

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 28, 2015

1. Call to Order

President Dennis McBride called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at McKinley Institute of Technology (“MIT”), 400 Duane Street, Redwood City.

Present at the Board Meeting: President Dennis McBride, Trustees Alisa MacAvoy, Hilary Paulson, Shelly Masur, Díaz-Slocum and Superintendent Jan Christensen.

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Dr. John Baker, Chief Business Official Wael Saleh, Assistant Superintendent Jane Yuster, Michelle Beutler, Peter Bartok, Janet Lawson, Sean Higgins, Donna Baranski-Walker, Stephanie Sassoon, John Jamison, Debbi Jansen, Amy Aranda, Mike Vierra, Chamile Roth, Rosalia Fernández, Roy Fernández, Cindy Sotero, Deby Herselium Leary, Stacie Ciraulo, Harald Weppur, Mayela Enriquez, Maria Stockton, Ángel Martínez, Michele Haussler, Kevin Sugar, Elena Betts, Burgess Peck, Wendy Kelly, Maureen Keithley, Jackie Smith, Manuel Aguilar, Michelle Griffith, Josh Griffith, Fleur Uptegraft, Kerry Dees, Amanda Rothengast, Jaqueline González, Camila Rae, Erika Pretell, Laura Arrayga, Carmina González, Yvonne DiSalvo, Karla Facundo, Amanda Guerra, Seidy Serrano, Ruth Castillo, Ofelia Sánchez, Salvador Conde, Wendy Wheaton, Verónica Martínez, Victor Jiménez, Rosa Luna, Ernesto Guevara, Diana Nolasco, Rogelio Benitez, Azucena Carranza, Rosario Hernández, María Maldonado, Juan Manuel González, Alejandro Morones, Jessica Becerra, María Mendoza, Rosa Luna, Jeanette Ramírez, Brad Nelson, Alex Biggar, Nancy Nolasco, Roberto Martínez, Trish Taylor, Lori Burrans Warren, Rosalva Contreras, María Maldonado, Osiris Ríos, Cora Raynard-Richard.

2. Welcome

President McBride welcomed those present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee Masur requested to move Action Item 6.5, Approval to Hire TBWB for Bond Measure Feasibility to Discussion.

In response to Trustee Masur’s request, Board President McBride explained that no representatives from TBWB were in attendance; therefore Action Item 6.5 would be tabled to the February 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda, (Masur/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

## 5. Consent Items

The board approved the Consent Items (MacAvoy/Masur; 5-0), taking the following action:

- 5.1 Recommendation re: Acceptance of Donations
- 5.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Additional Vendors to be Included with Non-Public School (“NPS”)/Non-Public Agency (“NPA”) Master Contract – attachment
- 5.3 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, December 1, 2014 through January 16, 2015 – attachment
- 5.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreements with Families United through Literacy and Learning, Inc. and the Redwood City School District – attachment
- 5.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the San Mateo County Office of Education to Provide Assistance with Development of Mandarin Immersion Program – attachment
- 5.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement Between the California State University Teacher Preparation Program and the Redwood City School District – attachment
- 5.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Grand Canyon, AZ., Kennedy Middle School and MIT – attachment
- 5.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Año Nuevo Preserve, Fair Oaks Community School – attachment
- 5.9 Recommendation re: Approval of Extended Field Trip Request to the Marine Science Institute, Fair Oaks Community School – attachment
- 5.10 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Año Nuevo Preserve, Clifford School – attachment
- 5.11 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Pescadero Beach, Clifford School – attachment

President McBride (Ayes)  
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)  
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)  
Trustee Masur (Ayes)  
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

## 6. Action Items

- 6.1 Recommendation re: Connect Community Charter School Preliminary Offer for Facilities

Superintendent Christensen thanked everyone in the community for their emails and commented that she made an effort to respond to each and every one of the concerns from staff, parents, and community members. Superintendent Christensen stated that Attorney Janet Mueller was present to introduce each of the preliminary offers for facilities to each charter school and provide an overview of the process when a district, county or state authorizes the petition for a charter school. Superintendent Christensen reiterated that in such case the Redwood City School District had not approved the

petitions to the charter schools, there would have been a probability that either the County of San Mateo or the State of California would have approved the petitions. Furthermore, Superintendent Christensen added that by law, the Redwood City School District needs to provide facilities to charter schools. Superintendent Christensen expressed that Attorney Janet Mueller, together with Cabinet members, Board President McBride and Trustee Masur formed a sub-committee that carefully reviewed the charter schools' petitions and request for facilities.

Attorney Janet Mueller from DWK addressed the School Board with a detailed presentation about the process of what the law requires from the Redwood City School District, what the process of the Redwood City School District was and what each of the charter school requested.

Ms. Mueller explained that the terms of Proposition 39 and its implementing regulations determine the process by which a charter school requests allocation of reasonably equivalent District facilities for use by the charter school, based on the charter school's projected Average Daily Attendance ("ADA") of District-resident students.

Furthermore, Ms. Mueller stated that Connect Community Charter School made a timely request for facilities from the District for the 2015-16 school year based on projected in-District ADA of 249.6. Ms. Mueller commented that Connect had also expressed its desire to continue occupying space at Fair Oaks Elementary School, requesting additional classrooms to house the additional students anticipated for next year.

Ms. Mueller added that the Redwood City School District did not agree that Connect's projections for enrollment were realistic or adequately supported with documentation, and expressed these objections in a letter to Connect, as required by law. Connect disagrees with the District's position with regard to projections. On further review of available space, classroom loading standards, and Connect's current space, staff recommends that the District accept Connect's projection of 249.6, that Connect continue to be housed at Fair Oaks, but that no additional classrooms be provided.

Ms. Mueller stated that per legal requirements, Connect will have 30 days to respond to the District's offer, and thereafter the District will have to make a final offer to Connect by no later than April 1, 2014.

Trustee Masur reiterated that each and every one of the offers for facilities to charter schools are valid for one year. Trustee Masur added that the offers made to charter schools are not a commitment for numerous years and they are not locked for that particular school site. Trustee Masur explained that every year, the charter school sub-committee reviews projected enrollment numbers and potentially make a different offer for the following year.

Ms. Mueller added that every year, the District can make changes to a preliminary offer for facilities; however, the District cannot move a charter school unnecessarily.

Trustee MacAvoy commented that she and fellow board members received numerous emails about facility space and where students are coming from. Trustee MacAvoy added that year after year, the District does not have the exact numbers of student enrollment at each school site. Trustee MacAvoy further added that the District faces situations where students do not show up to school when it starts and with charter schools coming to the District, it is hard to tell from what school sites specifically these students are coming. Trustee MacAvoy also commented that many parents filled out forms for all three charter schools and some also filled out School's of Choice applications, so it makes it difficult for the District to know exactly where the student will end up going to school once school starts.

Ms. Mueller added that the District needs to offer housing to charter schools where there is space available.

President McBride asked Ms. Mueller if the District were to be completely full and could not offer the charter schools any facilities, would the District have to build additional space?

In response to President McBride's question, Ms. Mueller replied that the law assumed that there is space available; it is often to the discretion of the involved parties to come up with an alternative, which would be permissible.

Trustee Masur commented that the District is required to offer space to house 31 students in each classroom.

Ms. Mueller further added that for various reasons, the District has been able to offer Connect additional classrooms and after thorough review and deliberation, the District has less flexibility; therefore, the District is not recommending additional space.

The Board approved Connect Community Charter School Preliminary Offer for Facilities (Masur/MacAvoy; 5-0).

President McBride (Ayes)  
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)  
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)  
Trustee Masur (Ayes)  
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

## 6.2 Recommendation re: KIPP Excelencia Preparatory Charter School Preliminary Offer for Facilities

Ms. Mueller stated that KIPP Excelencia Preparatory Charter School made a timely request for facilities from the District for the 2015-16 school year based on projected in-District ADA of 310.55. Ms. Mueller commented that KIPP had also expressed its desire to be housed in the Fair Oaks neighborhood, at Garfield, Hoover, Taft or Fair Oaks Elementary Schools.

Furthermore, Ms. Mueller explained that the District did not agree that KIPP's projections for enrollment were adequately supported with documentation, and expressed these objections in a letter to KIPP, as required by law. Ms. Mueller commented that the District concluded that KIPP had failed to provide adequate documentation for more than 136 in-District ADA. KIPP disagreed with these conclusions, and submitted additional intent to enroll forms to support its higher projections. Ms. Mueller stated that RCSD staff recommends accepting a revised projection of 243.5 in-District ADA based on the additional intent-to-enroll forms, even though they were submitted after the deadline.

Ms. Mueller commented that after an extensive study of all of its available space, District staff recommends that KIPP be housed at Kennedy Middle School, as it is the only school that currently has sufficient available classrooms to house projected in-District ADA of 243.5 students on a single campus. Ms. Mueller clarified that because the District will not be able to assess until 2016-17 the impact of having approved two new charter schools to open in 2015-16, staff cannot be certain that any other site in the District will have adequate space to house KIPP in 2015-16 on one site. Therefore, other options could emerge in future years.

Superintendent Christensen clarified that the District is not proposing to offer Kennedy Middle School's quad. Superintendent Christensen further commented that the quad will be only used by Kennedy students and expressed that the offer for facilities to KIPP will be active for one year. Superintendent Christensen commented that it was extremely difficult to find facilities for charter schools in the east side of Redwood City.

April Chou, Operating Officer for KIPP, addressed the School Board with gratitude and thanked the School Board for working collaboratively with KIPP. Ms. Chou acknowledged the work that lies behind the review of Proposition 39 and asked for support from the School Board and staff once KIPP is placed at Kennedy Middle School. Ms. Chou commented that the District's current offer for facilities does not house all of the students who have demonstrated interest in attending KIPP. Ms. Chou stated that the majority of families interested in attending KIPP live in the east side of Redwood City. Ms. Chou urged the School Board to work collaboratively in providing Samtrans transportation to students. Ms. Chou thanked the Kennedy Middle School.

Claudia Alfaro, parent and community member thanked the School Board and RCSD staff for offering facilities to KIPP. Ms. Alfaro expressed that she hopes that KIPP can be moved to the east side of Redwood City once Rocketship is completely housed on Charter Street. Ms. Alfaro urged the School Board to work collaboratively with KIPP to develop an efficient transportation alternative to students that reside in the east side of Redwood City and need to be transported to Kennedy Middle School.

María Caballero, parent and supporter of KIPP, stated that she is a parent that resides in the North Fair Oaks community and has an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student that attends Garfield School. Ms. Caballero expressed that once her 4<sup>th</sup> grade student attends KIPP, it will be extremely difficult to transport both students on opposite ends of Redwood City and urged the School Board to provide an alternative transportation method for students that reside in the east side of Redwood City and would be attending Kennedy Middle School.

Laura González, KIPP teacher, thanked the School Board for their great collaboration and support of KIPP.

Kyle Shaffer, Principal for KIPP, thanked Superintendent Christensen, the School Board, and administration for their support and collaboration during the approval process. Mr. Shaffer commented that KIPP Excelencia continues to receive a high volume of applications every day and requested to the School Board to discuss transit opportunities for students.

Christine Edwards, community member, commented that she has been a neighboring resident of Taft Community School for 7 years and now lives in the Henry Ford neighborhood. Ms. Edwards asked the School Board why doesn't the District place Rocketship at Kennedy since they need temporary housing and place KIPP in the east side of Redwood City?

Michelle Haussler, RCSD parent and community member, addressed her concern to the School Board in regards to providing facilities use to charter schools. Ms. Haussler expressed that offering facilities to charter schools will be a continuous process, which will have to be reviewed every school year and commented that having over 1,000 students housed in one school site is not safe. Ms. Haussler commented that the Redwood City School District is a district of choice and urged the School Board to maintain Kennedy Middle School as a school of choice.

Douglas Alsop, community member and Kennedy Middle School neighbor, asked the School Board if the District was planning on adding additional classrooms at Kennedy Middle School. Mr. Alsop informed the School Board that he resides on Washington Street and expressed his concern about the numerous traffic incidents that he has witnessed throughout the course of his residency on Washington Street and further expressed his concern with the 300 additional students placed at Kennedy Middle School.

Harald Weppres, community member, commented that he is not against charter schools and expressed that last Monday, he learned about the School Board's decision to place KIPP at Kennedy Middle School. Mr. Weppres stated that he attending a Facilities Master Plan meeting and knew that the District was visiting and reviewing possible housing sites for the charter schools. Mr. Weppres urged the School Board to minimize the impact that the new charter schools will have in the Redwood City community.

Donna Beranski-Walker, community member, stated that she had recently learned about the process of allocating facilities to the incoming charter schools. Ms. Beranski-Walker expressed her concern towards the impact that the new charter schools will have on the community and the uncertainty of how successful the placement of KIPP at Kennedy Middle School will be.

Wendy Wheaton, Kennedy Middle School parent, addressed the School Board with her concern on the timeliness of the notifications to RCSD parents. Ms. Wheaton expressed

that she did not know about the process of providing facilities to charter schools and thanked the School Board for not providing Kennedy's quad for usage to KIPP.

Euro King, Kennedy Middle School parent, commented that she is a resident in the east side of Redwood City and her son does not take the bus to school. Ms. King stated that Kennedy Middle School has been a great school for her son and expressed her concern with housing elementary school students with middle school students.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum thanked everyone for attending the board meeting and commented that she had an opportunity to read and address many concerns from parents, staff and community members. Trustee Díaz-Slocum expressed that for many parents, transportation was a huge concern and she asked that the District be mindful and take this issue into consideration. Trustee Díaz-Slocum stated that many parents also voiced their concern about housing elementary school students with middle school students. Trustee Díaz-Slocum expressed that the District did not have a choice, as the District does not have a wide range of facilities available and if there were facilities available, she would be more than happy to offer additional space. Trustee Díaz-Slocum reiterated that the District followed the right and legal process in addressing the request for facilities from charter schools. Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that the School Board and administration worked closely and arduously with Attorney Janet Mueller in order to provide an offer for facilities. Trustee Díaz-Slocum clarified that the School Board, administration and Attorney Janet Mueller did their absolute best to provide facilities to the incoming charter schools and be considerate of the schools that will house the charter schools, but unfortunately, there is not enough space available. Trustee Díaz-Slocum urged everyone to be mindful and to remain as one community for the betterment and success of the community.

Trustee Masur thanked the Kennedy Middle School parents for their commitment and support of Kennedy Middle School. Trustee Masur expressed that providing facilities to incoming charter schools was not her choice and it was a difficult decision to make. Trustee Masur added that with the housing of RCSD's Spanish Immersion program, it was going to continue to be a challenge to offer facilities to charter schools for the years to come. Trustee Masur expressed that she hopes that everyone can continue to work together for the success of all RCSD students.

Trustee MacAvoy thanked everyone in attendance and expressed that it is very important for the School Board to listen to comments from parents, staff and community members. Trustee MacAvoy stated that the Redwood City School District offers an amazing array of choices, such as the Mandarin Immersion program at John Gill and the Spanish Immersion program at Adelante. Trustee MacAvoy expressed that she wished everyone could obtain what they ask for, but due to the lack of facilities available at the District, it was a challenge for the School Board, administration and Attorney Janet Mueller to allocate facilities according to the limited amount of space available. Trustee MacAvoy thanked the entire RCSD staff for their hard work during the process and expressed to the audience that the approval process and allocation of facilities happened in a very short amount of time. Trustee MacAvoy expressed her sincere apologies to parents and members of the community who feel that the District did not do a good job. Trustee MacAvoy further stated that the District had to seek various options of allocation for facilities when Rocketship unexpectedly delivered their

request for facilities to the District. Trustee MacAvoy stated that the District is doing the best they can to ensure the quality of education for all RCSD students.

President McBride thanked the audience for attending the meeting and expressed his appreciation to everyone that sent the School Board and Superintendent Christensen emails in regards to their concerns and comments regarding the charter schools. President McBride expressed that the allocation for facilities to KIPP was not an ideal decision for KIPP, nor the Redwood City School District and Kennedy Middle School. President McBride stated his concern for the lack of available space at RCSD schools and understood the transportation concern from many parents. President McBride commented that he, together with School Board members, Superintendent Christensen and administrators have taken action in a considerate and thoughtful manner to ensure that all students receive a quality education and a safe environment for learning.

