

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 25, 2015

1. Call to Order

President Dennis McBride called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District ("RCSD"), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

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

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Dr. John Baker, Chief Business Official Wael Saleh, Assistant Superintendent Jane Yuster, Kevin Sugar, Celeste Mahoney.

Superintendent Christensen was absent from the board meeting, as she was in San Diego attending the AASA Superintendent's National Conference.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee MacAvoy requested that Action Item 8.3 be moved to Consent.

Trustee McBride requested that an approval for a request to a field trip from Kennedy Middle School be added to Action.

Trustee McBride requested that an item under Community / Staff Recognition be added.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

Kevin Sugar, RCTA President, addressed the School Board in hopes that negotiations between RCSD and the Redwood City Teachers' Association remain cordial and in good faith.

## 5.2 Community/Staff Recognition

School Board President McBride recognized, Director of Communications, Naomi Hunter, Melanie Davenport, Shirley Grana, Marilyn Silicani for their hard work and dedication during the Schools of Choice process.

School Board President McBride recognized Hoover Community School's Principal Amanda Rothengast and Hoover's teachers for their countless effort to provide high quality education to Redwood City students.

## 6. School/Community Reports

### 6.1 Common Core Update

Wendy Kelly, Director of BTSA, provided the School Board with a video presentation.

Ms. Kelly stated that the Staff Development Team provides coaching to teachers at school sites, in addition to providing staff meetings 2-3 Thursdays a month dedicated to provide teacher collaboration on Common Core State Standards. Furthermore, Ms. Kelly added that teachers receive 5 days of professional development and planning time.

Ms. Kelly expressed that the expectations established for the 2014-15 school year in English Language Arts are for ongoing collaborative conversations, integrated units from K-5, reading assessment-testing windows, integrations of technology and common sense media, daily foundational skills, and daily balanced reading instruction. Furthermore, Ms. Kelly added that the 6-8 grade math expectations were to continue with math practices, ongoing collaborative conversations, and ongoing language learner support.

Ms. Kelly commented that the implementation of technology provides support towards the achievement of education outcomes such as increased independent and self-initiated learning among students, increased motivation and active engagement in learning, improvement in teachers' capacity to plan for and meet individual student's needs, and increased parental engagement in learning.

The School Board gave their utmost thanks to Dr. Linda Montes and the DELAC Committee for providing the audience with a thorough presentation on the Master Plan for English language learners.

### 6.2 Master Plan for English Language Learners Update

Director of the Department of English Language Services, Linda Montes provided the School Board with a Power Point Presentation to the School Board.

Dr. Montes stated that the Master Plan for English Learners is a guide to implement school board policy and administrative regulations relevant to the education of English learners in the Redwood City School District. Dr. Montes reiterated that the plan is

reviewed annually by the Board of Education and the District English Language Advisory (DELAC) Committee. Dr. Montes added that any changes to the Master Plan must be discussed and approved during the DELAC meetings.

Dr. Montes provided a brief overview about the Newcomer Program at Kennedy Middle School for grades 6-8. Dr. Montes commented that students receive primary language instruction for at least two periods a day in grades 6-7 and one period in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students receive Spanish instruction in Social Studies and science with the Spanish Immersion program. Additionally, students receive one period of an accelerated ELD program and students have the opportunity to participate in the rest of the course offerings at Kennedy Middle School.

Dr. Montes expressed that during the 2014-15 school year, there will be over 700 students who will be reclassified. Dr. Montes added that due to California Standards Test (CST) elimination and adoption of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), districts were required to determine academic eligibility for reclassification. Dr. Montes explained that Fountas and Pinnell and STAR online reading assessments took the place of CST requirements.

Dr. Montes reiterated that it is important for the Redwood City School District to provide daily integrated and designated English language development for students. Dr. Montes expressed that it is crucial to ensure the implementation of strategies to accelerate language development and also to ensure parents are aware of the students who are at risk.

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## 7. Consent Items

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

- 7.1 Recommendation re: Approval of January 14<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes – attachment
- 7.2 Recommendation re: Approval of January 21<sup>st</sup> Board Minutes – attachment
- 7.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Music in the Park Festival, Kennedy Middle School – attachment
- 7.4 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, January 19, 2015 through February 13, 2015 – attachment
- 7.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Additional Vendor to be Included with Non-Public School (“NPS”)/Non-Public Agency (“NPA”) Master Contract – attachment

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

## 8. Action Items

### 8.1 Recommendation re: Approval to Hire TBWB for Bond Measure Feasibility

The Board approved to hire TBWB for bond measure feasibility (Masur/MacAvoy; 5-0).

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

### 8.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between Godbe Research and the Redwood City School District

The Board approved the agreement between Godbe Research and the Redwood City School District (Paulson/MacAvoy; 5-0).

