

County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
January 19, 2005

ROLL CALL: Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee; David Krapf, Area 2 Trustee; Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee; Glenn Ruley, Area 4 Trustee; and Daniel Borsuk, Area 5 Trustee

Absent: None.

Others: Joseph A. Ovick, Ray Penning, Michael Bowers, Peggy Marshburn, Jane Shamieh, Wendy Richard, and Laura Dorsey Huerta, County Office staff; Student A-1/19/05 and parent; Frank Acojido, HRD Director, Acalanes Union High School District. A partial list of attendees is on file at the County Office of Education.

Presiding: Daniel Borsuk, Board President

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION The agenda was adopted as presented (M/S: Mirabella/Ruley).

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CLOSED SESSION

Interdistrict Attendance Transfer Appeal (Student A-1/19/05)

The Board convened in closed hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider the interdistrict attendance transfer appeal of a parent for his child, Student A-1/19/05, from the Mt. Diablo Unified School District to the Acalanes Union High School District. After the parties made their presentations, the Board recessed to closed deliberation at 7:42 p.m. The Board reconvened to closed hearing at 8:00 p.m. and then immediately to open session. Jane Shamieh, Coordinator, Student Programs and Services, announced that the Contra Costa County Board of Education voted unanimously to deny the interdistrict attendance transfer appeal based on Board Regulation 5200(D)(3.2) (attendance of the student from out of the district would increase a district's class size) and 5200(D)(3.12) (the Acalanes UHSD policy on a required GPA for interdistrict transfer students).

RECOGNITIONS None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPEALS None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT

Report

Dr. Joseph Ovick, County Superintendent of Schools, distributed and discussed a calendar of round table discussions involving various COE departments; the presentations and discussions will take place at Board meetings from February through June. President Borsuk took this opportunity to encourage Board members to contact him with any suggestions they might have during the year for presentations to be made before the Board. Dr. Ovick then distributed his Mid-Term Report, which highlights some of the accomplishments of the CCCOE during the first two years of his present term in office. He then reported that, in the first week of February, he and Susan Magnone will begin facilitating the strategic planning process at Diablo Valley College; also, at the request of the acting chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District and CCCCD Board, the COE has begun an organizational study of the chancellor's office relating to effectiveness, efficiency, and cost savings. He noted that these services are offered through the CCCOE at no cost to the College District, except for the cost of materials or outside speakers. Lastly, he distributed copies of an progress report on the strategic plan for the Mt. Diablo Region of the YMCA, a coordinated process that he had co-chaired with Supervisor Federal Glover.

**BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES**

Contract for Legal Services

Dr. Joseph Ovick, County Superintendent, presented this item to the Board and distributed copies of last year's Contract for Legal Services and presented figures representing the total money paid for County Counsel's legal services in the past year. After he answered several questions for the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Contract for Legal Services from January 1, 2005, through January 1, 2006 (M/S: Mirabella/Gomes). At the request of Mrs. Mirabella and Mr. Borsuk, Mr. Ruley agreed to look into whether there is an existing Board policy regarding service contract requirements.

Staff Report

On behalf of Ellen Elster, Deputy Superintendent, Fiscal Services Manager Wendy Richard distributed and reviewed a graph of the 2004/2005 Interim Expenditure Projections as well as a page that addressed questions that the Board had regarding the 2003-04 Single Audit Annual Financial Report for the County School Service Fund, which was presented at the December 15, 2004, Board meeting. Dr. Ovick then gave the following report on behalf of Mrs. Elster: he distributed pocket budget booklets as well as a memo from CCSESA Deputy Executive Director Sue Burr on the governor's budget; he noted that the governor will probably renege on the agreement made with the education community last year; on Friday, the governor's Deputy Legislative Secretary, Paul Navarro, is scheduled to visit several of the CCCOE's career technical classes at the local high schools; he plans to join Mr. Navarro for lunch at Serendipity at the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Lastly, he distributed copies of the Education Coalition's "Talking Points."

