

Western Placer Unified School District  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
February 21, 2012, 7:00 P.M.  
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL – Performing Arts Theater  
790 J Street, Lincoln, CA 95648

## MINUTES

**2011-2012 Goals & Objectives (G & O) for the Management Team:** Component I: Quality Student Performance; Component II: Curriculum Themes; Component III: Special Student Services; Component IV: Staff & Community Relations; Component V: Facilities/Administration/Budget.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Damian Armitage, President  
Brian Haley, Clerk  
Paul Carras, Member  
Paul Long, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kris Wyatt, Vice President

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Scott Leaman, Superintendent  
Mary Boyle, Deputy Superintendent  
Ryan Davis, Director of Personnel Services  
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the Superintendent  
Isabella Franco, LHS Student Representative  
Stephanie Dumm, Lincoln News Messenger

**6:25 P.M. START**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Lincoln High School – Performing Arts Theater

**6:30 P.M.**

2. **CLOSED SESSION** – Lincoln High School – Main Office
  - 2.1 **PERSONNEL**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**  
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
  - 2.2 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**  
Bargaining groups: WPTA & CSEA Negotiations  
Agency Negotiators: Scott Leaman, Superintendent, Mary Boyle, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Ryan Davis, Director of Human Services  
Joyce Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

**7:00 P.M.**

3. **ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**–Performing Arts Theater  
The Board of Trustees will disclose any action taken in Closed Session regarding the following items:

**3.1 PERSONNEL**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

No action taken

**3.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

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Superintendent of Educational Services, Ryan Davis, Director of Human Services

Joyce Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

No action taken

**4. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

School Being Featured: Phoenix High School

Mr. Doherty gave a short introduction on PHS along with current student ratios and he introduced his staff. The following students were given certificates in recognition of their academic achievements: Tyler Bergh, Augustus Remigio, Stephen Newton, Rudy Brito, Tyler Hutchins and Owe Caster. Mr. and Mrs. Brito spoke on behalf of their son, and how well he is doing at Phoenix High. Mrs. Doris Kerek a volunteer with S.C.H.O.O.L.S and has been at Phoenix High for past two years. She thanked the Phoenix High staff for allowing her to volunteer, and work with the students, she shared how wonderful the students are in their accomplishments and what pleasure the students bring to her every time she is there, these have been the best years for her. Miranda Williams a student who attended Phoenix High and has participated in Odyssey Ware to get caught up on credits, this has allowed her to be able to get back on track to return to LHS to graduate with her senior class. The student performed a dance routine for the board and audience.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 Classified Personnel Report

5.2 Certificated Personnel Report

5.3 Approve Lincoln Kiwanis Foundation donation to Phoenix High School.

5.4 Approve Lincoln Community Foundation donation to Carlin C. Coppin School

5.5 Approve Student Discipline/Stipulated Expulsion for student #11-12 Q.

Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Carras, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote to approve consent agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Haley, Long, Carras, Armitage

**6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Florina Martinez** asked that the board not cut Adult Education class.

**Guillermo Quintero** pleaded to the board to not cut Adult Education. The classes allow him to help his kids with their homework.

**Raul Alvarez** expressed how much the ESL and computer class is needed, the class has allowed him to communicate with everyone.

**Ramey Dern** spoke at the last meeting for her students, and wanted to share once again. She expressed they're real people, they want to learn English to get ahead, they want to be able to help their children, be role models, some are even young adults, some are parents, some have gone to sierra college, and one have even taken the GED class. She feels it is a privilege to work with her students, teaches 3 days a week, 2 hour classes. Materials used are recycled books; TV; VCR; 5 sets of flash cards; two games with no computers, they have learned to be resourceful and are getting new students all the time. She has advertised on the radio to get new students and feels as a community we need to provide. She hopes to have some sort of program for next year.

**Maria Magdalena Arias** used to be an ESL student, right now she is taking the GED and plans to go to college, wants better for herself and is really happy that she can communicate with everyone. She pleaded that the board not cut the Adult Education program.

**Maria Alvarez** shared we need of the English classes, so please don't cut the classes.

**Cristin Herrera** is the newcomer teacher at Creekside Oaks, and worked with ESL students. She wanted to speak about adult education, and has countless hours working with adults, and the ELAC committee, she has head the concerns at the meeting regarding parents help their students. If parents can't learn English, they can't help their children. She read a letter from State Superintendent regard Adult Education.

