

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 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, Shelly Masur, Hilary Paulson, Díaz-Slocum and Superintendent Christensen.

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Dr. John Baker, Chief Business Official Wael Saleh, Assistant Superintendent Jane Yuster, Leticia Ramos, Gabriela Sepulveda, Juan Fajardo, Maria Stockton, Celeste Mahoney, Idalia Ramírez, Rodimiro Campos, Dione Smith, Marlen Vega, Quetzali Vega, Raúl Ramos, Laura Whiting, Beatriz Aviña, Claudia García, Marisela Braga, Salavador Maldona, Janet Lawson.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee MacAvoy requested to move Action Item 9.1 to Consent.

President McBride requested to move Action Item 9.2 to Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Community/Staff Recognition

5.1 "Meet RCSD" Video

Naomi Hunter, Director of Communications and Trish Taylor introduced to the School Board, Superintendent Christensen and the audience the "Meet RCSD" video. Ms. Hunter commented that she and Ms. Taylor worked closely and collaboratively with videographer Rebecca Leroux by organizing interviews with students, parents, teachers, principals, staff and RCSD alumni. Ms. Hunter added that every board meeting would be opened by a "Meet RCSD" video.

Superintendent Christensen commented that the District developed a marketing subcommittee to promote RCSD schools. Superintendent Christensen added that Trustee Díaz-Slocum and Trustee MacAvoy had volunteered to serve in the committee.

5.2 MIT Recognition

Superintendent Christensen, together with the School Board recognized Alida Peña-Herrera and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition for her support of McKinley Institute of Technology.

6. School/Community Reports

6.1 McKinley Institute of Technology Report

Thomas Ekno, Principal, updated the School Board on McKinley Institute of Technology's programs and activities. Principal Ekno presented the School Board with a Prezi presentation that demonstrated student achievement, school climate, technology, music, art, and student activities.

Principal Ekno thanked his staff, teachers, students and parents for supporting McKinley Institute of Technology and attending the Board meeting.

School Board Trustees and Superintendent Christensen expressed their utmost thanks to Principal Ekno, the teachers, staff, students and parents at McKinley Institute of Technology for all their hard work and dedication.

7. Oral Communication

Dione Smith, teacher at Clifford School, addressed the School Board with her concern of a student, who she believes has not been placed in the proper placement and should receive special education services. Ms. Smith commented that there have been several parents that have voiced their complaints and concerns to Principal Dees. Ms. Smith added that the student has exhibited violent behavior towards teachers and other classmates, has been suspended numerous times, defies authority, and has sexually harassed other students. Ms. Smith further commented that students are afraid to go out to the playground when the student is out playing. Ms. Smith urged the School Board and the Department of Special Education to provide the student with an adequate placement and necessary services.

In response to Ms. Smith's concern, President McBride requested that Ms. Smith send an email to Superintendent Christensen expressing each and every one of her concerns.

8. Consent Items

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

8.1 Recommendation re: Approval of January 28th Board Minutes – attachment

8.2 Recommendation re: Approval of February 11th Board Minutes – attachment

- 8.3 Recommendation re: Approval of February 18th Board Minutes – attachment
- 8.4 Recommendation re: Approval of February 25th Board Minutes – attachment
- 8.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Pillar Point Harbor, Selby Lane School – attachment
- 8.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Great America, North Star Academy – attachment
- 8.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip to Elk's Lodge Pool, North Star Academy – attachment
- 8.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Port of Redwood City, Hawes School – attachment
- 8.9 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, February 16, 2015 through March 13, 2015 – attachment
- 8.10 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement for Confidential Data Exchange Between the Redwood City School District and the John W. Gardner Center for Youth and their Communities at Stanford University – attachment
- 9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Addendum to 2014-15 Measure We Application for Roosevelt School
- 9.2 Recommendation re: Citizen's Oversight Committee for Measure W

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

9. Action Items

- 9.3 Recommendation re: Authorization to Implement Enhancements in Child Nutrition Services Program

Chief Business Official Wael Saleh addressed the School Board with the recommendation to approve the authorization to implement enhancements in the child nutrition services program. CBO Saleh added that a Food Service Planning Committee was created to advise the District on ways to enhance the Child Nutrition Program. The committee recommended to authorize the purchase of a walk-in refrigerator for the warehouse, authorize District's Child Nutrition Services to purchase organic produce when it is local and seasonal starting in 2015/16 school year, and authorize Child Nutrition Services to opt out of USDA food allocation of canned mixed fruit, pears, and apricots in order to serve students with other canned fruits that are popular with students such as pineapple, peaches and applesauce.