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

### 8.4 Recommendation re: CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot

After a deliberate discussion, it was a consensus that the School Board voted for Amy Koo (Belmont-Redwood Shores), Carrie DuBois (Sequoia Union High School District), and Kevin Martinez (San Bruno Park Elementary School District).

The Board approved the recommendation to nominate Amy Koo, Carrie DuBois, and Kevin Martinez for CSBA Delegate Assembly members (MacAvoy/Paulson; 5-0).

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

## 9. Board and Superintendent Reports

### 9.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee MacAvoy thanked Trustee Díaz-Slocum for the lovely reception for the new hired librarian at the Fair Oaks Branch Library. Trustee MacAvoy expressed that she is excited about the new ways that the Redwood City School District can collaborate with the libraries. Trustee MacAvoy thanked everyone that attended the LCAP meetings.

Trustee MacAvoy stated that she saw everyone extremely engaged throughout the course of the meetings. Trustee MacAvoy reported attending the 2015 PTA Founders Day Luncheon, together with School Board President McBride, Superintendent Christensen, Deputy Superintendent Baker, and Assistant Superintendent Yuster. Trustee MacAvoy reported attending the Family Connections Night of Dreams, together with Trustee Masur and commented that it had been a truly inspirational event!

Trustee Paulson reported attending the LCAP meetings and expressed that she was quite pleased to see the attendees extremely engaged throughout the meetings.

Trustee Masur attended the last LCAP meeting and commented that she was pleased to see a great level of engagement and productivity. Trustee Masur attended Connect Community Charter School's board meeting and commented that they received a report from their fifth grade student council. Trustee Masur stated that Connect Community Charter School provided a report about their lottery and enrollment numbers and indicated that Connect reported having a wait list for every grade except for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Furthermore, Trustee Masur commented that Connect presented their Second Interim Budget Report and their finances appear to be quite strong. Trustee Masur added that Connect received a visit from StartUp:Education. Trustee Masur reported attending Assemblymember Tom Torlakson's meeting focused on blue prints for grade schools.

No report from Trustee Díaz-Slocum.

President McBride reported attending the reception for the new hired Fair Oaks Branch Library librarian. President McBride added that Trustee Díaz-Slocum had suggested that teachers from the Redwood City School District receive library cards that provide them with the opportunity to check out additional books and not have to pay a fee for overdue items, in addition students would not have to pay a fine for overdue items. President McBride visited Selby Lane and commented seeing the Seal Program. President McBride reported being a judge for the chef competition at Hawes. President McBride commented that it was great to see the students socializing and working together.

Deputy Superintendent Baker attended all the LCAP meetings and reported meeting on Monday with Cabinet to review the respective agenda and draft plan for the LCAP meetings. Deputy Superintendent Baker reported attending the 2015 PTA Founders Day Luncheon. Superintendent Baker announced that he will attend the Familias Unidas' meeting at Hoover next Monday evening, as parents who signed up to receive Comcast services will receive a used tablet. Deputy Superintendent Baker informed the School Board that once he obtains the exact time of the event, he would notify them.

9.2 Report Out on Closed Session for Public Employee  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Govt. Code §54957 (3 cases) for Board of Education Regular Meeting, February 11, 2015

School Board President McBride reported that the Board took no specific action on this item.

9.3 Report Out on Closed Session for RCTA Negotiations Update for Board of Education Regular Meeting, February 11, 2015

School Board President McBride reported that the Board received an update from Assistant Superintendent Yuster regarding RCTA negotiations.

9.4 Report Out on CSEA Negotiations Update for Board of Education Regular Meeting, February 11, 2015

School Board President McBride reported that there was no discussion about CSEA negotiations.

9.5 Report Out on Public Employee Appointment (Govt. Code §54957) Title: Superintendent for Board of Education Regular Meeting, February 11, 2015

School Board President McBride reported that the School Board adopted a process for the appointment of a new superintendent and would be providing the community with a timeline centered on the process.

9.6 Report Out on Closed Session for RCTA Negotiations Conferring with Counsel for Board of Education Special Meeting, February 18, 2015

School Board President McBride reported that the Board met with counsel and discussed negotiations and no specific action was taken.

10. Information

10.1 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – January 2015

11. Correspondence

Trustee MacAvoy reported receiving a letter mailed to her home inquiring about the process for the appointment of the new Superintendent.

12. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agendas

None.

13. Board Agenda Calendar

13.1 Changes to Schedule of Board Agenda Items

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

14. Closed Session

14.1 Closed Session for Teacher/Certificated Layoffs/Non Re-elects

- 14.2 Closed Session for Public Employee  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (2 cases)
- 14.3 RCTA Negotiations Update
- 14.4 CSEA Negotiations Update

At 9:02 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 9:50 p.m.

## 15. Adjournment

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m. (Masur/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

Hilary Paulson, Clerk