

February 22, 2006

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2006

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The February 15, 2006 School Board Meeting was called to order by (Name Removed), School Board Chair. The meeting began at 1812 hours in the CLDS Board Room. School Board members in attendance were: (Names Removed).

Also in attendance were: Mr. Brinton, Superintendent; (Names Removed).

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2006, Seconded by (Name Removed). The minutes were unanimously approved as presented in Tab A.

**III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

(Name Removed), Mr. Brinton, and Mr. Steimel formally recognized Ms. Dewanda Sholar as the 2005 DoDEA High School and Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year. Mr. Brinton acknowledged Ms. Sholar as an incredible Lejeune educator who measures every decision on what is best for students. The Camp Lejeune Schools' district is honored by Ms. Sholar's selection; and we are thrilled to join her in this celebration! Mr. Steimel feels very fortunate to have Ms. Sholar on the administrative team at Brewster Middle School. She is indeed a strong advocate for students and we commend her on this award. A 'Certificate of Excellence' was presented to Ms. Sholar to signify her genuine commitment and guidance in strengthening the school and community.

(Name Removed) complimented Ms. Sholar on her recent award and expressed deepest appreciation for the work she has done at the middle school in keeping parents informed. Having two children go through the middle school has been exemplary. On

behalf of the School Board, (Name Removed) awarded a plaque to Ms. Sholar inscribed “*The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.*”

Ms. Sholar announced how honored she was to receive the notification from Dr. Tafoya. “CLDS is a very special place to me and I would like to publicly acknowledge Ms. Elizabeth Thomas who encouraged me to go into administration. I thoroughly enjoy working under the leadership of Mr. Steimel, Principal of Brewster Middle School. I must extend words of appreciation to my husband, Mark, and my parents, Keith and Elizabeth Starling, for their continued support over the years. Thank you CLDS School Board and Administration for this recognition.”

#### **IV. SCHEDULED COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

##### **A. Lejeune Educational Support Association (LESA)**

(Name Removed), President of the Lejeune Educational Support Association (LESA), announced that ‘Read Across America Week’ is scheduled during February 27 – March 3, 2006 at Camp Lejeune Schools. She cordially invited members of the School Board to schedule a time to read to our students and/or drop in while other guests are visiting our schools. It is our goal to reiterate the importance of reading and that reading can be fun! Many guests have already confirmed that they will read to our students. It will be a great week.

Mr. Brinton thanked (Name Removed) for her coordination of what has become a model program. Your support is recognized and appreciated.

#### **V. SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

##### **A. ‘If the World Is Flat, Time is Vertical’**

(Name Removed), Educational Technologist for Tarawa Terrace 2 Elementary School, focused on how much the technology world has changed since he took on the position of an ET. While the implications of technology both in our personal lives and in education are forever changing, it is important to look at alternatives for learning and connecting. We all know that our world is connected globally and even more eye-catching is that our students are knowledgeable about the current technology trends. He suggested incorporating such strategies as *collaboration* where students are more engaged in role-playing, simulations, and peer-learning. The notion of *problem-solving* and *networking* are some key elements for communication and connectivity. If we are to stay ‘in-the-loop’, the way in which students learn must be looked at carefully.

(Name Removed) agreed that it is very challenging to keep up with the technology world.

The School Board thanked (Name Removed) for his informative presentation. Mr. Brinton added how exciting it is that the CLDS School Board is willing to take on the process of studying what our schools should look like ten years from now.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. New School Update**

Mr. Brinton reported that due to some construction concerns at the new intermediate school, it caused some delays in the project and the need for additional funds. Effective Friday, February 10, additional funds were found and allocated to resume the construction project. It is expected that the intermediate school will be completed by mid to late June 2006.

Mr. Brinton announced that the new intermediate school has officially been named after the late Sergeant Michael E. Bitz, a fallen Marine during Operation Iraqi Freedom on 23 March 2003. The school will be called 'Bitz Intermediate School.'

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 'Draft' SY 06-07 School Calendar**

The 'draft' SY 06-07 School Calendar was distributed. (Insert at Tab E) The 'draft' calendar has been compared with the Onslow County Schools' proposed calendar and it falls closely in line. School Board members were asked to share the calendar with parents and provide feedback at the March meeting.

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. DoDEA News Release (Tab M) – The subject news release announced Ms. Dewanda S. Sholar as the '2005 DoDEA Middle and High School Assistant Principal of the Year.'

B. Insite Information (02/06) - (Tab O)

C. CLDS Monthly Newsletters – (Tab P)

D. Col Hodges' Visits Camp Lejeune Schools – Col Hodges, new Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, toured several Camp Lejeune Schools on January 19, 2006. Mr. Brinton stated that she is very supportive of our schools and the students. It was a pleasure to have Col Hodges with us.

E. Dr. Dwight Allen

Dr. Allen visited with Camp Lejeune Schools during February 2-4, 2006. His sessions with students, staff, and administrators focused on looking at 'The Future of Education in the U. S. and Globally.'

F. NCA Validation Visit

As DDESS moves toward the North Central Accreditation (NCA) Program, CLDS will be one of the first districts to go in this direction. Positive feedback was recently received from DDESS representatives during a pre-visit held February 9-10, 2006. Mr. Brinton noted that four of our schools will be visited during the week of March 20-23, 2006 by NCA representatives and augmenters who will take a look at our School Improvement efforts and validate where we are. School Board members are invited to attend an NCA In-brief that is tentatively slated for Sunday, March 19. More information will be provided as the details are finalized.

G. Plan for School Opening

In anticipation of the school opening at Bitz Intermediate School and how it will network with Johnson Primary, i.e., traffic and other issues, (Name Removed) has offered to coordinate a working group to brainstorm strategies. Mr. Brinton asked interested members to contact him.

**IX. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The School Board will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the CSO Board Room.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

(Name Removed) adjourned the meeting at 1905 hours.

**XI. FUND COUNCIL MEETING**

The Fund Council convened at 1910 hours to review the following item:

A. REPORT: FY 2006

1. Financial Report of January 2006: Approval of

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the Financial Report of January 2006. The motion was seconded by (Name Removed) and the Board unanimously approved the report. (Tab J)

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

The Fund Council adjourned at 1935 hours.

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(Name Removed)

Chair, CLDS School Board

Attachments:

As stated

cc: Director, DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba