

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HESPERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES

Board/Facilities Meeting

April 21, 2008

Hesperia Administration & Educational Support Center (Annex)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Robert Kirk, President
Ella "Lee" Rogers, Vice President
Hardy Black, Clerk
Helen Rogers, Member

Mark McKinney, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Minton, Member

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jean Campbell, DSA, I.T.
Chris Bentley, Parent
Margaret Snyder, Director, AESC
David McLaughlin, Director, I.T.
Roman Aguilar, Media Tech, Sultana/D.O.
Dennis Eggers, I.T., D.O.
Edie Irwin, Teacher, Oxford
Thomas Kerman, Teacher, Hesperia JHS
Stephanie Merenda, Teacher, JC
Pat Cook, Teacher, Desert Trails
Richard Okeson, Risk Manager, D.O.
James Elgan, RSP Teacher, Mission Crest
Brandie Miller, SDC Teacher, Lime St.
Laurie Krause, Teacher/Parent, Maple Elem.
Summer Diuguid, Teacher, Maple
Ruth TerKeurst, CSEA President, D.O.
Jodi Consten, Coordinator II, AESC
Joelle Hood, AP, Mojave HS
Austin Finch, Teacher, Mojave HS
Scott Sheffield, Principal, Cypress
Janet Brawner, AP, Joshua Circle
Cindy Costa, Principal, Rancho MS
Bob Schnebeck, VP, Hesperia HS
Virgil Carey, Police Officer, HUSD

**OTHERS IN
ATTENDANCE:
(Continued)**

Patsy Foisy, Volunteer, Joshua Circle
Irwin & Dolly Lengel, Visitor
Patricia Martin, Retired, Joshua Circle
Linda Metcalfe, Instr. Aide, Joshua Circle
Robin Bricarello, Visitor, Joshua Circle Elementary
Ben Skinner, AP, Mesa Grande
Guy Burnett
Rich Stuelke, Principal, DTHS/HCDS
Linda McGuyer, Secretary, Hesperia HS
Tony McGuyer, Teacher, Hesperia HS
Bill Pittsford, Principal, Canyon Ridge HS
Candace Marquez, Hesperia JHS
Diana Gott, Director, D.O.
Charles Roedell, Teacher, Lime St.
Karen Elgan, Principal, Maple Elementary
Sue Knuth, Principal, Cottonwood
Michelle Murphy, Principal, Mission Crest
Alan Giles, Principal, Topaz
Anne Sykes, Visitor
Teri Green, Principal, Kingston
Patty Baer, Principal, Oxford Academy
Chris Mauger, Principal, Carmel Elementary
Marsha Roads, Teacher, Oxford
Yolette Rios, Teacher, Joshua Circle
David Olney, Principal, Cedar MS
Arlene Gluck, Director, D.O.
Gordon Williamson, Teacher, Maple Elementary
Tom Kerman, Teacher, Hesperia JHS
Pam Tharp, Data Systems Analyst, D.O.
Kathy Miller, AP, Cottonwood
Mike Graham, Police Dept.
Mary Paolini, Attendance Specialist, Cypress Academy
Tom Kirk, AP, Lime St.
Raven Vargas, Student, Encore
Rebekah Swanson, Parent/Teacher, Eucalyptus
Swan Lay, Student, Encore
Johnny Griffin, Dean of Students, Encore HS
Johnna Griffin, ASB Member, Encore HS
Lorelei Bibler, Teacher, Joshua Circle
Barbara Ward-Lawe, Counselor, DTHS
Jennifer Adams, AP, Mesquite Trails
Robert Gore, Teacher, Topaz

**OTHERS IN
ATTENDANCE:
(Continued)**

Dena Gore, Parent, Topaz
Jared Donello, ASB, Encore HS
Debbie Baker, Exec. Asst., Admin Services
Cathy Gomez, Exec. Asst., Admin Services

Jovy Yankaskas, Asst., Superintendent, Educational Services
George Landon, Asst. Supt., Business Services

CALL TO ORDER:

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. All Board Members were present with the exception of Board Member Minton.

**HEARING FROM
THE AUDIENCE:**

President Kirk read the statement inviting the general public to address the Board on any closed session item. There were no comments.

**ADJOURNED TO
CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:52 p.m. to discuss the following: 1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator; 2. Public Employee Appointment; 3. Employee Resignation/Retirement; 4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Transfer; 5. Conference with Labor Negotiator; 6. Pupil Personnel.

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION:**

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:13 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

President Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He stated that Board Member Minton suffered a heart attack and that he was at home and doing well. Please remember Board Member in your prayers.

**REPORTING OUT OF
CLOSED SESSION
ACTION:**

Superintendent McKinney reported no action taken in closed session. He indicated that the Board would be going back into closed session at the end of the meeting.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA
& CONSENT
LIST:**

Consent Agenda Items #10.8.2 Approval of Agreement with Northwest Capital Recovery Group; #10.8.5 Approval of 2008-09 Agreement Between the Hesperia Unified School District and the AVID Center; #10.8.6 Creation of Six (6) New Food Service Worker Positions; #10.8.8 Ratification of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with HTA were pulled from the agenda.

