

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COTATI-ROHNERT PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –APRIL 8, 2008

President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM in the Creekside Middle School Presentation Hall, 5154 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park.

Call to Order

There was no community input regarding closed session agenda items.

Community Input -Closed Session Agenda

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, 54957, and 3549.1 the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:41 PM.

Adjournment to Closed Session

Trustees in attendance for Closed Session were George Steffensen, Karyn Pulley, Leffler Brown, and Ed Gilardi. Eric Kirchmann was absent.

Trustees in Attendance for Closed Session

The meeting was reconvened to Public Session at 7:20 PM, by Board President Brown.

Meeting Reconvened to Public Session

The following Closed Session Action was taken:
On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Steffensen, Trustees voted 4-0 to place a certificated employee on administrative leave.

Closed Session Action

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Gilardi Trustees voted 4-0 to issue a 45 day notice of unprofessional conduct.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Salute to the Flag

Trustees in attendance for Public Session were George Steffensen, Karyn Pulley, Leffler Brown and Ed Gilardi. Eric Kirchmann was absent.

Trustees in Attendance

Student Members Joseph Silveira, Kacie Lesky and Deanna Allen were absent.

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Superintendent Vrankovich noted that items 12-D-3 and 12-D-4 appear with a typographical error in the disposition, explaining that when the order of the items were changed, the disposition of "ACTION" and DISCUSSION" were not changed with the items. The items themselves appear correctly.

Agenda Amended and Adopted

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Steffensen, Trustees voted 4-0 to amend the agenda with the correct dispositions for item 12-D-3 as a DISCUSSION item, and 12-D-4 as an ACTION item, and with the Closed Session Agenda Amendment of 4/4/08. The adoption included the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Sessions
March 11, 2008

Minutes

Personnel Action Report 0708-10a (Certificated)

Certificated PAR

Personnel Action Report 0708-10b (Classified)

Classified PAR

Approval/Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Requests

Interdistricts

Commercial Warrant Registers

Warrant Registers

Intrabudget Transfers

IBTs

Non-Public School Agency Individual Service Contracts for Specialized Instructional Aides for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0146)

Special Education

Non-Public School Individual Services Contract for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-147)

Non-Public School Individual Services Contract for Special Education Students (Case # 0708-SP-0148)

Non-Public School Individual Services Contract for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0149)

Non-Public School Agency Individual Service Contracts for O.T. Services for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0142-0145)

Non-Public School Agency Individual Service Contract for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0150 & 0151)

Filed Williams Complaints for the January-March Quarter of 2008

Williams Complaints
Quarter January -March

Local Board Certification of Athletic Coaches

Local Board Certification

Student Expulsion Case #0708-029-SE

Student Discipline

Student Expulsion Case #0708-030-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-031-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-032-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-033-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-034-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-035-SD

Student Expulsion Case #0708-036-SD

California Children's Services Lease of Rooms P-2 and P-5 at Thomas Page Elementary School for the 2007-2008 School Year

CA Children's Services
Lease

Exercise Contract Renewal for Transportation Services to Laidlaw Transit, Inc., Doing Business as First Student

Contract Renewal for
Laidlaw Transit Inc.

Research Project Proposal for School Psychologists

Research Project Proposal

There were no Board Recognitions, presentations or awards.

Board Recognitions,
Presentations, Awards

There were no student members' reports.

Student Member(s)
Report(s)

President Brown reported that he received a letter from Gold Ridge Teachers.

Correspondence

There was no community input on non-agendized items.

Community Input- Non
Agendized Item

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the first reading to adopt the Delta Education Full Option Science System (FOSS) Series for Students in Grades K through 5.

First Reading to Adopt the Delta Education FOSS Series

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the first reading to adopt the Retail Co-Op Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

First Reading to Adopt Retail Co-Op Course for Rancho Cotate HS

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve first reading to adopt the Auto Body Repair and Paint – Advanced Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

First Reading to Adopt Auto Body Repair and Paint for RCHS

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Steffensen, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the first reading to adopt the Geometry Course for Rancho Cotate High School. Assistant Superintendent Eagan noted that a correction will be made on the second reading of the course to mark *YES* that the course is UC Approved.

First Reading to Adopt Geometry Course for RCHS

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the first reading to adopt the textbook *World of Chemistry* by McDougal Littell Publishers for the Chemistry A/B Course at Rancho Cotate High School.

