

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COTATI-ROHNERT PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –MARCH 11, 2008

President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 6:01 PM.

Adjournment to Closed Session

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

Trustees in Attendance for Closed Session

The meeting was reconvened to Public Session at 7:12 PM, by Board President Brown.

Meeting Reconvened to Public Session

The following Closed Session Action was taken:
On a motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Gilardi the Board voted 5-0 to adopt Resolution 0708-19 of Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees and authorize the District Superintendent or her Designee to notify employees that said employees will not be reemployed in a certificated position within the Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District for the 2008-09 school year.

Closed Session Action

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Salute to the Flag

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

Trustees in Attendance

Student Members Joseph Silveira, and Kacie Lesky were present. Student Member Lesky was seated with the Board. Student Member Allen was absent.

Superintendent Vrankovich requested that item 14-21, “Consider Approval of Student Expulsion Case #0708-027-SE,” be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to Closed Session following the Public Board Meeting. On a motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Steffensen, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the agenda with the Closed Session Agenda Amendment of 3/7/08. The adoption included the following Consent Agenda items:

Agenda Amended and Adopted

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of February 5, 2008; the Special Meeting for Public Hearing on February 19, 2008; and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2008

Minutes

Personnel Action Report 0708-9a (Certificated)

Certificated PAR

Personnel Action Report 0708-9b (Classified)

Classified PAR

Approval/Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Requests

Interdistricts

Commercial Warrant Registers

Warrant Registers

Intrabudget Transfers

IBTs

Non-Public School Individual Services Contract for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0119)

Special Education

Non-Public School Master Contract and Individual Contracts for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0127-0130)

Non-Public School Master Contract and Individual Contracts for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0126)

Non-Public School Individual Services Contract for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0105-0106, 0120 & 0141)

Non-Public School Master Contract and Individual Contracts for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0113& 0125)

Non-Public School Agency Individual Service Contracts for Specialized Instructional Aides for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0108-0112 & 0118)

Non-Public Agency Individual Service Contracts for O.T. Services for Special Education Students (Case #0708-SP-0114- 0117; 0121-0124 & 0131-0140)

Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District's Bilingual Tester Waiver Bilingual Tester Waiver

Submission of the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application Form, Fiscal Year 2008-09 CBET Form

Student Expulsion Case #0708-022-SE Student Discipline

Student Expulsion Case #0708-023-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-024-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-025-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-026-SE

Student Expulsion Case #0708-028-SD

Agreement Between Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District and Sonoma State University for Use of Athletic Fields at Rancho Cotate High School (excluding Cougar Stadium) Agreement with SSU

Rental Agreement Between Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District and UHS-Keystone for Use of Facilities at La Fiesta Elementary School Site Agreement with Keystone

Agreement Between Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District and Eagle Software for the Aeries Student Information System Aeries Agreement

Agreement Between Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District and Centration to Provide Services for State Mandated Costs Claims Centration Agreement

Legal Contract with Jarvis Fay & Doportto LLP Legal Contract

File Notice of Completion for Phase 1 of Rancho Cotate High School Stadium Project #06049.00 Notice of Completion

Rancho Cotate High School Students of the Month for January - Kyle Jackson and Megan Hassler, and February - Drew Silveri and Kara Cunningham were introduced by Principal Williams.

Board Recognitions,
Presentations, Awards

Creekside Middle School Student, Husna Hadi, recited her persuasive speech on “The Importance of the Space Program,” and CMS student Corey Hunt recited his speech on “Huckleberry Finn's Cure for Warts.” These students’ speeches were part of the the St. Vincent De Paul Annual Speech and Debate Tournament that recently took place in Petaluma.

Kacie Lesky, student representative from Rancho Cotate High School, reported on the following:

Student Member(s)
Report(s)

- *Jungle Fever* Rally
- Recent Band competition
- Assisting with Senior Citizens Dance
- Spring break coming soon
- Annual Unity Week events planned

Joseph Silveira, student representative from Technology High School, reported on the following:

- Robotics Club has two competitions coming up this month – one in San Jose and another at UC Davis
- Majority of the senior class visited SRJC to gain information about Fall enrollment
- Extended an invitation to the Board and Superintendent to attend the Science Fair Showcase on Wednesday, March 12, 5-7 PM

Student representative Kacie Lesky departed the meeting at 7:35 PM.