On MSC (H. Rogers, Black) Vote:4-0, The agenda and Consent List were approved as amended.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

Board Member Helen Rogers stated that she submitted corrections to the Minutes of March 10, 2008 to the Board Secretary.

On MSC (L. Rogers, H. Rogers) Vote: 4-0, The Minutes of March 10, 2008 Regular Board meeting and March 22, 2008 Special Board Meeting were approved as amended.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

**UPDATE ON
CYPRESS ACADEMY:**

Scott Sheffield, Principal, gave an update on our first Choice School. He indicated that it was an easy transition because of the support of the District office and all sites. Four informational meetings were held at four different times. The sessions were well attended with approximately 100-200 people at each location. 475 students are currently enrolled with 47 being new to the District.

FACILITY UPDATE:

George Landon, Asst. Superintendent/Business Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on Facility projects.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Superintendent McKinney recognized Mark Zeismer, Teacher at Sultana HS and his "Green Schools" students. Joelle Hood, Austin Finch and Rick Efting, gave a presentation on a workshop they attended entitled "Effective Intervention Strategies for Chronically Disruptive Students" as requested by the Board.

**BOARD MEMBER'S
REPORT:**

Board Vice President Ella "Lee" Rogers reported on the following:

- She met with teachers and the WASC team at Sultana HS
- She met with District School Liaison Team last week

Board Clerk Hardy Black reported on the following:

- He attended Hesperia HS Career Day
- Attended Tri-Agency Meeting with Park & Rec and the City of Hesperia
- He attended 4.0 Dinner at Sultana HS
- He attended Mirus Charter School preliminary WASC team visit

**BOARD MEMBER'S
REPORT:
(Continued)**

Board Member Helen Rogers reported on the following:

- She wished Board Member Bruce Minton a complete and speedy recovery
- She expressed concern with the report from the County Superintendent of Schools indicating that this was the first time the District has received a negative Financial report
- She attended Sultana HS Above & Beyond Awards Ceremony of April 9
- Congratulated Ray Antonio Zuniga and Olivia Puckett, Science Fair Finalists in the District
- She acknowledged Hesperia HS Varsity Team for being honored by CIF So. Section. The team ranked 9th out of 1,500 teams

President Kirk reported on the following:

- He attended the 4.0 Dinner at Sultana HS
- Visited Kingston Elementary (Ms. Green, Ms. Triska and Mr. Apodaca's class)

**HEARING FROM THE
AUDIENCE:**

President Kirk again read the statement inviting the general public to address the School Board regarding matters on the agenda and other matters within the jurisdiction of the Board.

The following addressed the Board:

1. Charles Roedell, Apple Valley resident. Topic: Free Speech
2. Patsy Foisy, resident. Topic: Kindergarten classes
3. Johnny Griffin, resident. Topic: Encore High School

ACTION:

**10.3
APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVERS FOR
JULIE HARRISON
AND SUSAN RAUMA:**

On MSC (H. Rogers, L. Rogers) Vote: 4-0, The Variable Term Waivers for Julie Harrison to work as a Language, Speech and Hearing Teacher, Grades K-12 for the period May 1, 2008 through May 1, 2009 and Susan Rauma to work as a Language, Speech and Hearing Teacher, Grades K-12 for the period April 1, 2008 through April 1, 2009, were approved as submitted.

10.4
AWARD OF KRYSTAL
ELEMENTARY BID:

On MSC (L. Rogers, H. Rogers) Vote: 4-0, The construction bid for Krystal Elementary in the amount of \$13,497,000.00 was awarded to Parkwest Construction as the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. The Board authorized the Superintendent or Asst. Superintendent of Business Services to enter into an agreement and sign all contracts and documents, including any change orders relating to the Project. The Board further requested that change orders be brought to the Board.

10.5
DISCUSSION/ACTION –
APPROVAL OF
RECOMMENDATION
TO MOVE SIXTH
GRADERS BACK TO
TOPAZ ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL:

On MSC (L. Rogers, H. Rogers) Vote 4-0, As a result of the Cypress Academy informational meetings, 75 students from Topaz have registered for the new Choice School opening up rooms for the 6th graders to return to their home school for the 08/09 school year. Therefore, the moving of sixth graders back to Topaz Elementary School for the 08/09 school year, was approved as submitted.

10.6
DISCUSSION/ACTION –
APPROVAL OF
ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION PLAN:

Mrs. Jovy Yankaskas, Asst. Superintendent-Educational Services, presented a PowerPoint Presentation reviewing two (2) plans – Advanced Path Academies and Hesperia Unified School District for Alternative Education.

On MSC (L. Rogers, Black) Vote 4-0, The Board approved Option #2 HUSD Blended Plan Alternative Ed Model presented by Mrs. Yankaskas.

