

County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
September 20, 2006

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

Absent: None.

Others: Joseph A. Ovick, Ellen Elster, Ray Penning, Mike Bowers, Peggy Marshburn, and Laura Dorsey Huerta, County Office staff. A partial list of attendees is on file at the County Office of Education.

Presiding: Pamela Mirabella, Board President

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

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION The agenda was adopted with the following amendment: Item 8.1 was removed from the Consent Agenda to be handled separately by the Board (M/S: Borsuk/Krapf).

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CLOSED SESSION None.

RECOGNITIONS None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPEALS

Public Hearing on the Provisions of Education Code section 60119 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 President Pamela Mirabella opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. on the provisions of Education Code section 60119 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. There was no input from the public; therefore, Mrs. Mirabella closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT

Report Dr. Joseph Ovick, County Superintendent of Schools, gave the following report: Tomorrow evening the county's Teacher of the Year candidates will be honored, and currently there are 527 people who have paid for tickets to the event and a number of volunteers who will be in attendance; he noted that he had completed his last Teacher of the Year visit just yesterday, which was to a classroom in Moraga; on Monday, he was part of a CCSESA panel that conducted interviews for the position of CCSESA Deputy Director for Legislation that had been vacated by Sue Burr, the newly appointed Executive Director; he informed the Board that he would send an e-mail next Monday naming the person who has been selected for the position; he pointed out that the recent EdSource mailer was very informative and that he would have copies provided to the Board. Mr. Gomes noted that he read an article in the July 2006 issue of *California School News*, which is published by CSBA, entitled "Agenda Online Helps Districts Save Money, Hassles, and Trees." He suggested that staff review the article to see if using Agenda Online would be advisable for the Contra Costa Board of Education's agenda, and he provided the article to the Board Clerk.

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Resolution No. 3-06/07 Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster introduced this item and explained that this resolution ensures that students will have sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials that follow the state standards. The Board then voted by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 3-06/07 acknowledging availability of textbooks and/or instructional materials pursuant to Education Code section 60119: Krapf, aye; Gomes, aye; Ruley, aye; Borsuk, aye; and Mirabella, aye (M/S: Ruley/Krapf).

Sublease Agreement

Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster introduced this item and explained the purpose for the sublease. Associate Superintendent Ray Penning clarified that the space being subleased is actually the Child Development Center at Los Medanos College so that the children in the CCCOE program are receiving the same childcare as the children who are usually cared for at the Center. Mr. Borsuk mentioned that the childcare program at Los Medanos College was actually his first experience with the CCCOE and that he would like to visit it to see which staff members are still employed there. The Board then voted unanimously to approve the Sublease Agreement between the Contra Costa Community College District and the Contra Costa County Office of Education for use of classroom space at the Los Medanos College Child Study Center to operate an educational program for children with exceptional needs (M/S: Borsuk/Ruley).

Staff Report

Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster updated the Board on a petition for transfer of uninhabited territory from the Knightsen School District to the Oakley Union Elementary School District; she noted that the petition that was recently submitted was deemed to be insufficient but that she is confident that the deficiencies will be remedied and the petition resubmitted shortly. Mrs. Elster also informed the Board that Dr. Ovick and she toured the territory in question with Knightsen Superintendent Vickey Rinehart. She noted that, once the petition has been resubmitted and deemed sufficient, Superintendent Rinehart has offered to arrange a tour for the members of the County Committee on School District Organization.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Staff Report

Ray Penning, Associate Superintendent, Student Programs and Services, reported that more than 100 staff members from as far away as Liberty and Berkeley attended the ROP Back-to-School Staff Development Day. Also, as part of a Williams Settlement visiting team, he visited Kennedy High School where he observed some excellent classroom learning; he was very positively impressed with the experience. Last week, he attended a state job-alike meeting and learned that, although there is money for high school counselors to assist students with passing the CAHSEE, the county offices of education were inadvertently excluded from receiving these funds; he is going to be working with CCSESA to try to correct this oversight. Mr. Penning also reported that Acalanes UHSD Superintendent Jim Negri did contact him about his concerns with the process used by the County Board of Education in reaching its decisions on interdistrict attendance transfer appeals; Mr. Penning had explained to him that the Board examines each matter on a case-by-case basis and that the grade-point average is only one of a number of criteria that the Board considers when deciding interdistrict appeal matters. Lastly, he reported that there may be an expulsion appeal hearing scheduled at the next Board meeting.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Staff Report

On behalf of Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, Dr. Ovick reported that the CCCOE has been working with each district that has not yet made their AYP and that he spoke personally with most of the superintendents of the affected districts. He also noted that Dr. Magnone, Dr. Pam Tyson, and he would be visiting with each of the district superintendents to make sure that they understand the determination data. Mr. Borsuk asked whether there are any districts that do not receive Title I funds, and Mr. Bowers responded that Lafayette SD and Orinda SD do not. Dr. Ovick shared with the Board that he would schedule a presentation by Dr. Tyson on the AYP process.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

Michael Bowers, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, reported that he also met with job-alike groups in the state and learned that a bill, SB 1209, has been recently proposed to address certain "highly qualified teacher" requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, and he also expanded on using the HOUSSE (High, Objective, Uniform State Standard of Evaluation) program to help teachers attain competency. Mr. Gomes asked how a teacher becomes "highly qualified," and Mr. Bowers explained that the easiest way for a teacher to be considered "highly qualified" is to have majored in the area in which he/she teaches; otherwise, there are other ways, such as professional growth, years of services, credits, and assistance through the HOUSSE 1 and 2 programs to help teachers demonstrate competency in academic areas.

**COMMUNICATIONS
Staff Report**

Chief Communications Officer Peggy Marshburn reported that her office has been working for months on the Teacher of the Year program, which culminates tomorrow evening with the Awards Dinner. She noted that since Board President Pamela Mirabella will be traveling, Vice President David Krapf will welcome all the guests and introduce the first entertainment of the evening. She also informed the Board that Dr. Ovick would again serve as the Master of Ceremonies and that CCTV would be there to videotape the event.

BOARD

Legislative Update

None.

CONSENT ACTIONS

Minutes of September 6, 2006

The Board voted to approve the minutes of September 6, 2006 (Borsuk/Krapf; Gomes abstained).

**Applications for Temporary County
Certificates; Contra Costa County
High School Diplomas**

The Board voted unanimously to approve/accept/grant the following Consent Actions: Temporary County Certificates; Contra Costa County High School Diplomas to high school students GG1-9/20/06 and GG2-9/20/06 (M/S: Borsuk/Ruley).

**CORRESPONDENCE/
EVENTS CALENDAR**

Correspondence: Letter dated September 7, 2006, from CSBA President Luan B. Rivera, Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, and Secretary of State Bruce McPherson regarding "Constitution Day" and "Student Mock Election."

Calendar of Events: September 21 – Teacher of the Year Awards Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

**BOARD REPORTS OF
ACTIVITIES**

No written reports of activities were submitted by Board members. Mr. Borsuk reported that he had attended the Staff Development Day in Antioch and had listened to a well-rounded speech by former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin; he noted that there had been a large turnout at the event and that Dr. Ovick gave a very stirring speech to the employees. Mr. Ruley reported that he plans to attend a campaign kick-off with the PTA later this evening, the Teacher of the Year Awards Dinner tomorrow evening, and possibly an emergency CCBE meeting on Monday. Mrs. Mirabella distributed and reported out on two e-mails that she had received.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:32 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 September 20, 2006, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.