The Board approved the KIPP Excelencia Preparatory Charter School Preliminary Offer for Facilities (Paulson/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

President McBride (Ayes)  
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)  
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)  
Trustee Masur (Ayes)  
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

6.3 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 9, Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Redwood City School District in Support of the Preliminary Offer of Facilities to Rocketship Redwood City for the 2015/16 School Year – attachment

Attorney Janet Mueller commented that due to the splitting of Rocketship Redwood City to two campuses, it was a legal requirement to approve a resolution as well.

The Board approved the adoption of Resolution 9, Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Redwood City School District in Support of the Preliminary Offer of Facilities to Rocketship Redwood City for the 2015/16 School Year (Paulson/Masur; 5-0).

President McBride (Ayes)  
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)  
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)  
Trustee Masur (Ayes)  
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

6.4 Recommendation re: Rocketship Redwood City Preliminary Offer for Facilities

Attorney Janet Mueller commented that Rocketship Education made a timely request for facilities from the District for the 2015-16 school year based on projected in-District ADA of 473.96. Ms. Mueller commented that Rocketship had expressed its desire to be housed in the North Fair Oaks neighborhood, without reference to a specific school site. Ms. Mueller added that Rocketship had requested housing for a maximum of a year, as they are in the middle of construction and the Rocketship's site will not be completed



by the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

Ms. Mueller further commented that the District did not agree that Rocketship's projections for enrollment were adequately supported with documentation and reasonable, and expressed these objections in a letter to Rocketship, as required by law. Ms. Mueller stated that the District concluded that Rocketship had failed to provide adequate documentation for more than 400 in-District ADA. Ms. Mueller added that Rocketship has accepted the District's revised projection of 400 in-District ADA.

Ms. Mueller added that after an extensive study of all of its available space, and considering every option to keep Rocketship on a single school site, the District staff recommended that Rocketship be offered space at two separate sites, Hoover Elementary School and Taft Community School, where there is room for about 50% of the anticipated ADA at each site, plus administrative support space and opportunities for space sharing. Ms. Mueller expressed that it was the District's understanding from conversation with Rocketship that it requires a facility for no more than the 2015-16 school year, and perhaps no more than the first half of the school year.

Ms. Mueller commented that Proposition 39 requires that in situations where the projected in-District ADA of a charter school cannot be housed on any single school site, "contiguous" facilities also includes facilities located at more than one site, provided that the school district "shall minimize the number of sites assigned and shall consider student safety." Further, Ms. Mueller expressed that where a school district's preliminary proposal presented does not accommodate a charter school at a single school site, the Board must first make a finding that the charter school could not be accommodated at a single site and must adopt a written statement of reasons explaining the finding. Ms. Mueller added that the proposed finding, and statement of reasons, is contained in Resolution No. 9 and must be adopted in conjunction with approval of the preliminary space proposal for Rocketship.

Ms. Mueller explained that due to legal requirements, Rocketship will have 30 days to respond to the District's offer, and thereafter the District will have to make a final offer to Rocketship by no later than April 1, 2015.

Casey Rowe, Rocketship Principal, expressed that he is working closely with teachers and families to provide a high-skilled and quality education to Rocketship students. Mr. Rowe thanked the School Board for their partnership and opportunity to work collaboratively with Rocketship.

Maritza Leal, parent leader at Innovate Public Schools, addressed the School Board with her appreciation for working in a positive light with both charter schools. Ms. Leal stated that she is happy that parents will be offered another choice for their students to receive a high quality education and enhance their opportunities to attend college.

Norma Becerra, Redwood City parent, stated that as a parent, she would like for her daughter to receive the best education made available to students. Ms. Becerra thanked the School Board for providing more choices to Redwood City parents.

Karla Alvarado, Redwood City parent, commented that her children attend Rocketship in San José and witnessed the quality of education offered at that school. Ms. Alvarado stated that she is confident that her children will attend a university and thanked the School Board for giving parents in Redwood City another option for their children's education.

