

County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
February 1, 2006

ROLL CALL: Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee; David Krapf, Area 2 Trustee; Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee;

Absent: Glenn Ruley, Area 4 Trustee (excused absence due to illness), and Daniel Borsuk, Area 5 Trustee (excused absence due to illness)

Others: Joseph Ovick, Ellen Elster, Ray Penning, Susan Magnone, Michael Bowers, Peggy Marshburn, Abe Doctolero, Rebecca Corrigan, Lindi Huntsman, Doug Prouty, Rovina Salinas, Sean Silas, Joan Sieczkowski, Jane Blomstrand, Louise Barbee, Cheryl Hansen, Pam Tyson, Ginger Hom, Barbara Berman, Judy McCall, Joan Sieczkowski, Jim Mattson, Susan Hellrung, Laura Dorsey Huerta, County Office staff; and high school student DVHS 1-2/1/2006 (and family and friends). A partial list of attendees is on file at the County Office of Education.

Presiding: Pamela Mirabella, Board President

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION The agenda was adopted as presented (M/S: Gomes/Krapf; Ruley and Borsuk, absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CLOSED SESSION None.

RECOGNITIONS

Contra Costa County High School Diploma The Board voted unanimously to grant a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student DVHS 1-2/1/2006 (M/S: Gomes/Krapf; Ruley and Borsuk, absent) Delta Vista High School Principal Rebecca Corrigan described some of the graduate's educational accomplishments and goals; she noted that the graduate had served as the first student representative on the Delta Vista High School Site Council and did very well in that capacity. Teacher Jim Mattson then spoke highly of the graduate and commended him on his self-management skills, which would serve him well in the future. Dr. Ovick, County Superintendent of Schools, spoke of the history and significance of the black robe and mortar board and encouraged the graduate to continue his education. Board President Pamela Mirabella then presented the graduate with his diploma and offered thanks to the graduate's parents, teachers, and principal, who served as his support team as he pursued a high school diploma.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPEALS None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT Report Dr. Joseph A. Ovick, County Superintendent of Schools, reported that he and a small group of county superintendents met last week with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and his chief deputy superintendent, Gavin Payne, regarding the California High School Exit Exam, and they assured them that they are doing everything possible to encourage ETS (the company that is scoring the test) to make scores available for at least the seniors before graduation; the governor attended the superintendents' symposium last Friday to share his budget proposal for education, and Dr. Ovick briefly discussed his concerns about the proposal; and the county superintendents took a unanimous vote to support the Preschool for All Initiative.

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Staff Report Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster reported that all districts' First Interim reports received "positive" certifications.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

ROP Curricula for Student Programs

Student Programs Principal Lindi Huntsman presented background on each of the new ROP curricula, Introduction to Law and Web Development & Programming, and answered Board members' questions. The Board then voted to approve the ROP curricula for Student Programs (M/S: Gomes/Krapf; Ruley and Borsuk absent).

Staff Report

None.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Services Provided by the Curriculum & Instruction Dept.

Curriculum & Instruction Director Abe Doctolero introduced this presentation by outlining the various services offered through the Curriculum & Instruction Department that support students and districts throughout Contra Costa County as well as the other six counties of the Bay Region. He then distributed an abridged version of the Powerpoint presentation that each staff member would be presenting to the Board. He introduced Dr. Barbara Berman, a coordinator associated with the C & I Department, although he noted that she would not be making a presentation this evening. He noted that the Department's ability to be anticipatory of both trends and legislative action is the defining characteristic of its professional practice. The following presenters then addressed the Board: Coordinator Pam Tyson, Ph.D., presented information on assessment and accountability systems; Director Abe Doctolero presented on the P-16 Academic Task Force and the Region 4 Secondary Reform Network; Coordinator Louise Barbee presented on School to Career; Coordinator Ginger Hom presented on Standards Aligned Instruction and Learning (SAIL); Coordinator Jane Blomstrand presented on BTSA; Coordinator Cheryl Hansen presented on AB 75 (Administrator Training Program); Coordinator Doug Prouty, Manager Rovina Salinas, and Project Specialist Sean Silas presented on the Ed1stop Web Portal Services; and Specialist Joan Siczkowski presented on academic events (Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial, and Model UN). The Board thanked the presenters for their very excellent, informative report.

Staff Report

None.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Report

Chief Communications Officer Peggy Marshburn distributed copies of the 2006 Public Schools Director and 2006 Fingertip Facts. She then reported that the local chapter of ACSA Region VI has named Dr. Joseph Ovick, Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools, its Superintendent of the Year; in addition, she reported that his nomination progressed to the Region VI level where he was named ACSA Region VI's Superintendent of the Year. His nomination for ACSA State Superintendent of the Year is now being considered. She also informed the Board of the dates and locations of the awards dinners (March 15 for the local chapter's dinner and March 31 for the Region VI dinner in Napa).

BOARD

Legislative Update

None.

CONSENT ACTIONS

Minutes of January 18, 2006, and Public Gifts

The Board unanimously voted to accept/grant/approve the following items under the Consent Agenda: the minutes of January 18, 2006, and the following public gifts, which were donated to the Contra Costa County Office of Education: \$123.15 from Delphi Marketing, Inc., DBA Alex's Art Gallery & Framing, for the ROP Art Programs in the Mt. Diablo USD, and \$1,050 from the Contra Costa County Employer Advisory Council to be awarded to outstanding students at the May 10, 2006, ROP Awards Ceremony (M/S: Gomes/Krapf; Ruley and Borsuk absent).

**CORRESPONDENCE/
EVENTS CALENDAR**

Correspondence: Letter dated January 10, 2006, from CSBA to the Board providing information on a "Teaming for Success" workshop scheduled for March 2, 2006, in San Jose.

Calendar of Events: February 25 – CCCOE's Annual Teacher/Certificated Staff Job Fair; March 17 – CCBE workshop, Effective Governance, Sacramento; April 4 – Awards Ceremony, Mt. McKinley School; ROP Spring Awards Celebration, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Community Center; June 23 – Awards Ceremony, Mt. McKinley School.

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**BOARD REPORTS OF
ACTIVITIES**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Joseph A. Owick, 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 February 1, 2006, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.