

County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
April 2, 2008

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

Absent: None.

Others: Susan Magnone, Peggy Marshburn, Marie McClaskey, Launi Holland, Lindi Huntsman, Judy McCall, Janice Harski, and Laura Dorsey Huerta, County Office staff; David Rafal; Esther Milbury, Deputy County Counsel; Student A-4/02/08 and B-4/02/08 and their parents; Maryann Hussey and Debra Fogarty, Oakley Union Elementary School District (OUESD); Jan Tomsy, attorney for OUESD; Student C-4/02/08 and parents; Vickey Rinehart, Superintendent, Knightsen Elementary School District. A partial list of attendees is on file at the County Office of Education.

Presiding: Glenn A. Ruley, Board President

The regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION The Board adopted the agenda with the following amendment: Item 7.2.1 was corrected so that it was listed as Item 7.3.1 (M/S: Mirabella/Krapf).

PUBLIC COMMENT David Rafal spoke in opposition to the proposed petition to transfer schools from the Mt. Diablo Unified School District to the Walnut Creek School District and Acalanes Union High School District, and he urged the Board to deny the petition.

CLOSED SESSION

Interdistrict Attendance Transfer Appeal (Students A-4/02/08 and B-4/02/08)

The Board convened in closed hearing at 5:47 p.m. to consider the interdistrict attendance transfer appeals of parents for their children, Students A-4/02/08 and B-4/02/08 from the Oakley Union Elementary School District to the Brentwood Union School District. The Board recessed to closed deliberation at 6:27 p.m. The Board reconvened to closed hearing at 6:36 p.m. and immediately to open session. On behalf of the Board, Hearing Facilitator Launi Holland announced that the Contra Costa County Board of Education voted unanimously to deny the interdistrict attendance transfer appeals of Students A-4/02/08 and B-4/02/08 based upon CCCOE Board of Education's Administrative Regulation 5200(D)(3.7) (a financial hardship exists for one of the school districts involved).

Interdistrict Attendance Transfer Appeal (Student C-4/02/08)

The Board convened in closed hearing at 7:39 p.m. to consider the interdistrict attendance transfer appeal of parents for their child, Student C-4/02/08 from the Oakley Union Elementary School District to the Knightsen Elementary School District. The Board recessed to closed deliberation at 8:35 p.m. The Board reconvened to closed hearing at 8:47 p.m. and immediately to open session. On behalf of the Board, Hearing Facilitator Launi Holland announced that the Contra Costa County Board of Education voted unanimously to grant the interdistrict attendance transfer appeal of Student C-4/02/08 based upon CCCOE Board of Education's Administrative Regulation 5200(D)(3.15) (continued enrollment in the desired district would promote an important level of continuity that is in the best interest of the student).

RECOGNITIONS None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT Report None.

**BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES
Staff Report**

None.

**STUDENT PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES
ROP Curricula**

Region 2 Principal Lindi Huntsman presented the following new ROP curricula, which has been approved by the Curriculum Advisory Committee: Advanced Communication Media and Advanced Sports Medicine. Mr. Borsuk commented that the new curricula are magnificent and asked for clarification on which high schools would offer the new courses. Ms. Huntsman responded that the Advanced Sports Medicine program would be offered at many of the high schools throughout the county as long as sufficient enrollment exists and that Advanced Communication Media would be offered only at Miramonte High School at the moment; however, she stated that it might possibly be offered elsewhere in the fall. Mrs. Mirabella asked why parts of the curriculum for the Advanced Communication Media were in bold type, and Ms. Huntsman explained that the highlighted standards are considered the key standards that must be taught. Mrs. Mirabella asked to be provided at the Board Budget Workshop with a list of ROP classes and the high schools that would be offering them, and Director Marie McClaskey and Ms. Huntsman agreed to do so; however, Ms. Huntsman noted that sometimes the enrollment numbers from the high schools are not received until May, so the final list of ROP classes might not be available until then. Dr. Krapf inquired about whether both Biology and Sports Medicine are prerequisites for the Advanced Sports Medicine program, and Ms. Huntsman responded that Biology is definitely needed, and students will also need to complete the Sports Medicine class before proceeding to the Advanced Sports Medicine class. Dr. Krapf also asked her to clarify whether or not only the high schools offering Sports Medicine would then be able to offer the Advanced Sports Medicine, and Ms. Huntsman stated that, indeed, that was the case and that, because this program is so very popular with students, both classes are offered at many high schools. Mr. Gomes asked if these advanced ROP classes could be considered Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and Ms. Huntsman stated that while there are no corresponding AP tests for these particular advanced ROP courses, they could be considered for Honors. The Board then voted unanimously to approve these new ROP curricula for Student Programs (M/S: Mirabella/Borsuk).

