

**County Board of Education**  
**Ronald L. Stewart Center**  
**77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California**  
**June 27, 2007**

**ROLL CALL:** Pamela Mirabella, Area 5 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 Ovick, Ellen Elster, Ray Penning, Susan Magnone, Peggy Marshburn, Bianca Bloom, Jane, Shamieh, Mary Lou Browning, Wendy Richard, Rebecca Corrigan, David Yeager, Lisa Lacriola, Ellen Rhodes, and Laura Dorsey Huerta, County Office staff; high school students GG1-6/27/2007, GG2-6/27/2007, DVHS 1-6/27/2007, and DVHS 2-6/27/2007, (and family and friends); Marc Haberman, James Hash, Debi Gokbara, Dominic Pieri, Joyce Pieri, Sally Mills, Lou Lucibello, Dale Rodgers, and Joe Herr. A partial list of attendees is on file at the County Office of Education.

**Presiding:** Dr. David Krapf, Board President

The regular meeting of the Contra Costa 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 Board adopted the agenda with the following amendment: Item 8.1, minutes of June 6, 2007, was removed from the Consent Agenda (M/S: Mirabella/ Borsuk).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Items of Interest to the Public**

The following persons addressed the Board regarding their concerns that a Little League ballfield might be constructed on the Mauzy School grounds: Marc Haberman, James Hash, Lou Lucibello, Dominic Pieri, Sally Mills, and Dale Rodgers. Issues raised included concerns for neighbors' safety, there is not enough room for a ballfield on the property, there are enough ball fields in the area already, parking problems, concerns over emergency access due to lack of parking, the number of players is shrinking, concerns over increased traffic, noise, and lights, the ball field would be too close to neighboring houses, and perhaps a small track with stations would be more appropriate for the student population that attends Mauzy School. Several speakers asked to be notified of any public forums or hearings on this matter in the future.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**Granting of Contra Costa County High School Diplomas**

The Board voted to grant Contra Costa County High School Diplomas to high school students GG1-6/27/2007, GG2-6/27/2007, DVHS 1-6/27/2007, DVHS 2-6/27/2007, and DVHS 3-6/27/2007 (M/S: Mirabella/Gomes). High school student DVHS 3-6/27/07 was not present at the graduation ceremony. Principal Rebecca Corrigan introduced the graduates from Delta Vista High School and Golden Gate Community School. Teacher David Yeager provided some background on the graduates from Golden Gate Community School and described their immediate goals. Teacher Lisa Lacriola then briefed the Board on the graduates from Delta Vista High School and congratulated them on their accomplishment. Dr. Joseph Ovick, County Superintendent of Schools, and Board President David Krapf, Ed.D., then presented the graduates with their diplomas and congratulated them. Principal Corrigan also recognized Instructional Assistant Ellen Rhodes, who had helped the Delta Vista High School students reach their goals and was in attendance at the graduation.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPEALS**

**Public Hearing: Initial Proposal from Public Employees' Union, Local 1, for Reopener Agreement; Initial Management Proposal for Reopener Agreement with Classified Units**

At 6:29 p.m., Board President Krapf opened the Public Hearing Relative to the Initial Proposal from Public Employees' Union, Local One, for Reopener Agreement and Relative to Initial Management Proposal for Reopener Agreement with Representatives of the Classified Units. No one from the public spoke to this item, and Dr. Krapf closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Hearing on the Proposed Final  
County School Service Fund Budget  
for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

At 6:30 p.m., Board President Krapf opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Final County School Service Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. No one from the public spoke to this item, and Dr. Krapf closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**SUPERINTENDENT  
Report**

County Superintendent of Schools Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., gave the following report: CCSESA held its quarterly meeting on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and the State Department of Education's new Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Tony Monreal was in attendance; Mr. Monreal and CCSESA staff requested that each of the county offices of education apply to become a DAIT (District Assistance Intervention Team); the CCCOE is currently part of a DAIT project with Solano and Napa County Offices of Education for the region, but he and staff are moving forward to apply to be an individual DAIT; Assembly Bill 1403 (Arambula), which would give the county superintendent the legal authority to intervene in a school district that is performing poorly academically, has been changed so that it involves Fresno County and one of its neighboring counties; he informed the Board of the positions taken by a number of professional organizations on this bill; although the bill is in "suspense" at the moment, he expressed the belief that the bill needs to come back because it is important to ensure student success; CCSESA will write a letter in support of a waiver from the State Board of Education for the person that Mr. Long and the Riverside COE's Board of Education would like to appoint as Riverside COE's new superintendent, Ken Young, since Mr. Young does not possess an administrative credential; CCSESA did vote to agree to write a letter that would request a waiver for this one time only that would give this individual CCSESA's support to be selected as the county superintendent as long as he meets the criteria by earning an administrative credential prior to the next election; he, Board Member Mirabella, and Communications Officer Peggy Marshburn attended a meeting of the West Contra Costa Unified School District on June 6, along with State Trustee Linda Grundhoffer and Scott Hannon from the State Department of Education; he and Mr. Hannon spoke before the WCCUSD Board regarding the role of the state trustee. Lastly, he asked that the Board members consider changing the November 14 Board meeting to November 7 in order to allow Cabinet members and their administrative assistants to attend a professional development training in Campbell, and it was the consensus of the Board to hold the November meeting on November 7.

**BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICES**

**County School Service Fund (CSSF)  
Investment Activities**

Wendy Richard, Director, Administrative Business Services, provided an update on the County School Service Fund (CSSF) Investment Activities for the quarter ending March 31, 2007. Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster noted that the \$400,000 that the Board had set aside for employee retirement has earned \$30,000 in interest. Mr. Borsuk asked if the yield on the LAIF fund differed from last year, and Mrs. Richard responded that the yield has fluctuated very little during the past two years and has remained around five percent. Mr. Gomes asked if, after paying off the mortgage, there were any plans for diverting that money into another fund, and Mrs. Richard stated that there were no plans at this time but staff would be considering options.

**2007-2008 County School Service  
Fund Final Budget**

Wendy Richard, Director, Administrative Business Services, informed the Board that she had spoken with Board Member Mirabella earlier in the day regarding specific questions she had had regarding the Final Budget, and she proceeded to give an overview of Mrs. Mirabella's areas of concerns with regard to the 2007-2008 County School Service Fund Final Budget. She indicated that a decrease in federal revenues had to do largely with a reduction in Title I funds and a number of grants that have been discontinued; the capital outlay increased by 53% due to a grant that will be received by ROP for equipment; Object Code 8091 indicated \$1 million when it had zero in it the year before, and that is due to its being a new category as a result of a reclassification of the jail adult education program from "unrestrictive" to "restrictive"; regarding mandated cost reimbursements, there is zero listed because the state budget will not be appropriating any mandated cost reimbursements this next year; and explanations were provided for criteria and standards that were not met. Mr. Borsuk asked if the CCCOE is considered as having declining enrollment with regard to ADA, and Mrs. Richard explained that the ADA is collected from all of the districts, and since most of the dis-

districts in the county are experiencing declining enrollment, the CCCOE would be considered as having declining enrollment. Mrs. Mirabella mentioned that she had brought up the category of community day schools with Mrs. Richard, as well, and Mrs. Richard noted that this particular category is continuously deficit funded since the state cannot fully fund it, and that is why it is down 27%. Mr. Borsuk asked the Board's pleasure regarding the possibility of placing an agenda item on the next meeting's agenda to consider increasing the Board members' stipend, since the Board now has a better picture of the agency's financial outlook. It was the consensus of the Board to place the matter of increasing the Board members' stipends on the July 18 agenda. Mrs. Mirabella lauded Mrs. Richard and the business staff for doing a great job with the preparation of the budget. The Board then voted unanimously to adopt the 2007-2008 County School Service Fund Final Budget (M/S: Ruley/Mirabella).

**Tentative Agreement with Public Employees Union, Local One (Classified) Bargaining Unit of the Contra Costa County Office of Educ.**

Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster called the Board's attention to the tentative agreement with Public Employees Union, Local One (Classified) Bargaining Unit of the Contra Costa County Office of Education and asked if anyone had questions. Mr. Borsuk congratulated the union and management teams on coming to an agreement. Dr. Ovick noted that both negotiating teams did a very good job.

**Staff Report**

Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster reported on behalf of the County Committee that she has a teleconference scheduled on Friday morning with Deputy County Counsel Mary Ann Mason and Dr. Winters, the County Committee's consultant, to discuss the draft version of Dr. Winters' analysis of the Knightsen/Oakley proposed reorganization. She informed the Board that as soon as the wording of the analysis has been finalized, the study would be published on the CCCOE Web site. She also noted that a County Committee meeting would need to be scheduled at which Dr. Winters would present his study and recommendations and answer any of the Committee members' questions. She stated that the meeting would probably be scheduled for September or October in order to give both Oakley and Knightsen an opportunity to read and analyze the recommendations based on the nine criteria. She offered hard copies to any Committee member who wished to receive one.

**STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES  
Board Resolution No. 12-06/07**

Ray Penning, Associate Superintendent, Student Programs and Services, introduced this item and stated that this is a continuation of a contract for a parolee education program, the Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program. Mr. Borsuk asked whether workers' compensation would be of the self-insurance variety, and Mrs. Elster responded that all employees through this particular contract are employees of the CCCOE, and the CCCOE does indeed carry self-insured workers' compensation. Mrs. Mirabella asked whether this contract is listed in the final budget, and Mr. Penning replied that the contract is, in fact, included in the budget, since it is a continuation of the STAR program. The Board voted by the following roll call vote to adopt Board Resolution No. 12-06/07 in the Matter of Resolution of the Contra Costa County Board of Education Authorizing a Contract Between the State of California Department of Corrections and the CCCOE and Authorizing Ellen M. Elster, Deputy Superintendent, to Sign Said Contract (Contract #P07.0004): Mirabella, aye; Gomes, aye; Ruley, aye; Borsuk, aye; and Krapf, aye (M/S: Mirabella/Gomes).

**Board Resolution No. 13-06/07**

Ray Penning, Associate Superintendent, Student Programs and Services, explained that this contract is for Computer Literacy Learning Centers (CLLC) and represents once again the continuation of an existing contract. Mr. Borsuk asked if there is anything different that the program will be providing this next year, and Mr. Penning stated that the continuation serves as an endorsement of the success that the program has had already. Mr. Borsuk then asked if there were any other bidders for the contract, and Director Mary Lou Browning responded that it is not part of a bid process, but, rather, it is a sole source contract. Mrs. Mirabella asked if a presentation has already been given to update the Board on this particular program, and Mr. Penning responded that one was given in the past, just not this year. Mrs. Browning mentioned that the program has been offered since 1991 and that there has been a research study prepared by an expert panel; therefore, she would be happy to present that study and a presentation on the program at a future date. The Board then voted by the following roll call vote to adopt Board Resolution No. 13-06/07 in the Matter of Resolution of the Contra Costa County Board of Education Authorizing a Contract Between the State of California Department of Corrections and the Contra Costa County Office of Education and Authorizing Ellen M. Elster, Deputy Superintendent, to Sign Said Contract (Contract #P07.0003): Mirabella, aye; Gomes, aye; Ruley, aye; Borsuk, aye; and Krapf, aye (M/S: Ruley/Gomes).

**2007/2008 Consolidated Application,  
Part I**

Associate Superintendent Ray Penning explained that this Consolidated Application represents a process for categorical funding. Mr. Borsuk asked if there was anything noteworthy or different about this year's Consolidated Application, and Mr. Penning noted that the manner of reporting violent behavior has been changed and that the data provided by the CCCOE may look as though there are serious behavior incidents at its schools; however, this simply reflects the student population that the CCCOE serves. The Board then voted unanimously to approve the 2007/08 Consolidated Application, Part I) (M/S: Mirabella/Gomes).

**Equipment and Supplies for Career  
Technical Education Program at  
Delta Vista High School**

Associate Superintendent Ray Penning shared that this item involves the purchase of items for the Woodshop classroom at Delta Vista High School through a Career Technical Education grant. The Board voted unanimously to approve of the equipment and supplies for Career Technical Education Program at Delta Vista High School (M/S: Ruley/Borsuk).

**Staff Report**

Ray Penning, Associate Superintendent, Student Programs and Services, reported that one of the hearings that have been filed by the parents of students expelled from the Antioch Unified School District involves a transcript of a ten-hour hearing at the district level. He also shared with the Board that the attorney involved in this particular case has requested an open hearing from the County Board of Education. He explained that it might be necessary to schedule a special Board meeting in August because three appeals from Antioch have been received and two are pending. It was the consensus of the Board to tentatively hold the date of August 8 in case a special Board meeting becomes necessary.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**Staff Report**

Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, reported that the Curriculum & Development Department has been extremely busy during the past two weeks. She noted that this has been partially due to the fact that it is the end of school and professional development opportunities present themselves before teachers and administrators go on vacation. She mentioned that administrative training was recently provided in Oakland, and Dr. Pam Tyson, Coordinator of Assessment & Accountability, organized a five-day math training for 180 teachers that had been requested by the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Additionally, Dr. Tyson and she were also involved in providing a training of trainers regarding assessment for the Sacramento County Office of Education staff, and they will be providing the same training in August and September to all county offices of education in the Bay Area region.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Staff Report**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Staff Report**

