

County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
May 21, 2008

- ROLL CALL:** David T. Krapf, Area 2; Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee; and Glenn Ruley, Area 4 Trustee
- Absent:** Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee, and Daniel Borsuk, Area 5 Trustee (excused due to illness)
- Others:** Ellen Elster, Ray Penning, Susan Magnone, Michael Bowers, Peggy Marshburn, Marie McClaskey, Kale Alderson, Diane Misasi, and Laura Dorsey Huerta, County Office staff; high school students DVHS1-5/21/2008, GGCS 2-5/21/2008, and GGCS 3-5/21/2008 (and graduates' families and friends); Hilary Hibel of Walnut Creek Schools Together Now. A partial list of attendees is on file at the County Office of Education.
- Presiding:** Glenn Ruley, Board President
- The regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Board of Education was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION** The Board adopted the agenda as presented (M/S: Krapf/Gomes; Mirabella and Borsuk absent).
- PUBLIC COMMENT** None.
- CLOSED SESSION** None.
- RECOGNITIONS**
- Granting of Contra Costa County High School Diplomas** President Ruley pointed out a typo on Agenda Item No. 5.2's issue sheet and indicated that the correct figure was 220 total credits earned. Then the Board voted to grant Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school students DVHS1-5/21/2008, GGCS 2-5/21/2008, and GGCS 3-5/21/2008 (M/S: Gomes/Krapf; Mirabella and Borsuk absent). Principal Kale Alderson introduced Teacher Bob Miller, who then introduced high school student GGCS 3-5/21/2008 and provided some background on the student. Mr. Alderson also introduced Teacher Will Hyres, who introduced high school student GGCS 2-5/21/08 and expressed his appreciation for the graduate's contributions while in class. Principal Diane Misasi then introduced Teacher Rhonda Dunning, who introduced high school student DVHS1-5/21/2008, read an account of the graduate's educational attainments, and wished him well. Ray Penning, Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Services, and Board President Glenn Ruley presented the graduates with their diplomas and conveyed their congratulations.
- PUBLIC HEARINGS** None.
- ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**
- SUPERINTENDENT Report** On behalf of Dr. Ovick, County Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster reported that, as the Board was apprised earlier in the week by e-mail, the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) has taken back their two community school classes and will house them at North Campus; as of June 30, 2008, the County Office of Education (COE) will no longer run those classes and the WCCUSD will run the summer school classes. Additionally, she reported that Dr. Ovick has requested that the Board adjourn this evening in memory of Lisa Burke, a COE special education teacher who was recently killed in an automobile accident.
- BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**
- Board Resolution No. 5-07/08** Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster introduced this item and explained that this agreement authorizes the Contra Costa County Office of Education to perform Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) on behalf of the California Department of Health Care Services to assist in the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal Program. The Board then voted

by the following roll call vote to adopt Board Resolution No. 5-07/08 in the Matter of the Contra Costa County Board of Education Authorizing an Agreement Between the State of California Department of Health Care Services and the Contra Costa County Office of Education and Authorizing Ellen M. Elster, Deputy Superintendent, to Executive Said Agreement: Krapf, aye; Gomes, aye; and Ruley, aye (M/S: Krapf/Gomes; Mirabella and Borsuk absent).

Staff Report

Deputy Superintendent Ellen Elster reported on the May Revision of the state budget; she stated that most of the local districts have indicated that they will remain conservative with their figures because so much of the proposed budget is based on the Legislature's approval of it; she also noted that, although the headlines have reported that Proposition 98 has been restored, it is at a test level 3, which means that schools will receive almost \$4 billion less; lastly, she reported that many districts that have issued lay-off notices are not rescinding those notices.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Staff Report

Ray Penning, Associate Superintendent, Student Programs and Services, gave the following report: the Board has received its first writ of mandate, and copies will be distributed to Board members in Closed Session at the June 4, 2008, Board meeting; at that time, the Board's attorney will be present to advise members before they take an action that is aligned with the direction of the court; three interdistrict attendance transfer appeals involving two families will be scheduled for hearings at the June 4 Board meeting and one expulsion appeal will be scheduled to be heard at the June 18 Board meeting; he reported that the Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) sent out 150 notices to families denying their interdistrict attendance transfer requests, and, at this point, 97 families have contacted the COE to file appeals; and he and his staff have been working with PUSD to successfully resolve this situation.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Staff Report