There was no correspondence reported.

Correspondence

The following individual addressed the Board on a non-agendized item.

Community Input- Non
Agendized Item

- Mark Galipeau, RPCEA President

The Board conducted a public hearing in Receipt of Board’s 2007-2008 Reopeners to Service Employees International Union Local 1021 (S.E.I.U.). The hearing was opened at 7:40 PM and closed at 7:41 PM. There was no public comment.

Public Hearing

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the Earth Science Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

Second Reading and Adoption of the Earth Science Course

On the motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the Biology 1 A/B Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

Second Reading and Adoption of Bio 1 A/B Course

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve second reading and adoption of the AP Biology Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

Second Reading and Adoption of AP Biology Course

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Kirchmann, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the Biology 2: Anatomy and Physiology Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

Second Reading and Adoption of the Anatomy/Physiology Course

On the motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the second reading and adoption the Biology 2: Biology and Beyond Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

Second Reading and Adoption of the Bio & Beyond Course

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of the Pre-Algebra Course for Rancho Cotate High School.

Second Reading and Adoption of the Pre-Algebra Course

On a motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Kirchmann, Trustees adopted Resolution 0708-20 Designating an Alternative Holiday in Lieu of a Regular Holiday, by the following roll call vote:

Resolution 0708-20

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

With regard to item 12-C-2, "Consider Approval of School Calendars for 2008-09," Superintendent Vrankovich noted that an error was found on the 9-12 calendar after the agenda was posted. The calendar was corrected to reflect the end of quarter date on January 22, with a teacher work day on January 23. On the motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve the School Calendars for 2008-09, as amended.

School Calendars for 2008-09

On the motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted to adopt Resolution 0708-21 in the Matter of Non-Reemployment of Temporary (or Probationary) Certificated Employees, by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution 0708-21

On the motion by Trustee Gilardi and second by Trustee Steffensen, Trustees voted to adopt Resolution 0708-22 in the Matter of Reduction or Discontinuance of Certain Particular Kinds of Services for the 2008-09 School Year, by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution 0708-22

On the motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve Opening of Window Period for Golden Handshake Retirement for California School Employees Association, Chapter 645 (CSEA).

Golden Handshake Window

On the motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve Change Order #4 for Rancho Cotate High School Stadium Project #06049.00, in the amount of \$125,807.69.

Change Order #4 for RCHS Stadium Project

On the motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted to adopt Resolution 0708-18 Regarding Federal and/or State Funding for Certain Transportation Projects Through the California Department of Transportation, by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution 0708-18

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Kirchmann, Trustees voted 5-0 to award contract for architectural services between Quattrocchi Kwok Architects, Inc., and Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District for Thomas Page Elementary School, for the fixed amount of \$26,800.

Award Contract for TP
Architectural Services to
QKA

With regard to item 12-D-4, "Consider Approval of Second Interim Report as of January 31, 2008," CFO J. Wade Roach presented a PowerPoint highlighting updates to the 2007-08 budget and planning for a fiscal crisis in 2008. To address the Governor's Budget proposal which would bring a \$1.4 million shortfall next year, in addition to projected continued declining enrollment, the following budget adjustments have been made with the second interim report:

Second Interim Report

- transferring the balance of Fund 17 to partially cover deficit
- closure of 2 elementary schools (Gold Ridge and La Fiesta)
- Reductions in Technology infrastructure support
- Reductions in services and supplies
- Reduction of six positions at the District Office or Districtwide
- Increase in staffing ratios Gr. 4- 12

On the motion by Trustee Steffensen and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees voted 5-0 to approve second interim report as of January 31, 2008.