**STUDENT PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES**

Staff Report

Ray Penning, Associate Superintendent, Student Programs and Services, distributed a flyer for the "Let's Get Real" anti-bullying event on February 1 at O'Hara Park Middle School in Oakley. He then reported the following: the cost of educating Special Education students has been rising because the COE is serving more severely disabled students; therefore, the COE had to approach the SELPA's Governance Council to seek an increase in funding; the Council voted to grant an increase by way of a one-year adjustment; discussion will be taking place to determine how to change the funding system to permanently address the increased costs associated with the severely disabled students' needs; he met with representatives of the County Administrator's Office regarding their proposal to have the public schools purchase a type of radio that can be used in emergencies when other radio systems may fail; he has invited all of the emergency contact persons and superintendents from the school districts to attend a presentation on February 8 on the radio system that the county is proposing to address future emergencies; the contract to operate the Head Start program in Antioch has gone out to bid, and the CCCOE will be one of the bidders to operate the program.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Staff Report

On behalf of Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, Dr. Ovick distributed the Curriculum & Instruction Department's Mid-Year Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

Michael Bowers, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reminded Board members that the Annual Teachers Job Fair will be taking place on February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and that they are invited to attend. He also reported that all but two school districts will be participating in this year's Job Fair and that over 800 teachers are expected to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Report

Peggy Marshburn, Communications Director, distributed information regarding the Academic Decathlon that will be taking place on Saturday, February 5, at Los Medanos College, and she invited Board members to participate as volunteers at the event. She also distributed copies of the 2005 Public Schools Directory and the 2005 Fingertip Facts, and she reminded Board members that the information in the Public Schools Directory is available on the CCCOE Web site; additionally, the Directory is available in PDF form so that updated pages can be printed out during the year.

BOARD

Legislative Update

None.

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**Letter from the Board and
Superintendent to the Governor**

After a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve sending a letter from the Board and Superintendent to Governor Schwarzenegger urging him to fulfill his agreement with the education community by including the appropriation of additional 2004-05 Proposition 98 funds in his January budget proposal (M/S: Ruley/Krapf).

CONSENT ACTIONS

**Minutes of 12/15/04; Applications
for Temporary County Certificates;
Surplused Vehicle; CCC High School
Diplomas; and Public Gifts**

The Board voted to grant/approve the following Consent Actions: the minutes from the 12/15/04, Board meeting; applications for Temporary County Certificates; surplusing of County Vehicle #9521 that will be sent to auction; granting of Contra Costa County High School Diplomas to high school students MM 1-1/19/05 and DVHS 1-1/19/05 to high school student MM 1-12/15/04; and the following public gifts that were donated to the Contra Costa County Office of Education for the Teacher of the Year Program: \$1,000 from Washington Mutual and \$500 from Dow Chemical (M/S: Mirabella/Ruley).

**CORRESPONDENCE/
EVENTS CALENDAR**

Correspondence: Letter received December 30, 2004, from Monica Sanz Polo, Director of Friends of L. Ron Hubbard Foundation,, to the Board in which materials that represent the humanitarian works of L. Ron. Hubbard were enclosed; letter dated January 3, 2005, to the Board President from Priscilla S. Cox, consultant for the Center for Youth Citizenship, in which she encloses materials on character education/

Calendar of Events: Jan. 20 – Contra Costa Public Information Network meeting, “Prepare a Communication Plan BEFORE Your Crisis Hits!”; January 21 – Awards Ceremony, Mt. McKinley.

**BOARD REPORTS OF
ACTIVITIES**

No written reports of activities were submitted by Board members. Dr. Krapf reported that he participated as panelist to present his thoughts on educational issues to a group of COE employees who will be involved in educational planning for the future. Dr. Ovick clarified that Dr. Krapf was selected as an educator from St. Mary’s College and not based on his role as a member of the COE Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., Ex Officio Secretary
County Board of Education

Copies of all resolutions adopted by the Board are on file in the Office of the Superintendent, Ex Officio Secretary of the Board of Education.

These unadopted minutes are summaries and excerpts from the regular meeting of January 19, 2005, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.