter Outstanding Classified Employee for 2005-2006
- C. Recognition of Donations to the Grossmont Union High School District

V. PROCEDURAL

A. Approval of Agenda

MSC (Wills/Schreiber) to approve the December 6, 2005 agenda including the following supplements, corrections, and deletions. Member Urdahl stated that he would abstain from voting because of his objection to the change in the Board meeting date. The motion carried 4/0/1 (Member Urdahl abstained).

SUPPLEMENTS - None

CORRECTIONS:

- VIII. A. 1.c – Name should read Eric Twadell not Treadwell
- VIII. B. – Ratification and Approval of Certificated Personnel Actions for Helix Charter High School – Mary Jean Test's retirement date is January 3, 2006, and not January 4, 2006.

DELETE ITEMS:

- VIII. C. 1. – Ratification and Approval of Employment of Business Consultants
- VIII. B. 8 – Ratification and Approval of Reclassification from Budget Analyst to Supervisor, Budget Operations
- VIII. B. 9. – Ratification and Approval of the Job Description: Benefits Coordinator

B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 10, 2005

MSC (Urdahl/Wills) to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2005, Regular Governing Board meeting. The motion carried 5/0.

C. Approval of Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting of November 16, 2005

MSC (Urdahl/Wills) to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2005, Special Governing Board meeting. The motion carried 4/0/1 (Member Nehring abstained).

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Conduct Elections of Governing Board Officers: President, Vice President, and Clerk, to Serve Until the Next Annual Organization Meeting; and Appoint the Superintendent as Secretary to Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Board for 2006.

Election of President: MSC (Nehring/Wills) to nominate Jim Kelly. The motion carried 3/2. (Opposed: Schreiber/Urdahl)

Election of Vice President: MSC (Nehring/Urdahl) to nominate Evelyn Wills. The motion carried 5/0.

Election of Clerk: MSC (Kelly/Wills) to nominate Larry Urdahl. The motion carried 5/0.

Appointment of Secretary/Chief Executive Officer: MSC (Wills/Urdahl) to appoint Superintendent Terry Ryan as Secretary/Chief Executive Officer. The motion carried 5/0.

- B. Appointment of Governing Board Representative(s) to District Councils and Other District Advisory Committees for 2006

MSC (Nehring/Wills) to appoint the following Board Members to District councils and/or advisory committees: Calendar Committee (Member Schreiber/Alternate Member Urdahl); Curriculum Master Plan Steering Committee (Member Schreiber/Alternate Member Urdahl); District English Language Learners Advisory Committee (Member Wills/Alternate Member Urdahl); K-16 Initiative (Member Schreiber/Alternate Member Urdahl); Finance Audit Committee (Member Nehring/ Member Urdahl). The motion carried 5/0.

- C. Nominate Delegate(s) From Region 17 for the California School Board Association's Delegate Assembly to Serve a Two-Year Term Commencing March 31, 2006 to March 31, 2008 (No Action)
- D. Establishment of a Calendar of Regular Board Meeting Dates for the Year 2006

MSC (Schreiber/Wills) to approve the 2006 calendar dates. The following dates were unanimously adopted as the calendar of regular Governing Board meeting dates for the year 2006: January 12, 2006; February 19, 2006; March 9, 2006; April 20, 2006; May 11, 2006; June 15, 2006; July 13, 2006; September 14, 2006; October 12, 2006; November 9, 2006; and December 14, 2006.
 The motion carried 5/0.

- E. MSC (Schreiber/Wills) to deny the request to ratify an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement with GEA and CSEA effecting employees assigned to Helix Charter High School, and refer the Helix Charter High School back to the conflict resolution process as provided in the Charter Agreement. MSC (Urdahl/Schreiber) to amend the motion to read; *Refer the Helix Charter High School to the conflict resolution process as provided in the Charter Agreement.* The amendment carried 5/0. The original motion including the amended language carried 5/0.
- F. Public Hearing For Governing Board Consideration of the Level of Support for the Steele Canyon Charter High School Charter School Petition by Teachers Employed by the Grossmont Union High School District, Other Employees of the District, and Parents of Students (Education Code section 47605(b)) Duration: 90 minutes.