Staff Report

None.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Staff Report**

Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services updated the Board on her department's preparation for rolling out a new document entitled "Taking Center Stage," which has been produced by the California Department of Education for middle schools. She explained that the purpose of the document is to examine and reassess what should be taught in middle schools and the best way to specifically educate those types of students to engage them in the learning process; also, the document addresses what middle school students need to learn in order to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and complete A-G coursework at the high school level; she stated that the document has been met with excitement by middle schools. She noted that the Contra Costa County Office of Education is responsible for coordinating a video broadcast on "Taking Center Stage" in every county in the region and that a large number of representatives from Contra Costa County have already registered for the broadcast. Mr. Gomes commented that he has been reading in the media about K-8 schools now being favored over middle schools, and he asked Dr. Magnone if there is any merit to these stories. Dr. Magnone replied that a trend towards the K-8 model is happening on some level, but she cautioned that the continuum of curriculum is designed and structured in California for middle schools. She noted that because the standards are of a very high level in 7th and 8th grades, it would be very difficult for a person with a multiple-subject credential to be able to teach the math or science that is required now.

**HUMAN RESOURCES
Staff Report**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS
Staff Report**

Communications Officer Peggy Marshburn gave an update on the Contra Costa County Science Fair at Hill College, which is currently taking place; Monday night she attended the 32nd District PTA general meeting at which there was a panel discussion on "How the Budget Crisis Impacts California's Children"; the panel was comprised of Craig Cheslog from Senator Torlakson's office, County Supervisor John Gioia, and Joe Valentine, the Director of the County Employment and Human Services Department; the panel discussed how the proposed education cuts are affecting the same children who are being affected by cuts to health programs and human services offered through the county; State PTA representatives also attended the panel discussion to talk about their "Flunk the Budget" campaign, which encourages groups to pass resolutions and urges people to become involved in the budget crisis. Mrs. Marshburn shared a copy of "Flunk the Budget" materials with the Board. She commented that the event was very interesting and that she had found the information valuable. Lastly, she reported that next week documentation for the Valenzuela CAHSEE Settlement will arrive, and she explained that this settlement represents categorical funds for which school districts must apply in order to provide additional instruction to students who did not graduate starting in 2006 because they did not pass one or both parts of the CAHSEE; the County Office of Education is responsible for the accountability for both the Valenzuela Settlement and the Williams Settlement. Mr. Gomes asked where the funds from the Valenzuela Settlement would go, and Mrs. Marshburn explained that the districts that applied would receive funds specifically to notify students of their eligibility to receive additional instruction for two years after graduating and to then provide that instruction.

BOARD

Legislative Update

Mrs. Mirabella mentioned that she had sent e-mails to Dr. Ovick and Mr. Ruley to ask that a resolution to the Governor be prepared for the Board to consider with regard to the proposed education cuts, but she noted that it might be advisable to wait until after the May Revision before preparing the resolution to get a better picture of the state of the economy. Mr. Borsuk stated that he had heard that because of the high price of gas, the state might expect nearly \$2 billion more in gas taxes than anticipated. Mr. Ruley urged Board members to read the legislative information from the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) that was received by each Board member.

Board's 2007-2008 Goals and Accomplishments and 2008-2009 Mission and Goals

The Board voted unanimously to adopt its 2007-2008 Goals and Accomplishments and 2008-2009 Mission and Goals as presented (M/S: Borsuk/Gomes).

CONSENT ACTIONS

Minutes of March 19, 2008; a CC Adult School Diploma; and a Public Gift

The Board voted to approve/accept/grant the following Consent Actions: minutes from the March 19, 2008, Board meeting; a Contra Costa Adult School Diploma to adult school student CCAS 1/4-2-08; and acceptance of the following public gift, which was donated to the Contra Costa County Office of Education: \$32.45 from Target Store's Take Charge of Education to Mt. McKinley School (M/S: Borsuk/Krapf).

**CORRESPONDENCE/
EVENTS CALENDAR**

Correspondence: A letter dated March 14, 2008, to Dr. David Krapf from Amanda L. Farris, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Strategic Initiatives, in response to Dr. Krapf's letter to President George Bush; and a letter dated April 1, 2008, to Glenn Ruley from Joseph L. Campbell, President, Contra Costa Water District Board regarding the Contra Costa Water District 2007 Annual Reports.

Calendar of Events: April 10 – Contra Costa County Public Information Network: "Working with the Media: Avoiding Minefields," 10:00 a.m. – noon; April 25 – East County School Based Special Olympics, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; May 8 – ROP Awards of Excellence Event, Pleasant Hill Comm. Center, 3:30-5:00 p.m.; May 16 – Central County School Based Special Olympics, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; June 2 – Teacher of the Year Reception, 3:00-5:00 p.m., CCCOE Board Room; June 6 – CEP Graduation & Awards Ceremony, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Marchus School; September 25 – Teacher of the Year Dinner Celebration, Concord Hilton. Mr. Ruley reported that he planned to attend the ROP Awards of Excellence Event on May 8, and Dr. Krapf stated that he would be attending the Mauzy School Graduation Ceremony on May 29.

**BOARD REPORTS OF
ACTIVITIES**

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

RECESS

The Board recessed from 5:23 p.m. to 5:47 p.m. prior to hearing the appeals.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:48 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 April 2, 2008, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.