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

Gifts and Donations

On the motion by Trustee Kirchmann and second by Trustee Gilardi, Trustees adopted Resolution 0708-17 on the Governor's Proposed 2008-09 Budget, by the following roll call vote:

Resolution 0708-17

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

The following individual addressed the Board on this topic:

- Mark Galipeau, RPCEA President

On the motion by Trustee Brown and second by Trustee Pulley, Trustees voted 5-0 in support of Christina Kauk from Petaluma City Schools as representative to CSBA's Delegate Assembly.

Voting for CSBA
Delegate Assembly Rep

Superintendent Vrankovich reported on the following:

- The district website has a new link developed by Peter Chen of the IT department that allows parents to find their school of attendance in the district by typing in a home address.
- Rancho Cotate HS band was very successful at a Northern California competition this weekend where the Drumline took 3rd place and the Color Guard took 1st place. Credit goes to Band Director Tim Decker.
- The MSMS Band visited several elementary schools and the District Office today to give performances
- The architects who have designed the addition of portables at Evergreen Elementary provided renderings of what they will look like. They have been posted on the district website.
- MV Distinguished School Validation visit on Friday
- 6th grade student at Mountain Shadows MS, Daniel Grubb, is going to the State Geography Bee
- Attended the March 1 SCAYD Dinner where Trustee Karyn Pulley received a Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteering

Superintendent's Report

George Steffensen

- Attended Ed Foundation Sharing of the Green Auction
- Attended the March 1 SCAYD dinner and judged the SCAYD community awards presented that evening; some new names of volunteers coming forward to be recognized.

Board Communication
Other Reports

Eric Kirchmann

- Fundraisers such as Santa Rosa's Schools Plus telethon that has occurred annually until this year

Ed Gilardi

- Music Boosters event
- According to the Press Democrat article on the So. Cty Winter Food & Fund Drive, Rancho Cotate High School had the largest donation of food from any organization, including many businesses- 11,044 lbs.
- Reviewed discussions from the Washington DC trip where he was part of delegation from California that represented districts to address legislators on education issues

Karyn Pulley

- Attended Monte Vista Dr. Seuss' birthday night
- Attended SCAYD volunteer awards dinner

Leffler Brown

- Attended Education Foundation's Sharing of Green event
- Attended the California Middle Schools luncheon to accept a plaque of recognition presented to the Cotati-Rohnert Park School Board
- Ideas for Board retreat on April 22- "Who we work for? What we do?"; Sonoma Business Journal showcasing schools

Other Reports:

- Enrollment Report Summary- CFO J. Wade Roach reported that we are down 23 students from last month; stable at MS level
- Interdistrict Report
- Update of Draft Timeline and Proposed Activities and Actions Related to Declining Enrollment and Potential School Closure(s)

Other Reports

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:00 PM pursuant to Government Code Section 48918, to address item 14-21, "Consider Approval of Student Expulsion Case #0708-027-SE."

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session

Board President Brown reconvened the meeting to Public Session at 9:25 PM. The following Closed Session Action was reported: On a motion by Trustee Gilardi, seconded by Trustee Kirchmann, the Board voted 5-0 that student # 0708-027-SE be expelled from the District through January 22, 2009, for violation of Education Code Sections 48900.2 and 48900(k).

Reconvened to Public Session/Closed Session Action

There being no further business Board President Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Leffler Brown, Board President

Barbara Vrankovich, Secretary

MINUTES ADOPTED: March 11, 2008

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLOSED SESSION MEETING (AMENDED 3/7/08) ACTIONS

Governing Board Meeting Held (Date, Time, Location): March 11, 2008 7:05 PM, Creekside Middle School Presentation Hall, Rohnert Park. Closed Session was held at 6:31 PM and 9:00 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 a motion by Trustee Pulley and second by Trustee

Gilardi the Board voted 5-0 to adopt Resolution 0708-19 of Non-Reelection of Probationary

Certificated Employees and authorize the District Superintendent or her Designee to notify

employees that said employees will not be reemployed in a certificated position within the Cotati-

Rohnert Park Unified School District for the 2008-09 school year.

- 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: On a motion by Trustee Gilardi, seconded by Trustee Kirchmann, the Board voted 5-0 that student # 0708-027-SE be expelled from the District through January 22, 2009, for violation of Education Code Sections 48900.2 and 48900(k).
- 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