



Clovis Unified Leadership Academy  
Ride for the Brand Philosophy  
Dr. Dan Kaiser Note Taking Guide

**Dr. Dan Kaiser**

Dan was hired in 1970 as an English teacher and coach. He served as a school site administrator, Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership; and finally, as Deputy Superintendent of the District.

**50 Unified Years**

**The five-to-two vote**

On the evening of July 11, 1990, more than 500 Clovis citizens attended the Clovis Unified School District board meeting held in the Clovis High School cafeteria. On the agenda was a decision whether or not to extend the contract of Superintendent Floyd “Doc” Buchanan, and the large turnout was indicative of the passionate opinions on both sides of the debate. Many people in the audience carried banners that read, “Don’t Knock the Doc,” to show support for the current leadership. Later in the meeting, the trustees retired into executive session to discuss and vote on whether to renew Buchanan’s contract. At approximately 2 a.m., with a five-to-two vote, the decision was made to allow Buchanan’s contract to expire on June 30, 1991.



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**New leadership**

The challenge of finding a new leader led to a widespread superintendent search. On July 1, 1991, Dr. David Sawyer became the new superintendent. During the tumultuous years of the late 1980s and early 1990s, many of the district's long-time school principals and teachers remained and kept the educational focus on providing students with the high-quality education expected from Clovis Unified. Sawyer departed after just two years as superintendent. He was followed by long-time Clovis Unified administrator, Dr. Kent Bishop, as the district's next superintendent. A year later, Bishop's term ended when he was dismissed due to misconduct, and Chief Business Official Dr. Terry Bradley took the reins on an interim basis.