Dr. Susan Magnone, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, distributed a folder to Board members from Ruth Fernandez, who heads up the Local Planning Council (LPC), and reported that Ms. Fernandez will be presenting the information in the folder to the Family and Human Services Committee of the County Supervisors. She noted that the folder contains the childcare needs assessment already presented to the Board in the past and a comprehensive countywide childcare plan, which is new and outlines what will be the LPC's priorities and strategies for the next few years. She also pointed out that this might be considered a policy-influencing document that can be used by municipalities and the county, and Ms. Fernandez plans to use Powerpoint presentations to share this information with city councils and chambers of commerce. Lastly, Dr. Magnone informed the Board that the photographs of the children from our county that were used in the actual presentation materials were taken by Diane Morrell from the COE Communications Office and that she was also the staff member responsible for the graphics and formatting of the document. She extended her personal congratulations to both Ruth Fernandez and Diane Morrell for their impressive work. Mr. Ruley asked if written releases always need to be obtained for each child's photo appearing in the brochures, and Mrs. Marshburn confirmed that written releases are obtained from both students and teachers.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

Mike Bowers, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, reported further on the closure of two community school classes in West Contra Costa by informing the Board that the COE currently has two teachers assigned to them; fortunately, though, the COE has several openings available for the 2008-09 school year and can transition those teachers into those positions; however, one instructional assistant will need to be noticed for lay-off due to bumping rights of the more senior person in that classification who currently is assigned to one of the community school classes that will be closed. He noted that it is fortunate that positions were available for the teachers involved with the closures, since the deadline for noticing certificated staff had already passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Report

Peggy Marshburn, Chief Communications Officer, reported that the COE has been participating in a number of rallies related to the state budget since the last Board meeting, including a "Flunk the Budget" rally sponsored by the PTA and Senator Tom Torlakson's Town Hall Meeting, which were both held on May 8 at Las Lomas High School and in which Dr. Ovick participated as a presenter. In addition, Dr. Ovick, Assemblyman DeSaulnier, and a number of administrators, board members, teachers, etc.,

spoke at the Day of the Teacher rally and press conference on May 14 at Walnut Creek Civic Park; and on May 15, Dr. Ovick called a press conference at Acalanes High School at which he, Pittsburg USD Superintendent Barbara Wilson, union representatives, and PTA members gave brief presentations in opposition to the proposed state budget. Lastly, she reminded the Board that the Teacher of the Year Reception will take place on June 2 in the Board Room, and she invited Board members to attend.

BOARD

Legislative Update

None.

CONSENT ACTIONS

Minutes of May 7, 2008; Temporary County Certificates; Contra Costa High School Diplomas

The Board voted to approve/accept/grant the following Consent Actions: the minutes of May 7, 2008; applications for Temporary County Certificates; granting of Contra Costa High School Diplomas to adult school student CCAS 1 5-21-08 from Contra Costa Adult School program and to high school student GGCS 1-05/21/2008 (M/S: Krapf/Gomes; Mirabella and Borsuk absent).

CORRESPONDENCE/ EVENTS CALENDAR

Correspondence: Letters dated May 16, 2008, to all Board members from Lesa R. McIntosh, President, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), requesting their help with getting the message out on the water shortage that was declared on May 13 by EBMUD's Board of Directors; letters dated May 16, 2008, to Board Members Mirabella and Krapf from Lesa R. McIntosh, President, EBMUD Board of Directors, inviting them to a lunch and formal briefing on June 18, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dead Fish Restaurant.

Calendar of Events: May 21 – Transition Awards Ceremony, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Humphrey's, Antioch; May 29 – Mauzy School's Graduation Awards Ceremony, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Education Center; 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; June 11 – Contra Costa Adult School Awards, 9:30-11:30 a.m., West County Detention Facility; June 12 – Contra Costa Adult School Awards, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Marsh Creek Detention Facility; June 19 – WIA Graduation, 6:00-7:30 p.m., CCCOE Board Room; September 5 – Staff Development Day, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., El Campanil Theatre, Antioch, September 16 – Contra Costa Adult School Awards, 9:30-11:30 a.m., West County Detention Facility; September 18 – Contra Costa Adult School Awards, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Marsh Creek Detention Facility; September 25 – Teacher of the Year Dinner Celebration, Concord Hilton.

BOARD REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

No written reports of activities were submitted by Board members. Mr. Ruley reported that he attended the ROP awards ceremony in Pleasant Hill and was surprised to learn that so many of the ROP students were headed for two- or four-year colleges, as he had assumed that most would be considering vocational avenues; he reported that he was very impressed with the students and the programs. Mr. Penning added that the COE's ROP program has more A-G UC-approved courses than any other ROP program in the state

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:49 p.m. after observing a moment of silence in memory of Lisa Burke, a CCCOE special education teacher who was recently killed in a car accident.

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 May 21, 2008, and are subject to amendment and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.