

WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
June 7, 2005, 7:00 P.M.  
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL - PERFORMING ARTS THEATER  
790 "J" Street, LINCOLN, CA

**MINUTES**

2004-2005 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.

**6:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION - Administrative Conference Room, District Office**

1. Call to Order
2. Announce Closed Session Items
3. Adjourn to Closed Session

**6:35 P.M. CLOSED SESSION**

1. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/EXPULSION PURSUANT TO E.C. 48918**
  - a. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant to E.C. 48918  
Student Expulsion #04/05 Q
  - b. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant to E.C. 48918  
Student Expulsion #04/05 R

**2. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION – Lincoln High School Performing Arts Theater**

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

**Members Present**

Dennis Sonnenburg, President  
Earl Mentze, Vice President  
James McLeod, Clerk  
Melanie Eustice, Member  
Paul Long, Member

**Others Present**

Roger R. Yohe, Superintendent  
Scott Leaman, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services  
Jay Stewart, Assistant Superintendent of Business  
Bob Noyes, Director of Human Services  
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the Superintendent

**Press -** Richard Myers, Lincoln News Messenger

2. **DISCLOSURE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY**  
The Board of Trustees will disclose any action taken in Closed Session regarding the following items:
  - 2.1 **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/EXPULSION PURSUANT TO E.C. 48918**
    - a. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant to E.C. 48918  
Student Expulsion #04/05 Q – Mr. McLeod made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mentze, and passed by unanimous vote to uphold panel's recommendation as modified.
    - b. Student Discipline/Expulsion Pursuant to E.C. 48918  
Student Expulsion #04/05 R – Mr. McLeod motion, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by unanimous vote to uphold hearing panel's recommendation.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - 3.1 Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meetings of May 3rd, May 17<sup>th</sup>, & May 24, 2005
  - 3.2 Approval of Warrants
  - 3.3 Ratification of Personnel Items
    - a. **Classified:**  
***Ratification of Classified Promotion/Transfer:***  
Connie Contreras – 2 Hr. Food Service Assistant – LHS to 3 Hr. Food Service Assistant - FRE  
Mary Ann Allen – 5.8 Hr. Inst. Aide to 5.6 Hr. Special Ed. Inst. Aide-COE  
Rhonda Brauning – 2 Hr. Food Service Assistant LHS to 3 Hr. Cafeteria Site Cashier – FRE  
Rosa Schwartz – 3.5 Hr. Food Service Assistant -TBE to 6 Hr. Food Service Lead - FRE
    - b. ***Ratification of Classified Employment:***  
Lori Deschamps – P.M. Kindergarten Inst. Aide – FRE  
Connie Contreras – Campus/Cafeteria Supervisor – CCC  
Linda Peterson – Campus/Cafeteria Supervisor – CCC  
Angie Seay – Campus/Cafeteria Supervisor – FRE  
Melissa Tofft – Campus/Cafeteria Supervisor - FRE
    - c. **Certificated:**  
***Ratification of Certificated Employment:***  
Rosemary Crowther – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher - FSS  
Jamie Cruice – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher - CCC–  
Alexis Dodge – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher - COE  
Laura Flynn – Kindergarten Teacher – CCC  
Cheryl Garbett – Spanish Elective – GEMS  
Heather Griffin – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher – CCC  
Charles Serrano – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher – FSS

Kelly Kornaki-Castillo – Elementary Principal – FRE  
d. *Request for Maternity/Child Rearing Leave:*

Cristin Herrera – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher - FSS

- 3.4 Peer Assistance and Review End-of-Year Report
- 3.5 Approval of English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP) Application

A motion by Mr. Mentze, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as listed.

#### 4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Karen Roberts reported on the joint library with Sierra College, the ground breaking will be in September, and the completion is looking closer to November 2006. There was discussion of cost savings on hardware. The City is in the process of scheduling interviews for Library Director. The next meeting will be July 18<sup>th</sup> in the Staff Development Room. Mrs. Roberts also reported on the Aires training that took place for attendance clerks and staff. Another item presented concerned Lincoln High School graduation, including an idea for getting the older folks to their seats so they don't have to walk so far to the stadium bleachers. Someone could contact Sun City to see if they would be willing to help out next year during graduation.

