

Jul 23, 2003

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JULY 16, 2003

I. CALL TO ORDER

(Name Removed), Chair, called to order the July 16, 2003 School Board Meeting of the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools. The meeting began at 1805 hours in the CLDS Board Room.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2003, seconded by (Name Removed). The minutes were approved unanimously. (Tab A)

III. SCHEDULED COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A. Lejeune Education Association (LEA)

(Name Removed) reported that the New Teacher Orientation is scheduled for July 23-24, 2003 to welcome our new teachers to CLDS.

The transfer study of stateside schools to the local educational agency remains under review. A modification to the Bill to retain a bargaining unit has been presented and approved by the Senate. The School Board called attention to (Name Removed)'s testimony that has gone before the Joint Hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Health,

Education, Labor and Pensions Committee as well as the Children and Families Committee. (Tab U) They commended (Name Removed) for this very well written document in support of military families and appreciated her time and efforts in submitting this paper.

B. Lejeune Educational Support Association (LESA)

No report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Attendance Policy; revisit of

Mr. Brinton noted additional word changes to the Attendance Policy as follows: Under ‘Attendance’, word changes were made to the first sentence of paragraph 1 and the second sentence of paragraph 3. (Tab W) The policy will go into effect for SY 03-04.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Marking System/Grading Scale Policy; Recommendations for

Ms. Brown presented two proposals to bring the Academic Marking System in line with the DoDEA 10-point grading scale. Currently, CLDS uses a 7-point grading scale which is reflected with number grades. DoDEA currently uses a 10-point grading scale that is reflected by letter grades. (Insert at Tab W) Ms. Brown explained that the Class of 2007 must have a 2.0 GPA to receive a diploma. She proposed to implement the 10-point grading scale with this year’s incoming freshman in order to be consistent with the DoDEA Academic Marking System that will be implemented in accordance with the Administrator’s Guide, currently under revision. Ms. Brown noted that a student’s GPA is computed from the grade point value of the letter grade. Adopting the ‘letter grade’ verses the ‘number grade’ proposal would make CLDS consistent with DoDEA policy in advance of the new Administrator’s Guide.

(Name Removed) questioned if a student’s previous grades would be retroactive to the new letter grading system. Ms. Brown explained that students would maintain their previous grades. Their GPA will pick up the most recent grade.

(Name Removed) asked if the student’s transcript would show the different grading scales? While Ms. Brown felt like it would, she plans to reconfirm this through DDESS.

(Name Removed) inquired if the new marking system would have an affect on class standings such as valedictorian, salutatorian, etc.? Ms. Brown didn’t foresee a problem.

(Name Removed) asked, “Will the new grading scale only be adopted on the report card?” Ms. Brown’s response was ‘yes’ as progress notes will continue to come with it but students will know their average.

(Name Removed) made a motion to adopt the DoDEA 10-point grading scale to include the use of letter grades effective SY 2003-04, seconded by (Name Removed). The Board approved it unanimously.

B. Special School Board Election; Update

(Name Removed) reported that (Name Removed), (Name Removed) and she met on June 19, 2003 to review procedures for this year's election. As noted previously, it was felt that an election to fill the existing vacancy would benefit the School Board in bringing continuity with a large number of members leaving the School Board next SY. Clarification was received by General Counsel that a candidate was not required to have a student enrolled in the Base schools but the candidate must be a permanent resident of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune or the Marine Corps Air Station, New River. Posters have been placed in the schools and letters mailed home to all parents to alert them to the School Board vacancy as well as the upcoming election. Additionally, an announcement has been posted on the schools' marquee. The committee will review at a later date as to whether to set up a booth at the PX for publicizing the vacancy. The School Board Election will be held on August 28th at all school sites beginning at 0730 until 1700 hours. The ballots will be counted on August 29th.

School Board members were invited to address the School Board vacancy and the upcoming Election at the 'Fresh Start' Programs scheduled at Lejeune High School. It was noted that upcoming Open Houses might be an ample time to make parents aware of the Election as well. (Name Removed) suggested that Open Houses be scheduled in a way to allow maximum parental participation.

VI. REPORTS: FY 2003

A. Student Enrollment for SY 03-04; Update

Mr. Brinton shared the Student Enrollment Report as of July 11, 2003. (Insert at Tab H) The district continues to monitor the numbers in an effort to provide the best programs for our students. Tarawa Terrace 2 Elementary has exceeded their projection and another position has been added at the school. Daily monitoring will begin next week. During mid-September, we will closely monitor our numbers in determining our staffing allocation for next school year.

B. Student Activity Fund Expenditures; Approval of

The following expenditures were presented for approval:

1. A check in the amount of \$1,123.20 made payable to Scholastic Book Club to cover the cost of paperback books for literacy day for the students of Tarawa Terrace 1 Primary School.

2. A check in the amount of \$1,012.50 made payable to American Advantage Insurance to cover the cost of Athletic Catastrophic Coverage for SY 2003-04.

(Name Removed) made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by (Name Removed). The School Board approved them unanimously.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Dependents Schools Student Activity Fund Financial Audit, SY 02. (Tab J) Mr. Brinton commended the schools and the Fiscal Department for an outstanding report. No reportable conditions were identified this period. In addition, Mr. Brinton was pleased to announce that (Name Removed) would be serving as the NC District Budget Officer.

B. DoDEA News Release re: 2002-03 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results – (Tab L) The results of the survey were quite positive.

C. (Name Removed)'s Testimony in Support of Military Families – (Tab U)

VIII. AGENDA BUILDING

Projected Items for School Board Meeting:

- Operation Hero
- Academic Resources
- Safety/Security
- Policy Manual vs. Admin Guide
- Student Enrollment
- Fresh Start Program

Additional Items:

The School Board proposed and approved the following dates:

- School Board Training – September 5, 2003 to begin at 0900 hours
- School Board Tour – September 16, 2003 to begin at 0830 hours
- School Board Meeting – September 17, 2003 to begin at 1800 hours

Additional items may be forwarded to either (Name Removed), Mr. Brinton, or (Name Removed).

IX. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the CLDS School Board will be held on August 20, 2003 to begin at 1800 hours. The executive session will begin at 1730 hours.

VIII. MEETING EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1905 hours.

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(Name Removed)
Chair, CLDS School Board

Attachments: As stated

cc: Director, DDESS/Cuba