

**CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM – 14901 S. INGLEWOOD AVENUE, LAWNSDALE
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING --- OCTOBER 23, 2007 –
Closed Session: 4:00 p.m., Open Session: 5:30 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.

President **Jorge Luis Arroyo** called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Board member **Rocio Pizano** led the flag salute.

Roll Call:

Board Members

Jorge Luis Arroyo, President
Rudy Salas, Vice-President
Francisco Talavera, Clerk
Rocio Pizano, Member
Rafael Ramirez, Member

Staff

Dr. Cheryl M. White, Superintendent
La Tanya Kirk-Carter, Asst. Supt., Business Services
Marlene M. Pitchford, Director, Human Resources

Board vice president **Rudy Salas** arrived at 4:45 p.m.

1. AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was approved with the following additions:

- Page 1 of skeleton, under Item 3, Pupil Personnel, A.3 – Recommendation for Stipulated Expulsion for ID #75842 was pulled.
- Page 3 of skeleton, under Item 11, Conference Session, A.14, added Ruby Cebreros and Danny Swearinger, Hawthorne High School, to attend Ed Fund Financial Aid Workshop in Long Beach, CA on November 13, 2007.

Motion: **Ramirez**

Second: **Talavera**

Vote: **4-0**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The board recessed to **CLOSED SESSION** at 4:09 p.m. in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 regarding:

A) PUPIL PERSONNEL

Education Code Section 48918 (c) (Expulsion)

- 1) Recommendation for Expulsion ID #78396
- 2) Recommendation for Stipulated Expulsion ID #83821
- 3) ~~Recommendation for Stipulated Expulsion ID #75842~~ *This item was pulled.*

B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

District negotiators: Steve Andelson, Esq.; Marlene Pitchford, Director, Human Resources
Employee organizations: CVSTA, CSEA and Unrepresented

C) PERSONNEL

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

D) ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

2 cases

4. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The board reconvened to **PUBLIC SESSION** at 5:30 p.m. to make disclosures of action taken in closed session, as required by Government Code Sections 54957.7 and 54957.1.

A) Pupil Personnel

1. On a motion by **Arroyo**, seconded by **Ramirez**, the board voted **4-0** to expel student #78396 for the rest of the 2007-2008 school year; however, he will be evaluated at the end of the first semester and considered for readmission for the second semester. If he meets all conditions of the expulsion order, he will be readmitted to Centinela Valley Union High School District second semester to a school other than Leuzinger.

2. On a motion by **Arroyo**, seconded by **Ramirez**, the board accepted staff recommendation for stipulated expulsion for ID No. 83821. (Vote: **4-0**)

B) Conference with Labor Negotiator

The board received information.

C) Personnel

The board received information.

D) Anticipated Litigation

The board did not have information or discussion on this item.

5. PRESENTATION

A) Presentation by Chip Hipkins, Toby Harwell, and Chris Perdue – Update on Instructional Programs Planned for Centinela Valley Center for the Arts

A progress report on instructional programs planned for Centinela Valley Center for the Arts was presented by chip Hipkins, teacher on assignment as Project Manager, Toby Harwell and Chris Perdue, Lawndale High School teachers. Mr. Hipkins reported that a Career Technical Education application was submitted to CDE in August 2007 for career technical education funding. The Centinela Valley Center for the Arts will be a career education facility and career technical education courses will be offered to students that will prepare them for college or have direct access to the work force: Lighting, Sound, Theatrical Stage Hand Technician, Drama, Music, and Box Office. Mr. Harwell announced that basic music courses will be offered, but will also have advanced classes such as Mariachi. Mr. Perdue looks forward to having an after-school program, districtwide, at the Adult School. *Dr. White announced that Mr. Harwell's and Mr. Perdue's classes will be moving into the new classrooms at the Performing Arts Center next Monday.*

B) PCM3 Monthly Report

Steve Bachor, PCM3 project director, presented PCM3's monthly update on the construction of the nearly-completed Centinela Valley Center for the Arts project, reporting the opening of the classrooms next Monday. A report was distributed to board members and the superintendent outlining the four phases of the Performing Arts Center construction.

6. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mariel Rubio, Hawthorne High School parent, spoke about restroom problems at Hawthorne High School and distributed copy of letters, photos, and uniform complaints to the board president and the superintendent.

7. **ITEMS FROM CVSTA/CTA**

None.

8. **ITEMS FROM CSEA, CHAPTER 47**

None.

9. **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Board member **Rocio Pizano** acknowledged the concern raised by Mariel Rubio regarding Hawthorne High School restrooms and requested the superintendent to look into the situation. Ms. Pizano commended Mr. Hipkins, Mr. Harwell, and Mr. Perdue for their enthusiasm for the instructional programs being offered at the Centinela Valley Center for the Arts and is very proud to see the various class offerings to students. She thanked Chip Hipkins, Toby Harwell, and Chris Perdue for their presentation, and also thanked Mr. Bachor for his construction update on the Performing Arts Center. Lastly, Ms. Pizano indicated that she will not be endorsing any candidate in the upcoming election.

Board member **Rafael Ramirez** thanked Ms. Rubio for her concern regarding the Hawthorne High School bathrooms. Mr. Ramirez was delighted to hear about the classes that will be offered at Lawndale High School and was also glad to hear about the district's getting refunds from the state. Mr. Ramirez was very happy and thanked PCM3 and the architects for their efforts in the long-awaited completion of the Performing Arts Center.

Board clerk **Francisco Talavera** welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Mr. Talavera thanked Ms. Rubio for addressing the restroom issue at Hawthorne High School and commented that we have an obligation to fix it. Mr. Talavera was excited about the developments on the Performing Arts Center and thanked the people who have expressed interest and concern for the community and also thanked Steve Bachor and the architects. Mr. Talavera announced the SCROC's 40th anniversary celebration on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 and also reported about the SCROC's grant for first year teachers and SCROC's retirement celebration for 5 employees.

Board vice president **Rudy Salas** expressed his appreciation for those attending the meeting and remarked that one phase of this meeting is to talk about the career technical education courses for students that will prepare them for college or getting their skills to get into the work force. He also expressed his thanks for receiving the Title I shirt commemorating Lawndale High School for its high academic achievement. Mr. Salas talked about getting the right people on board who have the vision of moving in the right direction. He expressed thanks and commended the parents for expressing their concerns. Mr. Salas indicated that another phase is identifying a new school site because the student population in the district is large. Mr. Salas wished good luck to the candidates running for election.

Board president **Jorge Luis Arroyo** was excited about the presentation made by PCM3 with funds being refunded by the state to the district. Mr. Arroyo was delighted to hear about the near-completion of the Centinela Valley Center for the Arts and emphasized that the new construction is a career technical education facility where several courses will be offered to students and thanked Toby Harwell and Chris Perdue on the classes. Mr. Arroyo remarked that he is proud, as a board member, to have the courage to make decisions that proved worthwhile to the district and benefitted the students. He also thanked everyone for the concerns raised at this meeting but remarked that some of these concerns should be addressed at the school-site. Mr. Arroyo said that they will continue working to resolve these concerns. Mr. Arroyo envisioned that with the completion of the Performing Arts Center and its technical education program, Centinela Valley Union High School District will be the model for career technical facility five or ten years from now, thanks to Mr. Hipkins, PCM3, Toby Harwell, and Chris Perdue.

10. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent **Cheryl M. White** thanked Ms. Rubio for bringing up her concerns about the bathrooms and guaranteed her that the problem will be resolved. Dr. White thanked the board and Steve Bachor for the progress being made at the Performing Arts Center, the main purpose of which is to serve as an educational facility that will benefit students, and she was delighted to have the opportunity to offer technical programs districtwide. Dr. White encouraged everyone to tour the new, near-finished Performing Arts Center. Dr. White reported that parents will be receiving a phone message from the superintendent as part of increasing communication between the district/school-sites and parents. This new communication set-up is part of a new contract with Connect-Ed. Dr. White indicated that she has monthly meetings with three advisory committees (parent, student, community). Dr. White announced the (1) National Honor Society induction ceremony at Hawthorne High School on Thursday, October 25, 2007, (2) articulation meeting with feeder schools on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 to discuss what to do relative to scheduling, registration, and the smooth transition of students entering high school, and (3) recent Hawthorne Presidents Council Community Barbecue Dinner held on October 18, 2007. Dr. White thanked Ms. Rubio again for her concerns.