#### 5. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATION**

- 5.1 Lincoln High, Student Advisory – Andrea Ayala – Not present
- 5.2 Western Placer Teacher's Association – Mike Agrippino – Introduced Daniela Thompson, sixth grade language arts teacher at Glen Edwards, as the Western Placer Teachers Association's new first vice president. And is looking forward to working with her. He read a statement, "The Representative Council has asked me to clarify a couple of items from the last school board meeting at Carlin Coppin. Regarding the calendar for the next school year, the teachers association does not determine the start and stop dates of any school year unilaterally. They are negotiated with the district. Both parties agree to these dates each year. The placement of zero days, vacations, and minimum days are decided by the district. Regarding salary negotiations, while it is true the association has agreed to suspend negotiating until the start of the next school year, we have made a salary proposal to the district. Hopefully, the school board has had an opportunity to review it." He also sent out condolences to the family and friends of Sue Ueltzen.
- 5.3 Western Placer Classified Employee Association – Joe Ross – Not present
- 5.4 Superintendent – Superintendent's Evaluation – (Mr. Leaman spoke on behalf of Mr. Yohe not present) He handed out booklets to the board of trustees concerning the Superintendents Evaluation. Mr. Sonnenburg informed the board about a meeting in regards to the superintendent's evaluation, this will be scheduled during the June 21<sup>st</sup> board of trustee meeting.

## 5.5 Assistant Superintendent(s)

## 5.5.1 Jay M. Stewart – No Formal Report

- a. Budget Update:
- b. Facilities Update: - Mrs. Eustice asked for an update on Foskett Ranch. Mr. Stewart gave a brief update as requested. PG & E has been working on the electrical and it should be completed by the end of June. They are also working on the access to Foskett Ranch, with asphalt, and paving. Playground equipment is going in; furniture is scheduled to be delivered on time. Things are going in a more orderly fashion. The Principal will start July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ken Gammelgard in working on the progress day to day. Mr. Sonnenburg requested the new principal, Mrs. Castillo, attend a board meeting, so the board of trustees can meet her.

## 5.5.2 Scott Leaman

- a. Program Focus Area: *2004-05 Staff Development Buy-out-Program* – Mr. Leaman discussed staff development and how the process works. We offer many programs that end on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each school year. Compensation is paid to teachers and staff for attendance. Teachers are able to pick which ever workshops they would like to attend. These are after hour programs for them to earn extra hours and receive pay or units.

## 5.5.3 Bob Noyes, Personnel Director – Not present

## 6. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION

CODE: (A) = Action (D) = Discussion (I) = Information

## 6.1 (I/D/A) STATUS OF MIDDLE GRADES PROGRAM AT SHERIDAN – Leaman (04/05 G &amp; O Components I-IV)

After discussion at the last Board meeting, district staff was asked to explore delivery options for the middle grade students at Sheridan School. The following actions were taken and will be shared:

- Results from a parent information/input night held at Sheridan School
- A Survey was distributed at the information night and results tabulated
- Parents comments were collected
- Impacts of program options were researched
- Staff input solicited

Mr. Leaman reported on the meeting that was held at Sheridan on May 24<sup>th</sup> in regards to the middle school program. He reviewed the surveys and comments gathered from the meeting. Mr. Sonnenburg opened the meeting for comments from the audience on this subject.

