

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Meeting Held at Education Center
May 25, 2006

1) The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by President Herrera. Clerk Mann, Member Martinez-Roach and Vice President Nguyen were present. Member Shirakawa was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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3) **WELCOME AND EXPLANATION TO AUDIENCE**

President Herrera extended a welcome to the audience, explained the format of the meeting, and noted that all Board Meetings are recorded.

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION

4) **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

No amendments.

5) **PUBLIC MEMBERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Linda Dehg, Student, California High School Exit Exam
- Rosario Lemus, Student, California High School Exit Exam
- Rosa DeLeon, Student, California High School Exit Exam
- Igdalia Rojas, California High School Exit Exam
- Claudia Vargas, Parent, California High School Exit Exam
- Antonio Sweeny, Student, California High School Exit Exam

6) **OPERATIONAL ITEMS/BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

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6.1 “Reconsideration of California High School Exit Exam Guidelines (Including Eligibility of Seniors to Participate in Commencement Activities) and Possible Issuance of Certificates of Completion – Linda Gubman, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services”

This would be pending Supreme Court Ruling. This motion would be solely for Class of 2006. Students would be able to participate in the graduation exercise if students have completed their graduation requirements but have not passed the California High School Exit Exam. These students would receive a “Certificate of Completion”.

Member Martinez-Roach

This is also an equity issue. I am please our Board President has changed his position.

President Herrera

I don't want to be in the situation where we would deny this once in a life time ceremony to student because of this legal rollercoaster. It seems to me, for this class only, 2006, we can extend this consideration to the families.

Vice President Nguyen

I will not be supporting this action. We should continue to hold our students to the standards we have set for them.

President Herrera

This has been coming to us, (CAHSEE) for several years. There have been several opportunities for students to pass this test. There has been instruction for students to meet these standards. I do support it. Nevertheless in my opinion, it is reasonable for student to get a diploma or "Certificate of Completion" for their level of achievement.

There are three districts in the county, Gilroy Unified, Campbell Union High School District, and East Side Union High School District that will not let students "walk" for graduation.

- √ ***Motion to approve Reconsideration of California High School Exit Exam Guidelines and Possible Issuance of Certificate of Completion, by Member Martinez-Roach seconded by President Herrera for the purpose of discussion.***

***Vote: 2/2 (Vice President Nguyen and Member Shirakawa voting nay.)
(Member Shirakawa not present)***

Motion to approve Reconsideration of California High School Exit Exam Guidelines denied.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Clerk Mann seconded by President Herrera, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk of the Board of Trustees