First Reading to Adopt the Textbook *World of Chemistry*

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the first reading to adopt the textbook *Chemistry, Seventh Edition*, by Houghton Mifflin Publishers for the AP Chemistry Course at Rancho Cotate High School.

First Reading to Adopt the *Chemistry, Seventh Edition*

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the first reading to adopt the textbook *The Nature of Mathematics, 11th Edition* by Thomson/Brooks/Cole Publishers for the Discrete Mathematics Course at Rancho Cotate High School.

First Reading to Adopt *The Nature of Mathematics 11th Edition*

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve offer of early retirement incentive program to eligible unit members of Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1021.

Offer of Early Retirement Incentive - SEIU

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve first reading to adopt revised Administrative Regulation 4261: Personal Illness and Injury Leave.

First Reading to Adopt Revised AR 4261

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the first reading to adopt revised Administrative Regulation 4150.2/4250.2 and Renumber to 4162.2/4261.2/4361.2.

First Reading to Adopt Revised AR 4150.2/4250.2 and Renumber to 4162.2/4261.2/4361.2

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve short term employment to assist in summer cleaning and summer moves.

Short Term Employment for Summer Cleaning and Moves

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted to adopt Resolution 0708-23 Eliminating or Reducing Certain Positions in the Classified Service and Directing the Layoff of the Classified Employees Occupying Said Positions, by the following roll call vote:

Resolution 0708-23

Trustee Brown	YES
Trustee Gilardi	YES
Trustee Kirchmann	ABSENT
Trustee Pulley	YES
Trustee Steffensen	YES

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Steffensen, Trustees voted to adopt Resolution 0708-24 Eliminating or Reducing Certain Positions in the Classified Service and Directing the Layoff of the Classified Employees Occupying Said Positions, by the following roll call vote:

Resolution 0708-24

Trustee Brown	YES
Trustee Gilardi	YES
Trustee Kirchmann	ABSENT
Trustee Pulley	YES
Trustee Steffensen	YES

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve receipt of 2007-2008 Reopeners from California School Employees Association, Chapter 645 (CSEA).

2007-2008 Reopeners from CSEA (Chapter 645)

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees approved the Change Order #5 for Rancho Cotate High School Auto Body Project #05036.00, in the amount of a \$10,494.00 decrease to the contract.

Change Order # 5 Auto Body Project

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees approved Change Order #5 for Rancho Cotate High School Stadium Project #06049.00, in the amount of \$4868.33.

Change Order #5 for Stadium Project

With regard to item 12-D-3, "Consider Discussion of Rancho Cotate High School Stadium Expected Completion Date, Opening Ceremonies, and Future Usage Parameters," Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, Ken Spencer reported on the following:

RCHS Stadium Discussion

- The final details of the stadium should be complete by the end of this month.
- The opening ceremonies will be scheduled for the early part of May upon completion. The District Office will coordinate with the various Rancho Cotate High School groups that have expressed interest in participating in the ceremonies. Starting time for the event will be 5:00 PM so students, staff, parents, and members of the community can attend.
- There have been increasing problems with unauthorized users gaining access to the field. The potential for injury during the construction and the miscellaneous garbage, animal feces, and tire marks that are being left on the turf are presenting a need for the district to look at increased security at the stadium as well as districtwide to decrease vandalism.
- The first year of use, 08/09, will be a 'break-in' period for the stadium and will be limited to NCS and CIF events that have been authorized by the district. The district will use this period to monitor the usage and maintenance required to help determine an appropriate fee schedule for usage. The fee schedule and parameters for usage will be brought to the Board in 2009.

Trustee Gilardi asked that Pop Warner and any other groups that had access to the old field be notified, if they have not already been, about the limited usage of the new stadium. He also asked that the district be sure to invite both Cotati and Rohnert Park chambers of commerce, city councils and managers, Rotary, and 20/30 Club to the opening ceremony in early May.

Trustee Brown expressed his disappointment that some people have been attempting to use the field unauthorized and leaving behind their garbage. He also suggested that the district look at building in the cost of replacement after the 10 or so year life expectancy of the artificial turf into the fee schedule.

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve the sale, disposal, auction, or donation of surplus district equipment.

