

**WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 20, 2003, 7:00 P.M.  
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL – Performing Arts Building  
790 “J” STREET, LINCOLN, CA**

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Roberts, President  
Paul Long, Vice President  
Marcia Harris, Clerk  
Earl Mentze Member  
Nels Tahti, Member,

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Roger R. Yohe, District Superintendent  
Jay M. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Scott Leaman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Bob Noyes, Director, Human Services,  
Linda Pezanoski, Principal, Sheridan Charter School  
John Bliss, Principal, Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School  
Ken Gammelgard , Principal, Creekside Oaks Charter Elementary School  
Ruben Ayala, Principal, First Street School/District Bilingual Coordinator  
Mary Boyle, Principal, Glen Edwards Middle School  
David Butler, Principal, Lincoln High School  
Janice Smith, Assistant Principal, Lincoln High School, Principal, LHSN  
Stacy Brown, Vice Principal, Lincoln High School/Glen Edwards Middle School  
John Wyatt, Principal, Phoenix High School, Adult Ed.  
Trudy Wilson, Director, Business Services  
Eva McGuire, Secretary to the Superintendent

### **PRESS**

Keith Reid, Press Tribune

### **STUDENT**

Heather Wellendorf, LHS Student Advisory Representative

### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**7:00 P.M.      OPEN SESSION -    Performing Arts Building - LHS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

For the benefit of the students of the Western Placer Unified School District, President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Roberts also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Roberts invited all those wanting to address the Board to fill out the proper request form.

**2. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**2.1 CARLIN C. COPPIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEATURED**

Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School focused specifically on Character Education. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. DeJersey's Third Grade class presented "Character Counts", and the Carlin Coppin chorus led by Mrs. Azar sang two songs, "Inside Out" and "The Dream Starts Now". Student Body Officers announced the program, and "challenged all to be people of character"!

**2.2 "EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES" PRESENTATION BY KRIS WYATT, LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL**

Kris Wyatt, Counselor at Lincoln High School, thanked and commended the Board of Trustees and Superintendent for their support regarding the recent "Every Fifteen Minutes" program. Videos and tee shirts were presented, along with a plaque. Kris noted this is such a powerful program for students.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

At the request of Board Member Mentze Item 3.3 was removed for further discussion.

On a motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Long and passed by unanimous roll call vote, the Consent Agenda was adopted with exception of Item 3.3 school site plans.

**3.1 Ratification of Personnel Items**

**a. Certificated:**

- a.1 Request for Maternity Leave/Child Rearing, Amy Aceto, 4<sup>th</sup> Gd.  
COES

**3. CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

b. Classified:

b.1 Ratification of Classified Resignations:

Catherine Nunez, Instructional Aide/Campus Supervisor @  
PHS/CCC

b.2 Request for Family Leave, Stacey Wyatt, 12 Weeks, Beginning  
5/20/03

3.2 Designation of Jan Smith as 2003-2004 CIF Representative to League

Mr. Mentze removed the four school site plans so that he could commend staff for their hard work. These mandated documents are a lot of additional work for those people already overworked. He apologized for the shape the education system is in.

Mrs. Harris also noted being overwhelmed by the brainstorming and process that went into the creation of these documents. She also mentioned the dislike of "pull out" programs for either students or teachers.

3.3 Site Plan Approval for Phoenix High, Sheridan School, Glen Edwards  
Middle School and Carlin Coppin Elementary School

On a motion by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mrs. Harris and passed by unanimous vote, Item 3.3 Site Plans for Phoenix, Sheridan, Glen Edwards and Carlin Coppin Schools were approved.

**4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Student Noah Schaa and Mother Laurene Palla submitted a petition in regard to teacher contract and noted concern of class sizes.
2. Parent Adriana Webb spoke to the Board regarding a WPTA flyer, which asked questions. She made a large effort to find the answers. Gave some suggestions such as the use of volunteers, also noted the Title I reading program had not detected her son's dyslexia.
3. Kris Knutson, LHS Booster Club, noted he presents a check to Lincoln High every 3 months, which come from Bingo Night proceeds. \$250,000 has been raised for Lincoln High over the last 2 years staffed entirely by volunteers. \$20,000 will also be given in scholarships.