11. CONFERENCE SESSION

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A) Staff Development Information

Conference/Workshop attendance approved in accordance with Board Policies 4133, 4233, and 4333.

	NAME	SITE	EVENT	PLACE	FROM	TO	FUNDING
1.	Troy Croom	AD	CATESOL Los Angeles Regional Conference	Long Beach, CA	10/27/07	10/27/07	Adult Education
2.	LaTanya Kirk Norma DeGroat Patty Zimmerman	DO	Payroll Reporting & Compliance for California Schools	Ontario, CA	10/12/07	10/15/07	General
3.	Sharon McCain	DO	Job Developer-Career Symposium	Sacramento, CA	10/17/07	10/18/07	Special Ed IDEA
4.	Joann Kennelly Kim Ransom	DO	Juvenile Bipolar Disorder: Essentials for School Psychologist	El Segundo, CA	11/13/07	11/13/07	Special Ed IDEA
5.	Maria Bravo Yury Najarro	DO	ACSA 2008 Conference	Monterey, CA	1/16/08	1/16/08	Categorical
6.	Lucas Pacheco Jeff Ordway Jason Takamoto	HAW	ACE Clearwater Industrial Tour	Torrance, CA	10/17/07	10/17/07	Categorical
7.	Kathy Dragone	HAW	Educator's Guide to California's Suspension and Expulsion	Downey, CA	10/24/07	10/24/07	General
8.	Sylvia Walker	HAW	CSU Long Beach Counselor's Conference	Long Beach, CA	10/26/07	10/26/07	No Cost
9.	Gurprit Dhillon Gabriela Aldana	HAW	Master Scheduling Workshop	Pomona, CA	10/30/07	10/31/07	Categorical
10.	Caline Khavarani Eugene Kwong Kathleen Kondo	HAW	California Mathematics Council South Annual Conference	Palm Springs, CA	11/1/07	11/3/07	Categorical
11.	Merritt Carlson Isis Navarro Andrew McGregor	HAW	California Mathematics Council South Annual Conference	Palm Springs, CA	11/2/07	11/3/07	Categorical

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12.	Raphael Farkouh	HAW	California Mathematics Council South Annual Conference	Palm Springs, CA	11/3/07	11/3/07	Categorical
13.	Miyako Polk	HAW	A Dream Deferred: The Future of African-American Education	Los Angeles, CA	11/6/07	11/6/07	No Cost
14.	Sylvia Walker Michelle Cervana Rony Romero Ruby Cebreros Danny Swearinger	HAW	Ed Fund Financial Aid Workshop	Long Beach, CA	11/15/07 11/13/07	11/15/07 11/13/07	No Cost
15.	Choonglim Rah	HAW	Best, Current Strategies for Increasing Student Learning in Your Algebra	Anaheim, CA	11/19/07	11/19/07	Categorical
16.	Miyako Polk Phyllis Buchanan Dana Kelsey	HAW	Annual Counselor's Program and Luncheon	Palos Verdes, CA	11/25/07	11/25/07	No Cost
17.	Jolan Smith	HAW	27 th Annual CARST Convention	Long Beach, CA	2/22/08	2/23/08	Special Ed IDEA
18.	Cynthia Austin	LL	Essential Concepts in Special Education	Carson, CA	10/16/07	10/16/07	Special Ed IDEA
19.	Allen Monroe	LL	A Dream Deferred: The Future of African-American Education	Los Angeles, CA	11/6/07	11/6/07	No Cost
20.	Julie Yoshioka	LWN	CSU High School Counselor Conference	Anaheim, CA	9/25/07	9/25/07	Categorical
21.	Jessica Yehling	LWN	California Science Teachers Association Annual Conference	Long Beach, CA	10/25/07	10/26/07	General
22.	Molly Hendrick Joshua Jackson	LWN	California Science Teachers Association Annual Conference	Long Beach, CA	10/25/07	10/28/07	General
23.	Vicente Bravo	LWN	16 th Annual CA Science Conference	Long Beach, CA	10/27/07	10/27/07	General
24.	Vicente Bravo Jim Jobes	LWN	Master Scheduling Workshop	Pomona, CA	10/30/07	10/31/07	General
25.	Elodia Reynoso	LWN	Powerful Strategies and Interactive Activities for Strengthening Instruction in Foreign Language	Anaheim, CA	11/6/07	11/6/07	Categorical
26.	Maura Tremblay Dallas Waxler	LWN	Effective Second Language Acquisition	Ontario, CA	11/27/07	11/27/07	Categorical
27.	Julie Yoshioka	LWN	National Council for Social Studies Conference	San Diego, CA	11/30/07	12/2/07	Categorical