**Kathy Risuccu** is a parent and intervention service provider at Twelve Bridges Elementary, she spoke about services provider to the students.

**Nicole Bartlett** is intervention service provider at Twelve Bridges Elementary and these positions are looking at being cut. She does not see students being successful without intervention services and larger class sizes.

**Fernando Yates** is a teacher at Glen Edwards and has a credential in Math and Science, and has been working with Lincoln High students to help prepare them to for college. His reason for being here, is he is the only teacher taken to the office and asked for lesson plans. Had a formal evaluation, and invited WPTA president, He is hoping to find a solution for his problem

**Coreena Whiteside** thanked the board, expressing this will not an easy task and cuts do need to be made, and asked that they look carefully at increasing class sizes.

**Julie Kilkenny** is a mom of two boys that attend Foskett Ranch and is here to support the school and teachers. It makes her very upset that Mrs. Whiteside has the potential of getting a pink slip. When people look at moving, they look at schools and class sizes. She asked that they consider cutting consumables, buy one book and make copies, cut administration pay by 2%, cut administration car allowances. She asked who makes the decision on where our money goes, and feels it is time to put the kids first and keep the teachers.

**Blake Kilkenny** is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Foskett Ranch. He shared if his teacher was fired he would be devastated and she is the only combination Teacher for advanced students.

**Tracy Pellegrino** shared this is her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a first grade teacher at Creekside Oaks and is concerned for the teachers who look at loosing their jobs. She read a poem on all the great teachers. She requested the Superintendent and the Board work with the Teacher Association to help keep jobs.

**Kendra Colflesh** shared she is here to help you understand the concern for those who may be let go, she feels we have a Professional Learning Community and it makes her sad that this team may not exist anymore.

**Rosanna Johnson** is a parent and volunteer of a child who attends at Carlin Coppin. She is considering transferring due to class size increase and feels we can do something about it. This is not losing teachers, adult education; it makes more sense to cut upper grade teachers, and not lower grade teachers. She suggested look at cutting administration, secretaries, and custodians.

**Jennifer Beggerly** is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Foskett Ranch and wants what is best for our students. She requested staff work together for the children, and it will be difficult with 30 plus in a classroom. Better class size, helps better students education.

**Natasha Riedel** is a teacher from Foskett Ranch and enjoys the balance between student and teachers. She is passionate about her job and is thankful to be working for Western Placer, these cuts will be extremely painful, but cares for what is best for the students.

**Lucy Schmidt** is a volunteer 3 days a week in a combination class, which seems like a sink or swim situation. She requested the classes be kept at one grade level, not combination classes.

**Shannon DeArkland** is a Resource teacher at Foskett Ranch and feels she needs to speak on behalf of her colleagues who work with her. Feels our society wouldn't run without our teachers, teachers are the biggest. Taking teachers away would cause our students to fail. Pleaded to keep staff members.

**Rheannon Weisnahn** is a parent and here to support Creekside on behalf of parents, a lot of good teacher from Foskett Ranch, and Creekside Oaks. She helps out in Ms. Pellegrino class, and also Jennifer Mason. She presented the board with letters of support.

**Sandy McFarlin** is a parent of two students, she spoke on behalf of teachers and nurses aides. She serves on site council at both, Foskett Ranch and Glen Edwards and feels it is if we are truly putting students first, we need to keep the money in the classroom, and keep cuts away from the classroom. She will consider putting her students in a charter school if class sizes increase. Please consider saving teachers and take money from other places, like pulling stipends, car allowances and district office, and feels we should keep Adult Education because we have a high percentage of English learners in our district.

## 7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

7.1 Lincoln High School, Student Advisory – Isabella Franco reported:

- This week is FFA week, and students are promoting FFA
- AP exams are coming up
- Acceptance for colleges are coming in
- Girls basketball beat Placerville
- Concert performance by Mr. Wong
- Ashton trip is coming up

7.2 Western Placer Teacher's Association – Mike Agrippino thanked all the speakers for a great job. He shared the relationship and collaboration between the district office is great, and the state's mandated date for layoff is March 15<sup>th</sup>. WPTA is still working on some items that can be reconsidered.

7.3 Western Placer Classified Employee Association – Mike Kimbrough was out sick

7.4 Superintendent - Scott Leaman

- LHS Showcase is this Thursday
- In the process at looking at all the items that are on the budget.

- Set a special board meeting for next Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- The budget will continue to be reworked
- Appreciate the comments of all those who spoke
- Reviewed the budget list process and taking all these comments very seriously.