## 5. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

### Heather Wellendorf, Student Advisory Representative from Lincoln High School:

Reported the Every 15 Minute program was deeply touching. STAR testing is finished and students are looking forward to a school picnic and school being out. Heather was presented a special plaque for her year of service to the Board of Trustees.

Western Placer Teacher's Association – Mike Agrippino, President, thanked Mr. Mentze for his kind words in regard to the site plans, also thanked all parents and teachers who attended the meeting. He spoke to labor issues between teachers and the district, noting the areas teachers have to cope with, such as health care costs. He itemized the areas he felt the district and board were in the wrong – no salary increase; won't meet with negotiator in May; teacher's calendar; communication; respect for parents, were some of the issues. He then reviewed current issues such as the flyers they gave out at open houses and the reception it received by the Superintendent.

Western Placer Classified Employee Association - Nancy Griffin was in attendance but gave no report.

District Superintendent - (1) Passed out samples of his annual evaluation which will be done at a later date; (2) The LHS school farm will be featured on Peter Jennings's World News Tonight in conjunction with education in California, on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>; The student built house at 642 J Street has been featured on Channel 10 and Fox 40, it was also a lead article in the Sacramento Bee. (3) All are invited to attend the open house at 642 J Street on Friday, May 23, 3:00-7:00. (4) Still time to sign up for the retirement dinner.

Jay M. Stewart, Asst. Superintendent Business Services: Mr. Stewart reported Twelve Bridges Elementary is now in the funding stage at the state level, Foscett Ranch to follow soon. Rough schedules were given: ground breaking in July for 12 Bridges Elementary, Foscett Ranch will also break ground in July; Twelve Bridges Middle School will break ground in April of 2004, finish in 2005; the Lincoln High Sports Complex will begin August of 2004; the cooperative high school will begin in March of 2005 with completion in 2007; Lincoln Crossings will begin in 2004 with completion in 2005. He also reported on a new funding model, which will be presented at the June meeting.

Scott Leaman, Asst. Superintendent of Instructional Services: Program Focus Area: Math Articulation. A table depicting math curriculum articulation from middle school through high school was reviewed and discussed. STAR testing is complete and mailed. 120 boxes were sent.

Bob Noyes, Human Services Director

In attendance, but gave no report.

6.     ♦ **ACTION**   ♦ **DISCUSSION**   ♦ **INFORMATION**  
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- 6.1 (I/D)     HORIZON INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEMS' CHARTER RENEWAL – Luanne Boone, Executive Director**  
•Luanne Boone, Executive Director of Horizons Instructional Systems was in attendance to review with the Board of Trustees the plans for its charter renewal with the District.

Four members of the Governance Committee, were in attendance and introduced. Changes over the last five years were highlighted, such as legal affirmations, now a k-12 education system, site based and small group instruction available, change in governance structure with no parents on the committee and increased terms, discipline procedures, labor relations, etc. Members of the Board of Trustees asked questions and gave commendations to the Governance Committee. Ms. Boone thanked the Board of Trustees, Superintendent Yohe and his staff for a great relationship.

- 6.2 (I/D)     PRELIMINARY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT, 2003-2004 - Stewart** *(02/03 G & O, Components V)*  
•Being presented is the FY 2003-04 Budget Development Evaluation Matrix, which incorporates the evaluation criteria, agreed upon by the Board of Trustees. The programs listed are currently in the existing budget. These programs may be modified or reduced based on the financial and programmatic needs of the District. Points were assigned to each program.

Additional information will be provided at the June 3, 2003 Board meeting based on the Governor's May 15<sup>th</sup> revised state budget. Final action is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2003.

Mr. Stewart noted he is willing to sit down and go over the figures with WPTA in regard to some recalculations he has done. He reviewed what he has done numerically, also reviewing the evaluation matrix and how it works. He noted at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting another column will be added showing recommended options or modified amounts to be taken out of specific areas.

**6. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION (continued)**

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Adoption must take place by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The evaluation matrix was reviewed page-by-page with the Board of Trustees.

Requests for additional information was also made by the Board before the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Input from staff will be accepted until Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Superintendent wrapped up the long discussion stating the district has used the “ready – aim” approach, waiting and not making decisions as other districts have done. The approach has been to get all the information available before making decisions.

**6.3 (D) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING  
THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT, 2003-2004**

**- Roberts** (02/03 G & O, Components V)

The Board of Trustees gave opportunity for community members and teachers to address them in regard to the 2003-2004 preliminary budget development.

