

UNADOPTED MINUTES

HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bonnie Castrey Dr. Duane Dishno Susan Henry Kathleen Iverson Dr. Michael Simons
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Dr. Gregory Plutko, Superintendent Dr. Don Austin, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Carrie Delgado, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Dr. Carolee Ogata, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Lyn Sewell, Executive Secretary, Superintendent's Office
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:	None
PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:	District Office May 6, 2014
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by the Board President, Mrs. Iverson.
CLOSED SESSION: (1)	President Iverson suggested that Closed Session be moved to the end of the meeting and Board members agreed.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (2)	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Curiel.
PUBLIC COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD: (3)	None.

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Dr. Plutko thanked the Board for their participation and preparation for this meeting. He also thanked the stakeholders in attendance. He explained that the shifts in the state are many and there are multiple options now available to students. The district wants to be able to provide these options, keeping our students and even pulling back some students from programs outside the district.

The purpose of this new program is to provide and maximize viable educational options, to have more flexibility in time and space for learning, to allow for more interventions and support systems, and to better prepare students for college and careers.

Dr. Plutko introduced Dr. Don Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, who stated that there are three proposals: 1) Merging Community Day School (CDS) and Coast High School (CHS); 2) Relocating the Adult School Diploma Program, English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL), and Career Technical Education (CTE) to Westminster Mall; and 3) Relocating the Adult Transition Program to the Westminster Mall site.

Dr. Austin introduced Janie Hoy, Director of Student Services, who spoke about the plan to merge Community Day School and Coast High School, designing a flexible learning program and environment for students who are challenged in the comprehensive high school setting. Mrs. Hoy indicated that the student and teacher schedules would be developed to best support each individual student, allowing greater opportunity to address the individual needs of each student and provide increased/improved interventions for students.

The plan would be to merge Community Day School and Coast High School and create the "Coast Hornets" at the current Adult School site on Gothard Street. The Adult School Diploma Program, ESL, and CTE and the Adult Transition Program would move to their new 11,000 square-foot location at Westminster Mall. This would free up two classrooms at Fountain Valley High School and one classroom at Marina High School. The anticipated start date is August 2014.

Darla Merrill of CDS and Carly Ginter of CHS spoke from the teacher's standpoint. They see four challenges: 1) Transitioning of students; 2) The physical move; 3) Blending of families/cultures, and 4) Maintaining of traditions and creating

new ones. Staff is ready to meet the challenges and is making positive plans for the future.

Carly Ginter (CHS) spoke about direct instruction provided by Edgenuity. Teachers are able to monitor students' progress online and check for understanding. Teachers also are able to go online and see where students are struggling, constantly monitoring their progress. Teachers appreciate the level of contact with students, and students are comfortable communicating in the digital format. Edgenuity has also been aligned with district pacing guides.

New classroom design concepts will be used to better support learning. Drawings and diagrams were displayed to show the flexibility that will be allowed in classroom setup. The designs will mimic work and college environments that students will be entering after high school. This also gives the district the ability to pilot new concepts and see if they might work in the comprehensive high school setting.

The Adult Diploma GED, ESL, and CTE programs will move to a 7,000 square-foot space in Westminster Mall. The Adult Transition Program currently housed at Fountain Valley High School and Marina High School will move to a dedicated 4,000 square-foot space at Westminster Mall. This space is currently a retail shell. The Simon Youth Foundation already has a designer at work to plan for the changes.

Carrie Delgado, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided information about funding this project. \$230,000 will come from the Adult Education WIA Grant (Funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2014 or they will become unavailable), \$40,000 from CalWorks, \$163,000 from CEIS (Coordinated Early Intervention funds that must be used by September 30, 2014), \$25,000 from the General Fund, and \$225,000 from the Simon Youth Foundation. Additionally, a total of three classrooms will be freed up at FVHS and MHS.

Dr. Austin shared "Next Steps." Mr. Steve Curiel, Principal of Huntington Beach Adult School, Coast High School, and Community Day School, has prepared a draft resolution to go to the Board on June 10, 2014. Purchase orders will also be submitted at that meeting. Information will be shared with students, parents and other sites, and marketing will follow.

Board members asked several questions which were answered by staff. Dr. Dishno commended staff for the depth of planning. He wanted to make sure the students are okay with the proposed changes. Mrs. Hoy said that in every meeting staff has been very concerned about the wellbeing of students. District staff is working on a plan that meets the special needs of these students.

Mrs. Iverson suggested that there be some type of plaque installed on the former Community Day School site so students can point out where they attended/graduated high school.

Dr. Plutko concluded by thanking staff for their detailed work in this plan, which is all about our students. He added that Community Day School and Coast High School staffs are doing an excellent job as the district looks to this opportunity to evolve and to pilot new programs.

CLOSED SESSION: (5)

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:08 p.m. to consider Public Employee Appointment/Assignment/Reassignment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code section 54957 and Education Code sections 44896 and 44951. Present were Dr. Gregory Plutko, Dr. Don Austin, Dr. Carolee Ogata and Ms Carrie Delgado. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Clerk

Secretary