Communications Officer Peggy Marshburn distributed the most recent edition of Circuit, which will be included with employees' next paychecks along with Staff Development Day reminders. She called Board members' attention to a story on the front page of Circuit about Mike Rogers, the CCCOE's Teacher of the Year, and she noted that CBS News picked up the story from a press release from the COE Communications Office. She also mentioned that Board members can access all of the COE's press releases from the home page of the COE's Web site. She also reported the following: through Coordinator Louise Barbee's program in Curriculum & Instruction, her office is covering several science camps (construction and engineering at Diablo Valley College last week, environmental sciences in East Contra Costa County this week, and bio-technology in July), and she noted that, because this is the first year for the environmental science camp, Dr. Ovick and she planned to visit the program tomorrow; on July 12, Dr. Ovick and Louise Barbee will be interviewed by Channel 36 out of San Jose about the bio-technology science camp and career technical education; she hoped to get a copy of the clip so that it can be played on the COE Web site; a Public Information Network meeting ("Wake Me Up, Please: Public Information Nightmares—Networking and Problem Solving") took place last Thursday with 45 people in attendance; and the next Public Information Network meeting is scheduled to take place in October and will address new multi-media, such as podcasting, blogging, and other ways in which communication has changed.

**BOARD**

**Legislative Update**

None.

**Board Resolution No. 14-06/07**

After a brief discussion, the Board voted by the following roll call vote to adopt Board Resolution No. 14-06/07 in the Matter of Support for Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to Enact Legislative Improvements During the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind Act: Mirabella, aye; Gomes, aye; Ruley, aye; Borsuk, aye; and Krapf, aye (M/S: Borsuk/Ruley).

**CONSENT ACTIONS**

**Minutes of June 6, 2007**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of June 6, 2007 (M/S: Borsuk/Gomes; Mirabella abstained).

**Temporary County Certificates  
and Public Gifts**

The Board voted unanimously to approve/accept/grant the following Consent Actions: Temporary County Certificates; the following public gifts, which were donated to the Contra Costa County Office of Education for Student Programs/ROP: a 2003 orange Saturn Ion, VIN No. JG8AX54F03200009EX to the Contra Costa County ROP's Auto Technology Program at Alhambra High School by Ebenezer Ty, Donation Administrator, Gifts in Kind International, 333 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; and the following funds, which were donated to the Contra Costa County Office of Education Student Programs for the ROP Program scholarships: \$2,000 from the Contra Costa County Employer Advisory Council, Cindy Sugrue, Coordinator, c/o EASTBAY Works Career Center, 4071 Port Chicago Highway, Suite 250, Concord, CA 94520, \$500 from Walnut Creek Honda, Dave Trzesniewski, Service Director, 1707 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, and \$1,800 donation from John Muir Hospital, Jan Hunter, Manager of Planning and Workforce Development, 2540 East Street, Concord, CA 94520 (M/S: Mirabella/Ruley).

**CORRESPONDENCE/  
EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Correspondence:** None.

**Calendar of Events:** September 7 – Staff Development Day, El Campanil, Antioch; September 20 – Teacher of the Year Dinner, Hilton Concord.

**BOARD REPORTS OF  
ACTIVITIES**

No written reports of activities were submitted by Board members. Mr. Borsuk reported that he attended the Marchus School graduation on June 8 and that it had been a very enjoyable event. Mrs. Mirabella distributed two e-mails that she had received from her constituents in West Contra Costa; one was regarding the WCCUSD's policy to now allow high school seniors to participate in the graduation ceremony if they have not passed the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), and she questioned staff about whether or school districts have the same policy and whether it would be appropriate for a district to issue a certificate of completion in lieu of a diploma. Dr. Ovick responded that some districts allow a student to participate in the graduation ceremony if that student has earned enough credits to graduate or if the test results from the CAHSEE have not yet been received. He then named three school districts in the county that do allow such students to participate in the graduation ceremony, and Mr. Penning clarified that some of the CCCOE's special education students participate in a graduation ceremony and receive a certificate of completion. The other e-mail received by Mrs. Mirabella was from Larry Hatfield in which he voiced concerns about administrative changes at De Anza High School. Mrs. Mirabella also reported that she attended the meeting of the West Contra Costa Unified School District's board of trustees meeting on June 6 and that she felt that Dr. Ovick and Mr. Hannon did a wonderful job; she noted that the WCCUSD board members asked some good questions and that the board had to listen to 44 speakers from the high school who were concerned about the policy of not allowing students to graduate who had not yet passed the CAHSEE. She also reported on an article that was recently published on the issue of WCCUSD's sanctioning of the West County Community High School, which is a charter school, and she expressed enjoyment of a slide presentation provided by WCCUSD Superintendent Harter highlighting various programs in the district. Lastly, she mentioned that she ran into a city councilmember, Janet Abelson, who requested a meeting with her regarding two matters: proposed legislation to get exercise off the ground and building a K-8 school in El Cerrito. She thanked Associate Superintendent Dr. Susan Magnone for her feedback on this matter. Dr. Krapf reported that he also attended the Marchus School graduation and commented that he had had a wonderful time. He also informed the Board and staff that he would not be in attendance at the July 18 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

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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 June 27, 2007, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.