## 8. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION

### 8.1 Information **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION UPDATE** – Boyle (11-12 G & O Component I, II, III, V, IV)

- Western Placer Unified School District is preparing for Kindergarten Registration for 2012 - 2013. Registration packets are available at elementary school sites beginning March 6. The age of kindergarten eligibility has been changed throughout the state for the coming year: students must be five years of age on or before November 1, 2012 to be enrolled in kindergarten for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Additional information will be presented at the Board meeting.

Mary Boyle gave an update to the board on the Kindergarten eligibility and the process for Kindergarten Registration.

### 8.2 Information **INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENTS** – Leaman (11-12 G & O Discussion Component I, II, III, V, IV)

- The board will discuss implementation of the two board policies.

Mr. Leaman reported we started accepting IDA for next year, and we currently we have about 300 students attending other schools outside the district. He reviewed the reasons allowed for transfers. 91% of the transfers from last year were approved.

### 8.3 Action **ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND EXHIBITS** – Leaman (10-11 G & O Component I, IV, V)

- The District Policy Committee and Management Team have reviewed the following new and revised policies/regulations/exhibits as per CSBA. They are now being presented for adoption by the Board of Trustees.

- BP/AR 3270 Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies
- AR 4112.4 Health Examinations
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- BP 4119.21 Professional Standards
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  - 4319.21
- BP 5021 Noncustodial Parents
- E 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment
- AR 5123 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
- BP/AR 5117 Intradistrict Attendance
- BP 5131.62 Tobacco
- BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention
- BP 6011 Academic Standards

- BP 6120 Response to Instruction and Intervention
- BP 6141.6 Multicultural Education
- BP 6142.94 History-Social Science Instruction
- BP 6145.2 Athletic Competition
- BP 6146.4 Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities
- BP/AR 6173.2 Education of Children of Military Families
- BP 6181 Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice

Mr. Leaman requested the removal of one policy BP6120. Motion by Mr. Carras, seconded by Mr. Haley, and passed by a 4-0 vote to approve new, revised and deleted policies, with the exception of policy BP 6120 that was pulled for further review.

#### **9.1 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following are a number of agenda items that the Board of Trustees has been monitoring. They are NOT action items for tonight's meeting, but are noted here for continuing purposes and to ensure that when there are changes or new information they will be called up as Action/Discussion/Information.

- Relationship with Sierra Community College
- Twelve Bridges High School
- Lincoln Crossing Elementary South/Facilities Update

#### **9.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Mr. Haley** had no comment

**Mr. Long** thanked teachers and parents, this district has not done any cuts, but we have used our reserves, and hoping Scott and the Associations can come up with something. Attended Mr. Wong's concert, he donated his time, expenses, and 5 CD's which sold at \$100.00 each. It was over a two hour concert.

**Mr. Carras** the collaboration between WPTA and CSEA will get us through these tough times, never seen this type of communication lines. He thanked both associations for working with the district.

**Mr. Armitage** thanked Phoenix administration, staff, students, and appreciate the speakers who spoke regarding the cuts.

#### **10. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

The President will establish the following meeting(s):

- February 28, 2012 7:00 P.M., Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Lincoln High School
- March 6, 2012 7:00 P.M., Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee, Lincoln High School,
- March 20, 2012 7:00 P.M., Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee, Creekside Oaks Elem.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

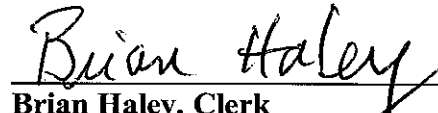
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

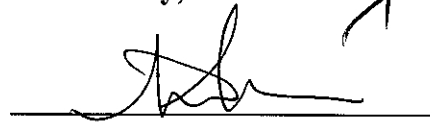
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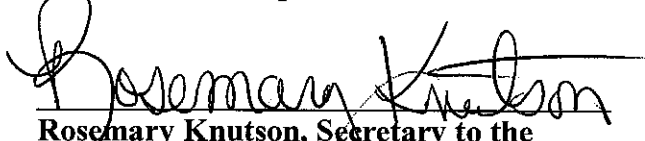
Minutes

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Damian Armitage, Board President

  
Brian Haley, Clerk

  
Scott Leaman, Superintendent

  
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the  
Superintendent

**Adopted:** March 6, 2012

**Ayes:** Haley, Wyatt, Carras, Armitage

**Noes:**

**Absent:** Long

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