Maria Stockton, CSEA President, addressed the School Board about the hiring of four temporary kitchen assistants at 5 ½ hours at \$330 a day. Ms. Stockton expressed that the temporary kitchen assistants should not be doing classified work.

In response to Ms. Stockton's comment, CBO Saleh clarified that the RCSD would hire the temporary kitchen assistants for the pilot program and in such case the pilot program becomes successful, RCSD would work collaboratively with CSEA to hire permanent kitchen assistants.

The Board approved the Authorization to Implement Enhancements in Child Nutrition Services Program (Paulson/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

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

10. Board and Superintendent Reports

10.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported that she and President McBride attended the PIQUE Parent Program graduation ceremony at John Gill. Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that Principal Katherine Rivera seemed to really enjoy the program and would like to continue with the program at John Gill.

Trustee Paulson reported visiting Selby Lane School and commented that one of the Special Day classrooms was doing yoga, while implementing Common Core Standards in the exercise. Trustee Paulson added that she had visited Taft Community School's A-Z Salad Bar event. Furthermore, Trustee Paulson reported visiting a Kent site, Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park. Trustee Paulson added that she had met with KIPP's principal Kyle Shaffer and met with the Sequoia Education Foundation to discuss funding models and transitioning RCSD students' technical skills to the high school level.

Trustee MacAvoy reported visiting Garfield School and commented that the PE+ program was excellent and commented that students were extremely engaged! Trustee MacAvoy added that she also attended Garfield's award ceremony where students that read the most minutes and completed acts of kindness were awarded. Trustee MacAvoy expressed that many parents were present during the awards' ceremony at Garfield Community School. Trustee MacAvoy also reported attending Clifford School and expressed that she saw a lot of great learning and students were extremely engaged.

President McBride visited North Star Academy and commented that he was pleased to see all the educational activities taking place and how well engaged students were. President McBride reported attending the Chicana/Latina Foundation computer giveaway at Taft Community School and commented that 18 computers were given to families. President McBride reported attending the PIQUE Parent Program graduation ceremony at John Gill, together with Trustee Díaz-Slocum and expressed that Trustee Díaz-Slocum had done an excellent job on her speech.

Superintendent Christensen reported attending the Redwood City 2020 Executive Team meeting and reported that Jana Kiser will work with Director of School-Community Partnerships Sandra Portasio on a committee to sustain community schools. Superintendent Christensen visited Adelante Spanish Immersion School and Clifford

School and expressed that she was very impressed with how engaged the students were in their classrooms.

10.2 Report Out on Closed Session for Closed Session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (3 cases), March 11, 2015

School Board President McBride reported that the School Board received an update from Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Jane Yuster.

10.3 Report Out on RCTA Negotiations Update for Board of Education Regular Meeting, March 11, 2015

School Board President McBride reported that the School Board received an update from Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Jane Yuster, no action was taken.

11. Information

11.1 Contract Update Information and Credit Card Summary

Neither questions nor comments from the School Board or Superintendent Christensen.

11.2 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – February 2015

Neither questions nor comments from the School Board or Superintendent Christensen.

12. Correspondence

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported receiving a letter regarding the search for a new superintendent.

Trustee MacAvoy reported receiving various emails regarding the search for a new superintendent.

President McBride also stated receiving a number of emails about the search for a new superintendent and reported sharing the correspondence with the rest of the board members.

Superintendent Christensen reported receiving a letter from 5th grade student, Ava Pisani from Roy Cloud School acknowledging Jim, the cross guard on Jefferson Avenue. Ava thanked and acknowledged Jim for taking care of Roy Cloud School students.

13. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agendas

None.

14. Board Agenda Calendar

14.1 Changes to Schedule of Board Agenda Items

Superintendent Christensen reported that the Summer School Report to the School Board would be presented at the April 8th meeting and the Child Nutrition Services' Report would be presented to the School Board at its May 27th meeting.

15. Closed Session

15.1 Closed Session for Public Employee

Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (4 cases)

15.2 RCTA Negotiations Update

15.3 CSEA Negotiations Update

15.4 Update on Public Employee Appointment (Govt. Code §54957) Title: Superintendent

At 8:26 p.m. Trustees McBride, MacAvoy, Paulson, 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 10:24 p.m.

16. Adjournment

The board adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m. (MacAvoy/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

Hilary Paulson, Clerk