

**CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM – 14901 S. INGLEWOOD AVENUE, LAWNSDALE  
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING --- JANUARY 10, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Vision Statement**

The Centinela Valley Union High School District is committed to providing an educational environment in which all students succeed. Students will be prepared to meet the challenges of higher education and the future demands of a modern technological society.

Board president **Gloria Ramos** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Acting Superintendent **La Tanya Kirk-Carter** led the flag salute.

Roll Call:

**Board Members**

Gloria A. Ramos, President  
Sandra C. Suarez, Vice-President  
Rocio Pizano, Clerk  
Rudy Salas, Member  
Francisco M. Talavera, Member

**Staff**

La Tanya Kirk-Carter, Acting Superintendent  
Marlene M. Pitchford, Director, Human Resources

**1. AGENDA**

A motion was made by **Salas** to table item 3A (Closed Session: Personnel)

Motion: **Salas**

Second: **Talavera**

Vote: **2-3 (Pizano, Suarez, Ramos)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Francisco Talavera – aye**  
**Rocio Pizano – nay**  
**Sandra Suarez – nay**  
**Rudy Salas – aye**  
**Gloria Ramos – nay**

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Motion: **Suarez**

Second: **Pizano**

Vote: **3-2 (Salas, Talavera)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Rudy Salas – nay**  
**Sandra Suarez – aye**  
**Rocio Pizano – aye**  
**Francisco Talavera – nay**  
**Gloria Ramos – aye**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Leona Rowland**, Hawthorne parent, addressed Board with concerns that Hawthorne H.S. has two cheerleading squads, one of which is for only Hispanic students. Believes students should be integrated, thought segregation had ended a long time ago. She was also informed that the Board paid for the Hispanic students' uniforms.

**Alex Monteiro**, Hawthorne resident & taxpayer, addressed Board with concerns regarding Board meetings start time, short notice for meetings – not enough time to inform public. He asked the Board to set a monthly schedule so the public may be informed.

3. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The board recessed to **CLOSED SESSION** at 4:15 p.m. in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 regarding:

A) **PERSONNEL**

Public Employment/Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation - Government Code, § 54957

Public Employee Appointment: Interim Superintendent

B) **ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (b), the Board will consider potential significant exposure to litigation:

1 case

C) **PENDING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a), the Board will consider:

1) Cal City Construction, Inc.. v. Centinela Valley Union High School District, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case Number BC364167

4. **RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The board reconvened to **PUBLIC SESSION** at 6:35 p.m. to make disclosures of action taken in closed session as required by Government Code Sections 54957.7 and 54957.1.

No action taken.

5. **PRESENTATION**

A) **Presentation on Facilities**

Board received information from **La Tanya Kirk-Carter**, Asst. Supt., Business Services, regarding the debilitated condition of school sites.

B) **Presentation on Update of District Finances**

Board received information from **Caroline Larson**, Consultant, Vavrinek, Trine & Day, regarding the serious current financial state of the District.

6. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

**Tyree Brown**, Hawthorne parent, voiced concerns regarding racial labeling towards flyers circulating Hawthorne’s campus regarding cheerleaders.

**Mariel Rubio**, Hawthorne parent, addressed board regarding follow-up to Williams Complaints sent to District and Board. She feels the recent results from the county validate her concerns and was encouraged by the Daily Breeze article in which the Board President, Gloria Ramos, was quoted stating that the board was going to do walk-through’s of the campuses. She feels that the board has to be held accountable.

7. ITEMS FROM CSEA, CHAPTER 47

None

8. ITEMS FROM CVSTA/CTA

**Jack Foreman**, CVSTA President, after hearing financial and facilities presentations he feels that he was at a union meeting, not a board meeting. The union has been complaining about the same issues for years. He is happy to know we finally have people here who are willing to address these issues.

9. ITEMS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

None

10. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board member **Francisco Talavera** welcomed everyone. He wanted to know when the Williams’ walk-through had occurred which Ms. Rubio had referred to.

*(Assistant Superintendent La Tanya Kirk-Carter responded to Mr. Talavera’s inquiry. She clarified that the county performs scheduled Williams’ visits as well as surprise visits. Mr. Ferron is the contact person when the Williams’ staff visits our campuses. The walkthrough quoted in the Daily Breeze referred to the board doing a walkthrough of school campuses.)*

Board president **Gloria Ramos** addressed issue of walkthrough. She and Mrs. Suarez did a walk-through on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The conditions were very shocking. The district has dire issues. She ran on the platform of change. The district needs positive change.

11. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A) **Authorize Board President to Execute Agreement for the Employment of an Interim Superintendent**

Item was Tabled until after second closed session.

Motion: **Ramos**

Second: **Pizano**

Vote: **5-0**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Francisco Talavera – aye**

**Rocio Pizano – aye**

**Gloria Ramos – aye**

**Sandra Suarez – aye**

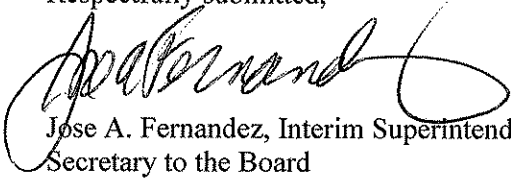
**Rudy Salas – aye**



14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jose A. Fernandez".

Jose A. Fernandez, Interim Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board

Board Approved: 1/22/08