President Kelly declared the public hearing open. The following members of the public spoke in favor of approval of a charter for Steele Canyon High School:

County Supervisor, Dianne Jacob, Derek Cardinale, Mike Nevarez, Garrett Shields, Reza Gonzalez, Charlotte Matthews, Liz Freeman, Jason Grhosh, Mathias Semik, Joseph Martinez, Ri Miluso, Karen Rand, Drew Stewart, Leonie Maneevone, Annalisa Davenport, Julie Bohe, Matt Poling, Kary Reid, Brendt Gideon, Larry and Cindy Churchman, Alison Footer, Michael Kellems, Amanda Footer, Evan Johnson, Colleen Llanos, Debbie Sakarias, Wayne Sakarias, Mary Bullock, Thomas Parr, Dan Pyle, Joan Lange Smith, Nathan Custer, Charles Tyler, Natalia Van Stralen, Mary Belt, Patrick MacFarland, Bill Madigan, Julie Umansky, David Wilson, Quinn Wilson, Joan Gerner, Karen Rodifer, Ken Hughes, Carrie and Gary Stathas, John Davis, Ron Boehmke, Tony Sottile, Richard Sutton, Brook Boehmke, Jim Rhoades, Lee Kennedy, Adam Klarer, Cindy Davis Harris, Teresa Greenhalgh, Jody Murray, Ann Durham, Donna Green, Jessica Smith, Chet Galloway, Jayme Jarvis, Lyn Reid, Julian Friesen, Megan Werland, Susan Gillespie, Jason Lee, Paulette Maran, Wesley Davis, Vinnie Pompo, and Steve Courtney.

The following people did not wish to speak, but asked that their names be recorded in favor of a charter school at Steele Canyon High School: Michelle Blue, Anita Moody, Donnie Van Hook, Stefanie Pagono, Joe Rodriguez, Steve Cazares, Sandra Golden, Paul Golden, Thomas Poling, Ricky Araiza, Anna Strangman, Tyla Jerrigan, Kristine Irving, Mike Herald, Mary Hendel, Cheryl Stewart, Jennie Parsons, John Parsons, Andrea Zigelman, Amanda Dolphin, Judith Kirk, Sharron and Bob Lee, Karen Koop, Rebecca Houck, Gus Nunez, Gregory Foster Jr., Bill Weaver, Virginia Davis, Leslie Hamrick-Smith, Ann Pierce, Madilyn Nunez, Dave Gillespie, Lynn Mullahey, Mary Polk, Martha Kary, John Thompson, Richard Theisen, Eryn Williams, David and Karen Lewis, Tony Sawyer, Tina Hubbs, Karen Lewis, Judy Weiland, Christy Taylor, Mary Lincoln-Johnson, Dwight and Laura Matthey, Kimline Beaty, Souphasone Capen, Kim Weed, Ruben Martinez, Larry DaSilveira, Rachel Puffer, Casey Gastrich, Charlie Cleales, James Quigley, Kim Wilson, Jorge MacFarland, Judith Kirk, Alyssa Wekn, Kevin Brew, Davis Lewis, Dawn Cuizon, Jeannette Poling, James Radice, and Michael Condon.

After hearing 90 minutes of public comment on this matter, President Kelly declared the hearing closed.

– President Kelly declared a 3 minute break. –

VII. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Executive Summary – no report

B. Direction to staff to begin a study regarding the various issues and report on the potential impact on a future Alpine High School.

In response to a request by Member Urdahl to place this item on the agenda, direction was given to District staff to begin a study regarding the various issues and a report on the potential impact on a future Alpine area high school.

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

MSC (Wills/Urdahl) 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 Memorandums of Understanding With Children's Hospital-San Diego and County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, and Children's Mental Health Services to Provide Services for Parent/Student Resource Centers; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
3. Ratification and Approval of Persons to Issue Work Permits to Students; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
4. Approval of Long-Distance Student Travel
5. Approval to Submit and Implement, if Funded, the Tobacco Use Prevention Education Grant; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same
6. Approval of the Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (O.C.E.A.N.) to Place Foreign Exchange Students in Schools Within the Grossmont Union High School District, School Year 2005-2006
7. Authorization to Award Scholarship From the Roger S. and Carolyn L. Brown Foundation Trust Fund