- **Rebecca Neilson** – currently has a son attending Sheridan, had other children who have attended Glen Edwards Middle School and felt they were lost, and doesn't want children on the bus for 2 extra hours. Currently there isn't enough room on the bus, and feels another bus will be needed. She feels the children will suffer at Glen Edwards Middle School.
- **Abby Castillo** – Graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and is currently attending Lincoln High School and feels she has done well coming from Sheridan. Has a brother attending Sheridan School, and has relatives attending Glen Edwards Middle School who are not doing so well.
- **Eddy Yopez** – Felt he got individual attention while attending Sheridan, and feels he has done well at Lincoln High School, he attended Sheridan through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Lee Bashion** – Represents the Advisory committee in Sheridan, and feels Students will have problems with the bus routes and traffic, it will cause the students to be late to school.
- **Jenny Flannagan** – Spoke on the difficulties and the structure of our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and receiving kids from other areas including Glen Edwards Middle School that come to Sheridan needing extra help. Staff can see a problem with the bussing. Feels it is unfair, and the district needs to hire someone to do each of the jobs of principal and teacher. She read the falling statement "Greatness is born in spirit of the individual who in despite the circumstances chooses to strive for the goal, a mark of academic excellence and integrate of creator."
- **Julie Huff** – Feels if you make a spontaneous decision, because this decision came so quick, it will have a harmful effect on their future. Feels like the focus needs to be more on the children then academics and this will help 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders this will make it better. Also feels that sending them to a larger school, you will lose those students who need extra special attention.
- **Kim Knight** – She expressed it was nice to have met with some of the board members at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Shared the statement "If it's not broken don't try to fix it." She is concerned about the timing and when notice was received on this change. A lot of parents are concerned. She moved to Sheridan for the purpose of having her children attend Sheridan School. Students will be on the bus for too long and especially dangerous Hwy. 65. She felt by transferring students at this young age it could cause an effect to their emotional state. Three weeks is not enough time to make this decision and she would like to request to have other meetings. There are other alternatives to be considered with no rush decisions. She felt social activities are not a good enough reason to move the children.
- **Kim Smith** – Has a 10 year old son, and is happy having him at Sheridan. Social activities are the responsibility of the parents. It is not that important to have their child participate in school social activities. He discussed financial figures and felt it would be rather costly to make any decisions at this time.
- **Juan Fernandez** – His children attend Sheridan School and they really like it there. The children can walk to school and he does not want their children

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spending time on the bus, where there will be a lot of trucks on the road. Felt we need to give it more time and there are other ways around this issue.

- **Maria Padilla** – All the students are so close, they all know each other. Some of the students would be nervous attending Glen Edwards Middle School. The students feel close to one another at Sheridan School.
- **Dena Bowen** – Has children attending Sheridan, also had a student who attended, a school in Sacramento, and is now attending Sheridan and feels comfortable with her son there considering his health issues.
- **Michelle Rowe** – Representing her family, also co-chair for the SBLT at Sheridan. She has been at Sheridan for many years, and has seen major changes. Parents are very involved and separating students could cause that to change. The school is the center of Sheridan, moving the focus will take away the focus on the school. Mr. Knutson has made many positive changes and has done so much for the school.
- **Jenny Flannagen** – Her son attends Sheridan, feels Sheridan can provide a good education for her son.
- **Audience comment** – Does not feel the survey is accurate considering not all parents from Sheridan completed this survey.

Mr. Leaman talked about the issues that were discussed at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The afterschool program will continue next year, Jill Miles is now a fulltime teacher at Sheridan, and administrative issues were taken very seriously. The district will not be taking Mr. Knutson off the campus so much, looking at putting in a 2 hour health aide clerk out at Sheridan, and looking at a Charter school with a K-5 configuration. Planning to meet with parents on an ongoing basis with charter as a possibility.

**Board comments on this subject:**

**Paul Long** – Thanked the parents for attending both meetings, just want parents to know the board does not want to shove this change down your throats, feels we need to increase the numbers and give parents an option to attend Lincoln if they choose to. Cost is a factor. Want to make discussion in the best interest of the students, good decisions will be made.

**Earl Mentze** – Apologized about his abruptness at the May meeting and thanked them for coming out and showing concern. He was very excited to see every one from Sheridan. We also had other Sheridan folks that were not at the meeting, polarized community, the school board must follow policy, Sheridan is a unique situation, as he agreed with Mr. Long, he agreed with the community, doing something overnight would not be in the best interest to the students, and felt there is beautiful education in Lincoln, felt the need to introduce the parents from Sheridan, and show them what is in Lincoln, and in Charter schools, this can be exciting it's possible to look at that alternative, maybe a charter school will work in Sheridan. He felt the administration can come together in a timely manner and work this out.

**James McLeod** – Thanked everyone who came out tonight. Our Policy reads our elementary schools are K-5 in our district, Sheridan is an exception. He felt Sheridan needs a full time administrator, but has not seen a cost yet. He cannot support moving students this year, would like to see a larger outreach, and would like to see work to achieve the goals.

