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Bob Nuñez, Superintendent

May 23, 2006

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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To: Board of Trustees

Written notice is hereby given in accordance with Government Code Section 54956 that a Special Meeting of the Governing Board of the East Side Union High School District shall be held:

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2006
Time: 4:45 p.m.
Place: East Side Union High School District - Board Room

Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the Board of Trustees on the agenda item identified below. (Government Code §Section 54954.3)

The business to be transacted at the Special Board Meeting shall be limited to the following:

1. **Call to Order/ Roll Call**
 - 1.1 Roll Call
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Welcome and Explanation to Audience**

Information explaining Board meeting procedures and how citizens can address the Board will be read. Written information is located near the entrance to the Board Room.
4. **Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Agenda**
5. **Public Members Who Wish to Address the Board of Trustees**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: J. Manuel Herrera, George Shirakawa, Patricia Martinez-Roach, Craig Mann, Lan Nguyen
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6. Operational Items/Board Discussion and/or Action

- 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"

7. Adjournment

J. Manuel Herrera
President, Board of Trustees
East side Union High School District

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
830 N. Capitol Ave, San Jose, CA 95133

AGENDA
May 25, 2006

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Open Session 4:45 P.M.

The Board Meeting will begin at 4:45 p.m. in the Board Room. Anyone wishing to address the Board regarding Closed Session items may speak at this time.

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EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting of May 25, 2006
Agenda Item: 6.1

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Bob Nuñez, Superintendent

PREPARED BY: Linda Gubman, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Instructional Services Division

SUBJECT: "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"

Background

The Instructional Services division began the process of seeking input from Stakeholder groups regarding options for those ESUHSD seniors who have met all graduation requirements except passing the California High School Exit Exam.

The issue of not passing the Exit Exam raises concerns regarding participation in the graduation ceremony and receiving a Certificate of Completion or similar document that acknowledges all graduation requirements have been met except for the California High School Exit Exam.

Representatives of the ESUHSD, including administrators, classified and certificated personnel attended a Santa Clara County Office of Education sponsored forum on the ramifications of the California High School Exit Exam on February 7, 2006. District representatives joined attorneys and personnel from ACSA and CSBA in discussions regarding the differences between the high school diploma and a certificate of completion.

The ESUHSD stakeholder representatives reconvened after the forum to discuss and consider the information gathered in order to make a district level recommendation. After the first meeting, a sub committee was formed and possible options were formulated and brought back to the entire group. Input was also sought from parents and students.

At a subsequent meeting, consensus was reached on the following items:

- An ESUHSD non-graduate is a student who does not meet the 220 credit requirement and/or has not passed the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).

- ESUHSD non-graduates will be given an individualized plan indicating what they have achieved and the items needed to earn a diploma. A district-wide form will be created for this plan.

Furthermore, after much discussion, the stakeholder group could not reach consensus on the participation of students who have passed all of the district's course requirements by the end of the senior year but are unable to pass the high school exit examination attending the graduation ceremony and graduation activities. The stakeholder group suggested this decision be made by the Superintendent and Executive Cabinet.

Recommendations

The Superintendent and the Executive Cabinet are recommending that students who have earned 220 credits and have not yet passed the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) participate in the graduation ceremony/activities and that they receive an individualized plan and certificate of completion.

FISCAL IMPACT

To be determined

FUNDING SOURCE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees receive this recommendation for the 2005-2006 school year.