

**NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
District Education Center  
Roderick H. MacMillian Board Meeting Room  
2985-A Bear Street, Costa Mesa  
May 30, 2006

Closed Session At 4:05 p.m., Vice-President Sneen announced that the Board of Education would convene in Closed Session to address Conference with Labor Negotiator and Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Anticipated Litigation.

Reconvene/Call to Order/Roll Call At 4:40 p.m., Vice-President Sneen called to order the Special Board meeting.

Members Present

Dave Brooks, President -absent  
Linda Sneen, Vice-President  
Judy Franco, Clerk  
Dana Black, Member  
Tom Egan, Member  
Martha Fluor, Member  
Serene Stokes, Member  
Robert J. Barbot, Secretary

Adoption of Agenda Mrs. Fluor moved adoption of the agenda as presented. Mrs. Franco seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Community Input No comments.

Study Session – Elementary School Grade Level Configuration Plan – Costa Mesa Zone – 2006/07 Fourth Grade Susan Astarita, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education provided a background review of the item before the Board for the study session noting that parents in the Costa Mesa zone are requesting the option for fourth grade to remain at the elementary schools for the 2006/07 school year. Mrs. Astarita noted that a blog has been added to the district’s webpage as well as a link to document community input and the process and staff’s reviews and the projected timeline for the study.

Cheryl Beck, Assistant Principal of Davis Education Center provided a PowerPoint review of the transition plan that she takes to the K-3 elementary schools in the Costa Mesa zone to assist with student’s transition to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Davis.

Staff reviewed the current proposal to add 4<sup>th</sup> grade at College Park, Paularino and Sonora for the 2006/07 school year. The following community members addressed the Board relative to the discussion:

Rena Smith, Morton Kieler, Dena Fisher, Michael Collier, Kimberly Bertrano, Brian Valles, Pam Baldwin, Paul Brusic, Jennifer Piatti, Katrina Foley, Bob Kelly, Lisa Roberts. Following community input, Superintendent Barbot stated the purpose of the study session was to hear from staff about the specific proposal, allow for community input as requested by parents and discuss the feasibility of the option. The Board members commented individually and shared their feelings that they felt the ongoing study by staff relative to the Costa Mesa zone (approved at the Board’s May 23 meeting), was the best way to proceed. Dr. Barbot concluded that staff would continue to follow the previously approved study plan and that no formal action was necessary.

Adjournment At 6:59 p.m. Vice-President Sneen adjourned the meeting.