Amanda Rothengast, Principal at Hoover Community School, addressed the School Board with her concern about the many challenges that having Rocketship placed at Hoover will pose on students, teachers, staff, and parents. Ms. Rothengast commented that currently there are classrooms being used for Hoover's music program, professional development, and classes offered to parents. Ms. Rothengast added that some classrooms are used to offer additional training for teachers in the area of technology. Ms. Rothengast expressed that with the increment in student population; there will be an increment in traffic and lack of parking space. Ms. Rothengast invited respective parents to tour Hoover Community School and see for themselves the accomplishments that Hoover Community School has achieved in the past few years. Ms. Rothengast commented that Hoover Community School has been the recipient of CSBA's Golden Bell Award and has been successful with the implementation of the SEAL Program.

Kevin Sugar, Hoover teacher and RCTA President, expressed his frustration as many parents and community members are thrilled about the opening of two new charter schools in Redwood City, which will ultimately have an adverse effect on the Redwood City School District. Mr. Sugar commented that he has been a teacher for the Redwood City School District for 16 years. Mr. Sugar asked that the charter schools be respectful of the Redwood City School District school sites.

Maria Stockton, CSEA President, asked the School Board if classified staff at Kennedy Middle School would be doing additional work, once the charter schools occupy RCSD school sites. Ms. Stockton urged the School Board to provide information about the impact of charter schools on classified staff.

Cherill Roth, teacher at Taft Community School, expressed that it is heartbreaking to have another campus on Taft Community School. Ms. Roth commented that Taft has a wonderful leadership, teachers, staff and students. Ms. Roth expressed her indignation at some of the classrooms that are equipped for technology training and for parents to continue their education will be made available to a charter school. Ms. Roth commented that Taft Community School has an amazing staff and provides a world-class education to its students. Ms. Roth commented that Taft Community School and Hoover Community School share the love for the Redwood City community.

Trustee MacAvoy thanked all the speakers and stated that the Redwood City School District provides a world-class education to Redwood City students. Trustee MacAvoy invited parents to contact our schools and schedule tours.

Superintendent Christensen commented that she, School Board members, and administrators discussed with Attorney Janet Mueller the allocation of empty classrooms to the charter schools. Superintendent Christensen clarified that she also met with principals to discuss the open spaces that could be offered to charter schools.

Trustee Masur commented that the work that the Redwood City School District teachers are offering in helping students and schools is outstanding! Trustee Masur commended the teachers and staff that have been part of the District since its budget cuts and thanked the teachers, staff and leadership for providing a safe place to learn for all students.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that she acknowledged and understood the frustration of many parents, teachers, and staff; however, she reiterated that it was not KIPP nor Rocketship's fault. Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that the District suffers a loss from student enrollment when students move away from Redwood City due to the high cost of living or leave the District to attend a private school. Trustee Díaz-Slocum encouraged everyone to work together and collaboratively.

President McBride thanked Principal Rothengast for her speech and thanked her for her leadership and everything she does for the students at Hoover Community School. President McBride also thanked Mr. Sugar for his support and leadership! President McBride commented that due to the heart and soul that teachers, staff, students and parents demonstrate is why he is a School Board member. President McBride expressed feeling impotent because the District needs to abide by the law. President McBride commented that he believes that the Redwood City School District can compete and offer a quality education to all students. President McBride stated that Hoover Community School has made drastic and positive changes during the past few years and reiterated that the Redwood City School District has wonderful, dedicated and supportive teachers.

The Board approved Rocketship Redwood City's Preliminary Offer for Facilities (Díaz-Slocum/Masur; 5-0).

President McBride (Ayes)  
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)  
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)  
Trustee Masur (Ayes)  
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

The School Board recessed at 9:20pm.

The School Board reconvened at 9:30pm.

#### 6.6 Recommendation re: Acceptance of Financial Audit Report for 2013/14 School Year

President McBride commented that Superintendent Christensen had to leave to attend a Superintendent's conference in Monterey.

Terri Montgomery from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP addressed the School Board with the financial report for the 2013-14 school year.