- Maxine Palmer, Miller Unruh reading program
- Meghan Magee, facts on negotiation sessions and lay-off notices
- Leslie Altman, reported WPTA has joined CTA with letter writing, and
- Kris Knutson, Communication was his subject; also requested a requested the Board to settle negotiations in a fair and equitable manner committee format meeting with the board to discuss the budget
- Justine Anderson, parent, noted the importance of teachers
- Jeff Duer, challenged Mr. Stewart in regard to accurate information; asked for a cost of living adjustment, not a raise
- Parent from COES, asked that the Miller Unruh program not be deleted
- Jeaninne Kato, spoke to the value of the Miller Unruh program

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**6.4 (I/DA) 2003 – 2004 TENTATIVE STUDENT CALENDAR – Yohe**

*(02/03 G & O, Components I and I V (community))*

•For purposes of establishing tentative dates of student attendance, it is necessary for the District to adopt the tentative student calendar for the 2003-04 school year in order to facilitate the upcoming school year's registration process. The District fully recognizes and acknowledges that the calendar continues to be subject to negotiations. The District will, of course, negotiate on calendar matters within the scope of negotiations.

A motion was made by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mr. Long and passed by unanimous vote, to approve the 2003-2004 tentative student calendar, allowing for upcoming negotiations, which are to take place by May 30.

Mrs. Harris noted she preferred a more parent-friendly calendar.

**6.5 (D/A) APPROVAL OF THE FOSKETT RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RAILROAD SAFETY STUDY Stewart** *(02/03 G & O, Components V)*

•The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the railroad safety study for the Foscett Ranch Elementary School site. The California Department of Education requires a safety study if a school site is within 1,500 feet of railroad tracks.

On a motion made by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the Foscett Ranch Elementary School Railroad Safety Study.

**6.6 (D/A) APPROVAL OF THE ARTS PLAN UPDATE – Leaman** *(02/03 G & O, Components II)*

•The Board of Trustees was presented with an updated Arts Plan. The plan is being forwarded with few changes including no change in funding levels.

On a motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the Arts Plan Update as submitted by Mr. Leaman.

## 7. COMMENTS - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 7.1 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.

- Marketing/public relations/public engagement (*This item has been included on the budget evaluation matrix*)
- Relationship with Sierra Community College (*the committee met today and talked about design and took a close look at a draft contract to purchase the property. It was requested this be a Closed Session item on June 3*)
- Aquatic Center (Added 3/6/01)

### 7.2 SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING MEMBERS IN GRADUATION AND PROMOTION CEREMONIES

6/4, PHS, LHS Performing Arts Bldg., 6:00 p.m. = Paul Long

6/5, GEMS, GEMS Spirit Center & Courtyard, 9:00 a.m. = Marcia Harris, Nels Tahti

6/6, Sheridan, Sheridan School, 8:30 a.m. = Earl Mentze

6/6, LHS, McBean Park, 7:00 p.m. = Karen Roberts, Marcia Harris

**Paul Long:** Requested to be placed on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda in regard to Farm Foundation and plans for a conservative trust.

**Marcia Harris:** Reported she and Mrs. Roberts had visited CCC and GEMS.

**Nels Tahti:** Appreciates the administration and teachers for what they have done in complying with direction given in the STAR testing procedure, however he is horrified at what students have to go through.

**Karen Roberts:** Announced the public invitation to the open house of the student built home at 642 J Street, May 23, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

**Earl Mentze:** Noted it was an honor to be here and is looking forward to how it all works out, and it will.

## 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING (S)

- The President established the following meeting(s):  
>June 3, 2003 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Building

## 9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

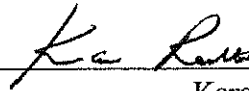
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



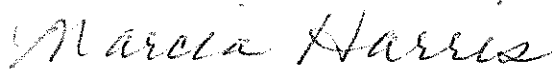
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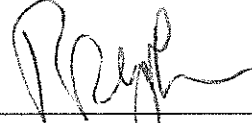
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Karen Roberts, President



Marcia Harris, Clerk



Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent



Eva McGuire, Secretary to Superintendent

**ADOPTED:** June 3, 2003

**AYES:** Harris, Long, Mentze, Tahti, Roberts

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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