B. Human Resources (Steve Sonnich, Associate Administrator)

1. Ratification and Approval of Certificated Personnel Actions
2. 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 Employment of Consultant(s) in Compliance With Government Code Section 53060; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute the Necessary Agreements
7. (Item held. Action reported under Section VII.)Ratification and Approval of the Following Job Description: Director, Fundraising and Public Affairs, Effective December 7, 2005
8. (Item Deleted)
9. (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 Document(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 #3 for Bid #2981, Infrastructure Upgrades, Category 1 and 2, at Helix Charter High School
6. Ratification of Change Order #3 for Bid #2983, Infrastructure Upgrades, Category 1, at Granite Hills High School
7. Ratification of Change Order #1 for Bid #2989, Electrical Housing at Granite Hills High School
8. Ratification of Change Order #2 for Bid #2991, Electrical Housing at El Cajon Valley High School
9. Ratification of Change Order #2; Acceptance of Project as Complete, Subject to the Completion of Minor Punch List Items; and Authorization to File Notice of Completion for Bid #2994, Electrical Upgrade/ Fire Alarm and Voice IP at Chaparral High School
10. Ratification of Change Order #1 for Bid #3005, Selective Canopy Demolition at Santana, El Capitan, and Monte Vista High Schools
11. Ratification of Change Order #1 for Non-Proposition H Funded Bid #2987, Athletic Track Replacement at Helix Charter High School
12. Ratification of Lump-Sum Payment to Designated Individual(s) for Waiver or Buy-Out of Medical Insurance
13. Adoption of Resolution (2006-20) to Delete and Add Authorized Agents to Sign Checks on the Checking Accounts for Grossmont, Helix Charter, El Cajon, Mount Miguel, El Capitan, Granite Hills, Monte Vista, Santana, West Hills, Steele Canyon, Chaparral, Santana Adult, Foothills Adult, Helix Adult, Health Occupation Center, Grossmont Middle College, Food Services, Food Services Change Fund, Flexible Spending Account, Youth Training Payroll, Revolving Cash, Grossmont Athletic Conference, Grossmont Clearing Account, Grossmont Employee Fund, Gateway East, Gateway West, ROP Revolving Cash, ROP General Account, ROP Cosmetology Account, West Hills ATM, Foothills ASB, Health Occupations Center/Vocational Nursing and El Cajon Adult Checking Accounts
14. Adoption of Resolution (2006-21) to Approve American Fidelity Assurance Company as an Authorized Vendor for Payroll Deduction Purposes
15. Approval of First Interim Certification of Fiscal Solvency in Accordance With AB-1708 (Chapter 924, Statutes of 1993); and Report of Monthly Budget Summary for Period Ending October 31, 2005 (Separate Document)
16. Authorization for County Auditor and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to Reissue Outdated Warrant
17. Authorization to Declare Miscellaneous Equipment and Vehicles as Surplus and Disposal of Items by Public Auction Conducted by Professional Auctioneer
18. Authorization to Renew the Following Agreements for Use of Real Property for Agriculture Purposes; and Authorization for Superintendent or Designee to Execute Same:
 - a. A5117R2 – Dorthea Hinkle
 - b. A5242R1 – Sam Jereige
 - c. A5281R2 – Alan and Richard Kuebler, Mission Apartments, Ltd. #1
19. Award of Bid #3007, Site Preparation Work for ASB Funded Marquees at Monte Vista, Santana, and West Hills High Schools, to the Lowest Responsive Bidder Meeting District Specifications
20. 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 – No Items

VIII.B.7. MSC (Nehring/Wills) to ratify and approve the following job description: Director, Fundraising and Public Affairs, effective December 7, 2005.

Member Schreiber pulled this item and questioned the effectiveness of this position and what she felt was the flexibility necessary to manage both job responsibilities. Member Urdahl stated that he didn't see how this position would benefit kids in the classroom. Member Nehring expressed his support for the position to increase the revenue flow of the District. The motion carried 3/2. (Opposed: Schreiber/Urdahl)

X. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION

Board Member Reports

Alternate Student Board Member Kelcie Price reported that it was an honor to be a part of the Board meeting. She noted her support for the Steele Canyon charter proposal. Member Schreiber thanked Steele Canyon High School for hosting the Board meeting. Ms. Schreiber reported that she had attended the Foothills Council PTA Holiday dinner and had attended the CSBA Annual Conference in San Diego. Member Nehring stated that it was his goal to make a lasting and positive difference in the District during his term. He also noted that he had proposed, during a recent press conference, to begin a study regarding the conversion to a charter district. He noted that he has asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Member Urdahl reported that he had attended several recent Steele Canyon High School events and was impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the staff. Vice President Wills reported that she had enjoyed attending the Chaparral High School Thanksgiving luncheon with students and staff. She noted that she is very supportive of investigating and seeking other sources of funding for education. Ms. Wills wished everyone a very happy holiday season. President Jim Kelly praised Member Nehring's bold proposal of a study and discussion regarding a charter district.

Items for Future Board Meeting Agendas

1. Board item or Board WBR report related to a possible Brown Act violation. (Member Schreiber)
2. Board item or Board WBR report related to the ratification of the Superintendent's contract. (Member Schreiber)
3. Clarification of Board Bylaws regarding Robert's Rules. (Member Schreiber)
4. Board item to discuss/action regarding a charter district. (Member Nehring)
5. A report/update in February on Prop H rebuilding progress. (Member Wills)

XI. COMMUNICATION ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

All speakers reported on in section III.C and VI.F.

Adjournment 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
 Terry Ryan, Superintendent