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28.	Kimberly Faulkner Strawn Holmes Dawn Ketchens	LWN	A Dream Deferred: The Future of African-American Education	Los Angeles, CA	4/24/08	4/25/08	Categorical
29.	Jorge Torres	LZ	College Board Fall Counselor Workshop	Los Angeles, CA	9/19/07	9/19/07	No Cost
30.	Silvano Garcia	LZ	Understanding Primary Handicap Conditions	Hawthorne, CA	10/1/07	10/1/07	No Cost
31.	Jaime Rollino Lorraine Parsons	LZ	Loyola Marymount: The College Board Counselors' Workshop	Los Angeles, CA	10/5/07	10/5/07	Categorical
32.	Lorraine Parsons Donna McCoy Judy Grood	LZ	Annual High School Counselors' Day	Carson, CA	10/11/07	10/11/07	No Cost
33.	Fanisha Muepo	LZ	New Teacher Make-up AVID Training	Lynwood, CA	10/11/07	10/11/07	Categorical
34.	Jorge Torres	LZ	Practical Tools to Increase Latino College Access & Success	Long Beach, CA	10/15/07	10/15/07	Categorical
35.	Sandra Cruz Kelly Santos	LZ	LACOE Asset Learning Community Session	Pasadena, CA	10/18/07	10/19/07	No Cost
36.	Debi Kooken	LZ	AP Language/Composition Professional Development	Los Angeles, CA	10/27/07	10/27/07	Categorical
37.	Oscar Pina	LZ	Financial Aid Workshop 101 -- EdFund	Burbank, CA	10/30/07	10/30/07	No Cost
38.	Andrea Guy- Brown	LZ	Understanding Primary Handicap Conditions	El Segundo, CA	11/1/07	11/1/07	No Cost
39.	Jorge Torres Donna McCoy	LZ	2007 Fall High School Counselor Workshop	Long Beach, CA	11/15/07	11/15/07	No Cost

12. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A) Approval to Attend the Specialty Equipment Manufacturing Association Show Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 31-November 2, 2007** **GA 1**
 Approved/Ratified Lucas Pacheco and Jason Takamoto to attend the Specialty Equipment Manufacturing Association Show Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 31-November 2, 2007.

Motion: **Ramirez** Second: **Talavera** Vote: **5-0**

- B) Revision of the "Grades for Achievement" Under Administrative Regulation 5121 (a) to Include an Alternative Grading Scale for the Algebra 1 and Geometry Quad Model Courses at Hawthorne and Leuzinger High Schools** **GA 2-4**
 Approved/Ratified the alternate grading system for the Algebra 1 Quad and Geometry Quad Model courses to be included under AR 5121 (a) Grade for Achievement.

Motion: **Arroyo** Second: **Ramirez** Vote: **5-0**

- C) **Approval of Resolution #07-08/004 as Amended as Required by Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Incentive Act, Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program, and Williams Settlement Legislation for Fiscal Year 2007-2008** GA 5-7

Approved/Ratified Amended Resolution #07-08/004, as required by the Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Incentive Program, Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program, and Williams Settlement Legislation for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Motion: **Salas**

Second: **Pizano**

Vote: **5-0**

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items appearing (which have asterisks(*) on the left hand side of the agenda item) are adopted by one single motion, unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the Consent Calendar and voted on separately.

Consent Calendar (items A through F) was approved in one single motion.