**Melanie Eustice** – Thanked the parents for attending tonight, working on being able to provide options, a decision like this should not be made overnight. Feels the need for a task force to be formed, and report back in 1 year. She would like to see a report in January or sooner. Still felt there are issues of a fulltime administrator, being there was once a principal, and why has that changed? Feels Sheridan deserves a fulltime principal, and feels they will value having a fulltime principal.

**Dennis Sonnenburg** – A lot is happening in our district, we can not make any decisions right away, or to take any action which requires money. I think we need to sit tight. We are in the process of building a new Middle School. He shared his experience of being a teacher for 12 year, and a principal for 20 years. Education is about connections and making things work between everyone. Entertained a motion to draw this subject to a close and Mr. Leaman getting together with Mr. Knutson, Sheridan Principal about putting together a task force and work with the Sheridan community on the different options. Mr. Leaman felt a plan needs to be brought back to the board, with timelines, and movement on the 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in August.

**Earl Mentze** – Felt the need to leave tonight's meeting with which way we're facing, he is thrilled that the discussion is about the very thing we're doing for education, and that we have a since of direction.

The consensus of the board is to form a work forum with 2 board members, community members and staff.

**Mrs. Eustice** made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLeod, and passed by unanimous vote that Sheridan remain a K-8 school for next year.

**Mr. Leaman** - felt we need to bring back a plan at the August meeting, with an ad hock committee, 2 board members, staff and community members. Plan for the meeting in early September. Look at charter, moving 6-8, or keeping it the way it is and other options, and also looking the issue of having a full time administrator. With a qualified budget Mr. McLeod did not see a full time principal at Sheridan at this time.

**Elena Yopez** – Reported on a meeting where parents came to voice their opinion on a fulltime principal. Asked, where was the money used from the full time principal position that was not filled after Mrs. Pezanoski left? Mr. Stewarts answer was, the monies that came from the Sheridan principal were used in other areas.

**Karen Roberts** – Questioned the cost of a lead teacher, as to a fulltime Principal.

**Kris Knutson** – Reported communicating with the Sheridan public has helped them understand what changes are taking place. Sheridan will gain a K-5 in the future. Sheridan will never be without a school.

**Julie Huff** – With the cost to move students to Lincoln, it would be cheaper to put in a full time principal.

**6.2 (D/A) APPROVE RESOLUTION 04/05.36 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2005 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR SAID DISTRICT AND REQUESTING AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PLACER COUNTY TO ISSUE SAID NOTES – Stewart (04/05 G & O Components I-IV)**

Tax and Revenue Notes (TRANS) are a short-term borrowing strategy used to finance and eliminate cash flow deficits or potential deficits in the General Fund. It is not unusual for school districts to experience cash flow deficits in the months just prior to the receipt of property tax revenues.

A motion was made by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Eustice, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote to approve resolution 04/05.37 authorizing the issuance of 2005 tax and revenue anticipation notes for said district and requesting and board of supervisors of Placer County to issue said notes.

## **7. 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.

- Relationship with Sierra Community College
- Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School Land Plan/Gladding Parkway
- Budget Suspensions for the 2004/05 School Year

### **7.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Paul Long** – Reported that the Lincoln High School graduation was very nice, he was very proud, speakers were great. He to also sent out condolences for Sue Ueltzen, and Frank Farnsworth who was a past board member, and there was a great write up in the newspaper on the Farnsworth Family. Earl had a great write up on Nels Tahti.



**James McLeod** – Reported on his participation at the Phoenix High School graduation, it was a very emotional graduation.

**Melanie Eustice** – Reported on her participation at the Lincoln High School graduation and thanked all students, parents and volunteer staff.

**Earl Mentze** – Reported on his participation at the Glen Edwards Middle School graduation.

**Dennis Sonnenburg** – Reported on his participation of the Glen Edwards Middle School graduation, he felt that splitting up the class was great.

**8. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

- The President will establish the following meeting(s):  
> June 21, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Lincoln High School Theater

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25

  
Dennis Sonnenburg, Board President

  
James McLeod, Clerk

  
Scott Leaman, Assistant Superintendent

  
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to  
Superintendent

**Adopted:** August 2, 2005

**Ayes:** Long, Mentze, Eustice, McLeod, Sonnenburg

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

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