

TO: EVOC 503 Instructor
FROM: David Wiget
DATE: March 1, 2006
RE: 503, WA6, Wiget

The purpose of EVOC 503 WA6 was to attend and report upon what happened at a local school board meeting. The following six criteria were specified:

1. Comply with all of the General Criteria for Written Assignments.
2. Attend a local school board meeting and write a brief synopsis of what occurred at that meeting.
3. Indicate what locality (geographic area) the school board has jurisdiction in and where and when the meeting was held.
4. Indicate the full name of each school board member and his or her occupational background.
5. Indicate what the major topic of discussion was and what was, or was not, resolved as a result of the discussion.
6. Indicate what personal value was derived from attending the meeting.

The following sources of information were used relative to this assignment:

Wiget, David - From my own professional experience.

McNeil, Jon – Principle, Arrow, High School Charter Oak USD

I believe that the attached proposal meets all six of above listed criteria and respectfully request full credit: one point for meeting each of the above listed criteria.

I found out about this school board meeting by one of my many resources at work. I work at Aurora Behavioral Health Care and we have kids their ranging from 5-17 yrs old. These kids are there for mental health and behavioral issues but are not deprived of their education. Charter Oak Unified School District provides at least two hours of curricular Monday-Friday from 8:00am-10:00am. One of the teachers, Mrs. Diane, has been teaching for Charter Oak Unified School District for over 35 years and was kind enough to supply me with the needed information to locate the school board meeting.

The meeting was held at the Charter Oak Unified School District Service Center board room at located at 20240 Cienega Avenue, Covina, California on February 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The open session started promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Jon McNeil. The first matter that was addressed was by the student representative William Dinwiddie. William gave a report to the Governing Board on activities and events occurring at Charter Oak High School. Then a discussion took place with representatives from the Covina and Glendora Police departments regarding safety of schools and community outreach. Next they went through a long list of approvals of consent items. Finally they briefly discussed student expulsions.

The full name of each school board member and his or her occupational background are as follows:



Robert J. Cruz, President, is a Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Gas Company. Bob has lived in Covina for 24 years and is involved in extensive community activities. Bob is married to Maria, a registered nurse, and they have four children, Melissa, Christina, Matthew and Vanessa, who are all Charter Oak educated. He has served as a board member for 14 years.

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Jane A. Bock has been a member of the Charter Oak community for 45 years. Her first encounter with the school district was as a kindergarten student. Jane, now retired, has been an employee of the district since 1981. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Glendora and have raised their three children, Jason, Julie and David, in Charter Oak.

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David R. Rose lives in the Charter Oak community with his wife and three children. He works as a special education teacher and substitute teacher. Mr. Rose holds an associate's degree in liberal arts from Pierce College, bachelor's in health education, and a master's in special education from Cal State Northridge along with a certificate of eligibility administrative services credential from National University in San Bernardino. He has been involved in Little League as an assistant manager, manager and umpire.

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The major topic of discussion seemed to be safety and community outreach. The board verbalized concerns about High School students being able to go off grounds for their lunch period and getting into trouble and being sidetracked from studies. It appeared that the board would like to limit the privilege of going off grounds to seniors only. The police dept. agreed to this due to the concerns of the community and other safety issues in regards to the students being able to go off grounds. The police stated that they were going to look into this further and beef up the patrol units during the lunch hour in the areas surrounding the High Schools until any new rules, if any, are implemented.

The personal value I derived from attending the meeting was the awareness and knowledge of what goes on in a school board meeting and the important the community plays in education and safety for our kids. It also inspired me to continue my goal as a teacher and be more involved with my children and their school activities.