Motion: **Ramirez**

Second: **Talavera**

Vote: **5-0**

*A) Minutes

- 1.) Approved/Ratified the minutes of October 9, 2007.

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Human Resources – Classified

*B) Employment

Approved/Ratified the employment of the following:

1. An Information Technology Analyst for the District, 40 hours a week, 12 months per year, effective October 24, 2007.

HR 1

*Gilbert Gutierrez was selected for the position of Information Technology Analyst.
(The interview was conducted after board agenda distribution.)*

*C) Volunteer Coaches

Approved/Ratified the walk-on volunteer of the following:

1. Dayroni Harris for Football at Hawthorne High School, for the 2007-08 school year.

HR 2

*D) Resignations

Approved/Ratified the resignation of the following:

1. Gloria A. Ramos-Jaime as Media Clerk/Library at Lawndale High School, effective October 19, 2007.

HR 3

Human Resources – Certificated

*E) Employment

Approved/Ratified the employment of the following:

1. Employment of Ma Secundila Se Tadena, first year probationary teacher, Mathematics, Hawthorne High School, effective October 29, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Appropriate placement on the Certificated Salary Schedule.
2. Employment of Wayne Hagen, first year probationary teacher, Science, Leuzinger High School, effective October 22, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Appropriate placement on the Certificated Salary Schedule.

HR 4

HR 5

***F) Consultants and Contracts**

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Approved/Ratified the following as consultants and/or contracts for the district for services here indicated:

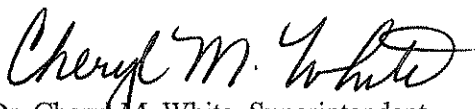
	NAME	CONTRACT	PARTICIPANT	PLACE	FROM	TO	RATE	FUNDING
1.	Pepperdine University	Student Teaching Agreement	District	District	02/20/07	Remain in effect until terminated by either party in accordance with the agreement	None	None
2.	Claremont Graduate University	Internship and Student Teaching Agreement	District	District	3/29/07	Remain in effect until terminated by either party in accordance with the agreement	None	None
3.	Bob Blackney	Consultant Agreement to be the Keynote Speaker for Professional Development Day	Staff	District	12/10/07	12/10/07	Not to exceed \$500	Categorical
4.	LACOE	Contract to provide SB 472 Training for English Language Arts Teachers	Teachers	District	10/1/07	12/1/07	Not to exceed \$2,000 or \$1,000 per teacher, up to 20 teachers	Categorical
5.	LACOE	Contract to Provide the Online Assessment Community Tool for the 2007-2008 school year	District	District	7/1/07	6/30/08	\$2,500	Categorical
6.	Personal Coaching Systems	Nonpublic Nonsectarian Individual Service Agreement	Student ID #20805	Los Angeles, CA	2007	2008 school year	\$161.58 per school day	Special Education Non-public School
7.	Switzer Center	Nonpublic Nonsectarian Individual Service Agreement	Students ID #20703, #20716, and #20806	Torrance, CA	2007	2008 school year	Student ID #20703 \$191.60 per school day; Students ID #20716 and #20806 \$176.80 per student/per school day	Special Education Non-public School

8.	Hawthorne Academy	Nonpublic Nonsectarian Individual Service Agreement	Students ID #20520, #20603, #20701 and #20803	Hawthorne, CA	2007	2008 school year	Student ID #20520 \$138.35 per school day; Students ID #20603, #20701 and #20803 \$165.35 per student/per school day	Special Education Non-public School
9.	Michelle Malone	Consultant Agreement to Gather Data and Analysis for the 9 th Grade CST scores from 2004 through 2007	District	District	10/2/07	12/1/07	\$20 per hour, not to exceed 40 hours	Categorical
10.	Dr. Susan Johnston	Consultant Agreement to Present Classroom Management Strategies to Prevent Discipline Problems, Part I, and Part II	Teachers	District	11/13/07	11/20/07	Not to exceed \$4,000	Categorical
11.	NCS Pearson	Renewal of Service Agreement Contract for Scanners	District	Hawthorne HS, Lawndale HS, Leuzinger HS, Lloyd HS, and Computer Services	10/1/07	9/30/08	\$4,230	General

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Cheryl M. White, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board