

County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
October 17, 2007

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 Ovick, Susan Magnone, Michael Bowers, Rebecca Corrigan, Launi Holland, Allan Cacciaroni, and Laura Dorsey Huerta, County Office staff; high school student DVHS1-10/17/2007 (and family); Student A-10/17/07 and parent; and Jeff Brauning, John Swett Unified School District. 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 8.3 (Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student DVHS1-10/17/2007) was moved to Recognitions as Item 5.1 (M/S: Borsuk/Ruley).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Interdistrict Attendance Transfer Appeal

The Board convened in closed hearing at 6:30 p.m. to consider the interdistrict attendance transfer appeal of a parent for a child, Student A-10/17/07, from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to the John Swett Unified School District. The Board recessed to closed deliberation at 6:50 p.m. The Board reconvened to closed hearing at 6:58 p.m. and immediately to open session. On behalf of the Board, Facilitator Launi Holland announced that the Contra Costa County Board of Education voted unanimously to deny the interdistrict attendance transfer appeal of Student A-10/17/07 based upon CCCOE Board of Education's Administrative Regulation 5200(E)(3.17) (decision based on student's grades, attendance, and discipline).

RECOGNITIONS

Granting of Contra Costa County High School Diploma

This item, which was formerly agendized as Item 8.3, was moved from the Consent Agenda and placed under Recognitions. The Board voted unanimously to grant a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student DVHS1-10/17/2007 (M/S: Mirabella/Borsuk). Delta Vista High School Region 3 Principal Rebecca Corrigan introduced the graduate, and Teacher Allan Cacciaroni provided some background on the student's educational history. Dr. Joseph Ovick, County Superintendent of Schools, and Board President David Krapf presented the graduate with his diploma and conveyed their congratulations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT

Report

Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools, reported the following: regarding AB 131, legislation that would have allowed the CCCOE programs to receive counseling monies, he confirmed that it was indeed the Senate Appropriations Committee that surprisingly pulled the bill even though it had been widely supported by the educational community; he distributed an article on AB 131, which had been published in the Ed Cal/ACSA newsletter; earlier today, he presented, along with Los Medanos Community College President Peter Garcia and Pittsburg USD Superintendent Barbara Wilson, the state of the schools address to

the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce; beginning this month, the CCCOE is attempting to seek a rate adjustment for its special education program; and he explained that in order to maintain the labor-intensive special education program operated by the CCCOE, the rate being charged to school districts needs to be increased. Mr. Gomes mentioned an article that he recently read regarding how New York City is building affordable housing for teachers, firefighters, and police officers and using innovative funding methods; he offered to provide copies of the article to staff and the Board and asked that similar innovative funding for local public employees be investigated to see if it might be feasible. He also noted that he read in the Contra Costa Times just this morning about the high cost of living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Dr. Ovick responded that there are three housing projects being considered in Contra Costa County (one with Los Medanos College, one with Cal. State, East Bay—Concord Campus, and one with the Naval Weapons Station), and he noted that Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Michael Bowers is the CCCOE's point person for these types of projects. Mrs. Mirabella asked Dr. Ovick if the rate increase being sought for the CCCOE's special education program would have to go through SELPA, and he replied that it would have to be reviewed by the administrative council and the directors of special education and a recommendation would have to be made to the SELPA Governance Council. Currently, he reported, Associate Superintendent Ray Penning and Director Jane Shamieh are in the process of setting up individual meetings with each of the superintendents who are members of the Governance Council to review the proposal and the dollar amount from each school district based on enrollment. Mrs. Mirabella asked if this increase was the result of San Ramon Valley USD's secession from SELPA, and Dr. Ovick responded that this increase would still have been necessary regardless of SRVUSD's decision to operate their own program. Dr. Krapf noted that there are still CCCOE special education programs in San Ramon and that they would also be affected by the rate increase. Mr. Borsuk asked when the rate was last adjusted, and Dr. Ovick stated that there has been an automatic annual COLA increase, but he indicated that the level of care required for the students is more intensive, which can only be addressed with a rate increase.

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Staff Report

None.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Staff Report

None.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Staff Report

Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, distributed an agenda that was used at a Counselors Institute that was hosted by the CCCOE, which represents work that resulted from the passage of AB 1802, a bill that created a counseling program. She reported that the challenge presented by this legislation sprang from its requirement that the focus of the newly hired counselors for this particular program be on student achievement, not placing students, recommending classes, or giving advice on getting into college. She noted that unless schools can demonstrate after seven years of funding that student achievement was addressed, there is very little chance that the counseling program will be refunded. Therefore, once this was a need that was identified by school districts, Director Abe Doctolero and Louise Barbee took on leadership roles to put together the one-day Counselors Institute to discuss the requirements of the law and some strategies for meeting it. She reported that this first institute was very successful and that another institute is planned for the spring to find ways to help these counselors, since this legislation has created a very different role for them. Dr. Magnone stated that this training exemplifies the type of work that her department does once a need is identified. Lastly, she distributed an agenda for the Young Children's Issues Forum, which will take place on Saturday, October 20, and reminded Board members that they are welcome to attend.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

Michael Bowers, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Department, reported the following: the CCCOE's Annual Certificated Employee Job Fair has been scheduled to take place on February 23, 2008, at the Alhambra High School gymnasium in Martinez; this year's job fair will be expanded to include potential interns; therefore, the CCCOE will be advertising for both teachers and people interested in learning more about the teaching profession; he also provided an update on how the CCCOE's intern program is doing now that it is up and running; it is expected that 50-60 interns will be participating in the program within the next few months.

**COMMUNICATIONS
Staff Report**

Joseph Ovick, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools, reported that Communications Officer Peggy Marshburn will be presenting later this week in Atlanta, Georgia, on the work that her department and the County Health Department completed on the pandemic flu; he noted that her trip and all costs associated with it would be paid by the federal government; and he thanked Mr. Gomes for bringing the pandemic flu issue to the staff's attention, since the CCCOE is now being recognized for taking the lead in educational agencies on preparing for such a potential catastrophe.

BOARD

Legislative Update

None.

CONSENT ACTIONS

**Minutes of October 3, 2007;
Temporary County Certificates;
Contra Costa County High School
Diplomas**

The Board voted to approve/accept/grant the following Consent Actions: the minutes of the October 3, 2007, Board meeting; Temporary County Certificates; granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student DVHS2-10/17/2007; and granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to adult school student CCAS 1/10-17-07 (M/S: Mirabella/Gomes).

**CORRESPONDENCE/
EVENTS CALENDAR**

Correspondence: None.

Calendar of Events: October 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Young Children's Issues Forum 2007; February 23, 2008 – Annual Certificated Employee Job Fair, Alhambra High School gymnasium, Martinez.

**BOARD REPORTS OF
ACTIVITIES**

No oral or written reports of activities were provided by Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:00 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 October 17, 2007, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.