Ms. Montgomery was complimentary of the Redwood City School District staff and expressed that all staff members work extremely extensive hours. Ms. Montgomery added that in particular, the Business Department needs to take vacation time in order to maintain productivity and avoid errors.

The Board approved the financial audit report for 2013/14 School Year (Masur/Paulson; 5-0).

President McBride (Ayes)  
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)  
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)  
Trustee Masur (Ayes)  
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

## 7. Oral Communication

Francisca Lorena, parent and community member, thanked the School Board for their consideration in approving KIPP and Rocketship Charter Schools. Ms. Lorena thanked Superintendent Christensen for her service to the Redwood City School District and expressed that the School Board has an important decision to make when hiring a new superintendent. Ms. Lorena commented that a superintendent is a valuable position that will affect all students in the District. Ms. Lorena expressed that she would like to have a bilingual Superintendent that can communicate with the Spanish speaking community.

In response to Ms. Lorena's comment, President McBride clarified that the School Board could not engage in a discussion during oral communication.

Michelle Haussler, RCSD parent and community member, addressed the School Board with the technology problem that is affecting Taft Community School in regards to phones and fax machines. Ms. Haussler urged the School Board to consider an immediate solution to the problem as many staff members have reverted to using their personal phones to contact parents in case of an emergency.

In response to Ms. Haussler's comment, Deputy Superintendent Baker replied that the District Office and Technology Department are aware of the problem at Taft Community School and are working as quickly as possible to resolve it and get everything working smoothly.

## 8. Board and Superintendent Reports

### 8.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the Food Service Committee meeting and commented that Sodexo provided a presentation on the various changes in meals they can offer to the Redwood City School District students.

Trustee Masur reported attending the Food Service Committee meeting and expressed her delight in being able to offer all students real cheese in their meals, as opposed to processed cheese. Trustee Masur reported attending a Measure W Committee meeting and reported meeting with KIPP regarding facilities.

Trustee Paulson reported touring the SEAL Program at Hoover Community School, together with President McBride. Trustee Paulson added that she and President McBride toured every classroom with Principal Rothengast. Trustee Paulson reported visiting Roosevelt School. Trustee Paulson reported meeting with Stanford Graduate School students about the possibility of bringing a non-profit math tutoring to the Redwood City School District. Trustee Paulson reported having a brief meeting with Rocketship regarding the allocation of facilities.

Trustee MacAvoy reported visiting a number of schools, including Henry Ford and Fair Oaks where she saw excellent teaching and learning happening in the classrooms. Trustee MacAvoy, together with a few board members visited Garfield, Taft and Clifford. Trustee MacAvoy reported that she and President McBride attended the San Mateo School Boards Association meeting where they heard from speakers about student stress.

President McBride reported visiting Kennedy Middle School, Garfield School, and Hoover Community School. President McBride reported that all teachers and students seemed extremely engaged and enjoyed his visit at all the aforementioned schools.

8.2 Report Out on Closed Session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (5 cases) for Special Board Meeting, January 21, 2015

President McBride reported that no specific action was taken.

## 9. Information

### 9.1 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – December 2014

No questions nor comments from the School Board or Superintendent.

### 9.2 Quarterly Williams Report, Oct. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2014

No questions nor comments from the School Board or Superintendent.

## 10. Correspondence

Board members reported receiving emails from community members regarding the charter schools.

## 11. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agendas

None.

12. Board Agenda Calendar

12.1 Changes to Schedule of Board Agenda Items

Superintendent Christensen reported that no recent changes have been made to the Schedule of Board Items.

13. Closed Session

13.1 Closed Session for Public Employee

Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (3 cases)

13.2 Conference with Legal Counsel--Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code) Name of case: Joshua W. v. Redwood City School District, CIV 521193

13.3 RCTA Negotiations Update

13.4 Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code §54957) Title: Superintendent

At 10:06 p.m. Trustees McBride, MacAvoy, Paulson, Masur and Díaz-Slocum went into closed session with Superintendent Christensen, Deputy Superintendent Baker and Assistant Superintendent Jane Yuster.

The board came out of closed session at 11:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

The board adjourned the meeting at 11:01 p.m. (Paulson/MacAvoy; 5-0).

Hilary Paulson, Clerk