Surplus District Equipment

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Steffensen, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve gifts and donations to schools and district.

Gifts and Donations

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 4-0 to approve date change for the Regular Board Meeting from May 6, 2008 to May 13, 2008.

Date Change for May Board Meeting

Superintendent Vrankovich reported on the following:

Superintendent's Report

- Things have been quiet since Spring Break

Leffler Brown

Board Communication
Other Reports

- County Education Coalition Budget Summit breakfast April 25
- Attending the Parent Palooza on April 12

Ed Gilardi

- Attended the California Democrat Convention
- Requested information about the number of students who passed the CASHEE be brought to the next board meeting

Other Reports:

Other Reports

- Enrollment Report Summary- CFO J. Wade Roach reported that some parents who said they were leaving the district after the 2 school closures have notified his office that they would like to come back and stay in our district
- Interdistrict Report
- Update of Draft Timeline and Proposed Activities and Actions Related to Declining Enrollment and Potential School Closure(s) – Superintendent Vrankovich noted additions to March and April timeline and the start school date of Sept. 2. She noted that student placements should be done by April 23 which moves up the date for postings of vacancies for La Fiesta and Gold Ridge teacher placements to April 28.

There being no further business Board President Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Leffler Brown, Board President

Barbara Vrankovich, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLOSED SESSION MEETING (AMENDED 4/4/08) ACTIONS

Governing Board Meeting Held (Date, Time, Location): April 8, 2008 7:20 PM, Creekside Middle School Presentation Hall, Rohnert Park. Closed Session was held at 6:41 PM.

- a. With respect to a closed session held pursuant to Section 54956.7:

LICENSE/PERMIT DETERMINATION

Number of Applicant(s):

Action Taken:

- b. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property(Address, Parcel #, Other ID):

Under negotiation (Check one): Price Terms of Payment Both

Action Taken:

- c. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9:

CONSIDERATION OF ADVICE FROM COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO - EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of case (Claimant's name, names of parties, case or claim numbers):

Action Taken:

or Case name unspecified (Check one): Disclosure would jeopardize:

service of process or existing settlement negotiations

Action Taken:

CONSIDERATION OF ADVICE FROM COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9

Specify number of cases:

Action Taken:

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9

Specify number of potential cases: ONE

Action Taken: NONE

- d. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.95:

LIABILITY CLAIMS

Name of Claimant (s) (Unless unspecified pursuant to Section 54961):

Action Taken:

- e. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957:

THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Name/Title of Law Enforcement Officer consulted with:

Action Taken:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Title(Description of position to be filled):

Action Taken:

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title(Description of position to be filled):

Action Taken:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title(Position title of employee being reviewed):

Discipline Action Taken Against Employee:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/ RELEASE

Discipline Action Taken Against Employee: On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Steffensen, Trustees voted 4-0 to place a certificated employee on administrative leave.

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Gilardi Trustees voted 4-0 to issue a 45 day notice of unprofessional conduct.

f. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Name of Agency Negotiator:

Name of organization representing employee:

Action Taken:

or Position title of unrepresented employee who is subject of negotiations:

Action Taken:

h. With respect to every item of business discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54962 and Sections 1461, 32106, and 32155 of the Health and Safety Code or Sections 37606 and 37624.3 of the Government Code:

REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET

Discussion will concern (Check all that apply): proposed new service; new program; new facility

Estimated date of public disclosure (Month and Year):

Action Taken:

i. With respect to closed sessions pursuant to Section 49070 (c) of the Education Code:

PARENT CHALLENGE TO CONTENT OF PUPIL RECORDS

Decision to deny parent challenge sustained.

Decision to deny parent challenge overturned

j. With respect to every item of business discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 3549.1:

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION

Action Taken: NONE

k. With respect to closed sessions pursuant to Section 48912 of the Education Code:

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT SUSPENSION OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION - NOT EXPULSION

Action Taken:

l. With respect to every item of business discussed in closed session pursuant to Education Code Section 48918(c):

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION

Action Taken:

m. With respect to every item of business discussed in closed session pursuant to Education Code Section 35146

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT MATTER-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INVOLVED

Action Taken:

Respectfully submitted,

Leffler Brown, Board President

Barbara Vrankovich, Secretary