10.7
DISCUSSION/ACTION –
APPROVAL OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SCHOOL INNOVATIONS
& ADVOCACY AND
THE HESPERIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
THE 2008/09 SCHOOL
YEAR:

On MSC (H. Rogers, Black) Vote 4-0, The Agreement between School Innovations & Advocacy and the Hesperia Unified School District to provide professional development/staff training, attendance letter production, case mgmt for habitually absent students and attendance data analysis and reporting for the 08/09 school year was approved as submitted. The Board also requested a report at the end of the 08/09 school year (May 09) on the efficiency of this program.

CONSENT LIST

10.8.1

**APPROVAL OF
CONFERENCE REPORT:**

On MSC (H. Rogers, Black) Vote: 4-0, Conference Report No. 07/08-16 was approved as submitted.

10.8.2

**APPROVAL OF
AGREEMENT WITH
NORTHWEST CAPITAL
RECOVERY GROUP:**

Board Member Black requested this be pulled due to concerns. He presumed that there would not be much going on with misreadings. He also felt that this would hurt our Green Schools Program.

Board Member Black made a motion to table Consent Item 10.8.2 Approval of Agreement with Northwest Capital Recovery Group to allow Mr. Landon, Asst. Superintendent, Business Services to contact said vendor about analyzing the District's utility bills only and not identify strategies for saving money. The motion was seconded by Board Member L. Rogers and carried 4-0.

10.8.3

**APPROVAL AND
ACCEPTANCE OF THE
WILLIAMS UNIFORM
COMPLAINT REPORT
FOR THE QUARTER
ENDING 3/31/08:**

On MSC (H. Rogers, Black) Vote: 4-0, The Williams Uniform Complaint Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2008, was accepted as submitted.

10.8.4

**APPROVAL OF TWO-
YEAR APPOINTMENTS
OF DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE DESERT/MOUNTAIN
SPECIAL EDUCATION
LOCAL PLAN AREA
(SELPA) COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

On MSC (H. Rogers, Black) Vote: 4-0, The two-year appointment of Mrs. LaShane Arnett and Mrs. Bonnie Ebright as District representatives to the Desert/Mountain Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC), was approved as submitted.

10.8.5

**APPROVAL OF 2008/09
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE HESPERIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
THE AVID CENTER:**

President Kirk requested that this item be pulled from the agenda for discussion. Although he is in favor of the AVID program, he is concerned with putting more and more on teachers' plates.

On MSC (Kirk, L. Rogers) Vote 4-0, Approval of the 08/09 Agreement Between the Hesperia Unified School District and the AVID Center was postponed to the May 19, 2008 Board/Facilities Meeting allowing staff to meet with interested parties to answer questions.

10.8.6

**CREATION OF SIX (6)
NEW FOOD SERVICE
WORKER POSITIONS:**

Board Member Black requested that this item be pulled from the agenda for discussion. In light of the letter that Board Member Lee Rogers referred to from the County Superintendent of Schools, Board Member Black would like to table all expenditures until after the 3rd Interim Report is completed bringing this back at the end of May or June.

Superintendent McKinney indicated that this could certainly be done. He added that the creation of the six (6) positions were from Food Services funding and no impact to the General Fund.

Board Member Black made a motion to delay the creation of the six (6) new Food Service Worker Positions until the 3rd Interim budget has been submitted to the County and requested that the positions be brought back at the first meeting in June. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lee Rogers and carried on a vote of 3-1 (Ayes: Black, Kirk, L. Rogers; Noes: H. Rogers).

10.8.7

**APPROVAL OF \$500
ABOVE & BEYOND
MERIT AWARD:**

On MSC (H. Rogers, Black) Vote: 4-0, The Above & Beyond Merit Award to Cross-Country Coach John Mahr in the amount of \$500 as recommended by the Merit Awards Committee, was approved as submitted.

10.8.8

**RATIFICATION OF
PROPOSED
COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT:**

Board Member Helen Rogers requested that this item be pulled from the agenda for discussion. She called attention to the fact that she did not see any changes from the last contract and that usually changes are identified in italics.

Superintendent McKinney replied that the Tentative Agreement with changes in italics were provided to the membership, however, he would make note to also provide this format to the Board.

On MSC (H. Rogers, L. Rogers) Vote: 4-0, The Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Hesperia Unified School District and HTA was approved as submitted with the caveat that all future changes be italicized or underlined.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE
BOARD MEETINGS:**

The Board had no items for future Board meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Hesperia Unified School District Board of Trustees will be held on May 5, 2008 at the Hesperia Administration & Educational Support Center (AESC) Annex, 15576 Main Street, Hesperia.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss:

- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
- PUPIL PERSONNEL

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:25 p.m.

REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION: Superintendent McKinney reported the following action taken in closed session:

On MSC (Black, H. Rogers) Vote: 4-0, Pupil Personnel Report No. 2007/08-11 was approved as submitted.

On MSC (L. Rogers, Black) Vote: 4-0, Personnel Report No. 2007/08-17 & 18 was approved as submitted.

On MSC (Kirk, L. Rogers) Vote: 4-0, The appointment of Karen Kelly as Asst. Superintendent, Personnel and Mike Graham as Chief of Police, were approved as recommended.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED: May 19, 2008