

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 14, 2015

1. Call to Order

President Dennis McBride called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District ("RCSD"), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

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

Others present: Chief Business Official Wael Saleh, Executive Director of Educational Services PreK-5 Linda Montes, and Executive Director of Educational Services 6-8 Wendy Kelly, Patricia Ortiz, Michelle Griffith.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee Masur requested to move Action items 10.1 and 10.2 to Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda as amended, (Masur/Paulson; 5-0).

5. Community/Staff Recognition

5.1 Recognition of Patricia Ortiz

President McBride, the entire board and Superintendent Baker recognized Patricia Ortiz for her countless support of the Redwood City School District.

On behalf of the board, President McBride and Superintendent Baker presented a Certificate of Recognition to Patricia Ortiz.

School Board Trustees, Superintendent Baker, and Principal Griffith expressed their utmost thanks to Patricia Ortiz for her service to the Redwood City School District.

6. Oral Communication

None.

7. School/Community Reports

7.1 Presentation of Components of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Executive Director of Educational Services 6-8, Wendy Kelly provided the School Board with a Power Point presentation.

Ms. Kelly commented that the purpose of the SPSA is to coordinate all educational services at the schools. Ms. Kelly added that developing the SPSA would help analyze student achievement data, measure effectiveness of current improvement strategies using state tools to determine critical causes of student underachievement, identify achievement goals and key improvement strategies that align with the District's Local Educational Agency Plan, define timeliness, personnel responsibilities, proposed expenditures, and funding sources to implement the plan, recommend the single plan for student achievement to the local governing board, implement the plan, and monitor implementation.

Ms. Kelly stated that each school site needs to have an approved plan guiding their work.

Ms. Kelly expressed that the SPSA would be brought forward to the School Board for approval at the October 21st board meeting.

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Discussion of Changes to Board Policy 0410 – Non-Discrimination in District Programs and Activities

8.2 Discussion of Changes to Board Policy 5145.3 – Non- Discrimination/Harassment

8.3 Discussion of Changes to Board Policy 6174 – Education for English Learners

Executive Director of Education Services, PreK-5, Linda Montes reviewed Board Policies 0410, 5145.3, and 6174 and commented that new language was added to each board policy in order to become compliant with the requirements for the Education Equity Federal Program Monitoring Instrument released by the California Department of Education in July 2015.

9. Consent Items

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

9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Marine Science Institute, Henry Ford School

9.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between the California Department of Education and the Redwood City School District

9.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement for Services between Pivot Learning Partners and the Redwood City School District

9.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between the Family Engagement Institute (FEI), Foothill-De Anza Community College District Foothill-De Anza

Community (FHDACCD) and the Redwood City School District for the Fiscal Year 2015-16

10.1 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution #5 to Adopt the Gann Limit

10.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Application for Exemption from the Required Expenditure for Classroom Compensation

President McBride (Ayes)

Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)

Trustee Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee Masur (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

10. Action Items

10.3 Recommendation re: Approval of 2014/15 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statement

CBO Saleh addressed the School Board with a Power Point presentation to review the 2014/15 unaudited actuals financial statement.

The School Board thanked CBO Saleh and the Business Department for their countless work.

The Board approved the 2014/15 unaudited actuals financial statement, (Paulson, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0)

President McBride (Ayes)

Trustee Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)

Trustee Masur (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

11. Board and Superintendent Reports

11.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported meeting with Jen Holleran and Christina Huevo from StartUp: Education to follow up and see how things are going in the District. Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that Ms. Huevo would like to schedule a meeting with Superintendent Baker and discuss further collaboration between the Redwood City School District and StartUp:Education. Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the Budget Committee meeting. Trustee Díaz-Slocum also attended the Innovate Public Schools' Education Forum.

Trustee Masur reported attending the City of Redwood City Community Forum on bringing the YMCA to the Red Morton and Senior Center. Trustee Masur commented that the City of Redwood City presented two architectural structures that would show a complete renovation of the center and the possible demolition and construction of an

entirely new building. Furthermore, Trustee Masur reported attending the new SparkPoint event at Taft Community School.

Trustee Paulson reported attending the Community Schools Expansion meeting. Trustee Paulson added that in the meeting, there were extensive group conversations about students transitioning from 8th to 9th grade and how the social and emotional information on students does not transfer to the high school. Trustee Paulson also attended the Spark Point launch. Trustee Paulson reported attending the San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization. Trustee Paulson also reported attending Innovate Public Schools' Education Forum. In addition, Trustee Paulson reported the discussion on the new PSATs/SATs for 8th grade students. Trustee Paulson commented that she, together with School Board President McBride met with members of the City of Redwood City and the County of San Mateo to discuss Rocketship Education's school site. Trustee Paulson also reported attending the Principals' PLC at the District Office and commented that the meeting had been extremely helpful and effective.

Trustee MacAvoy reported attending the Redwood City 2020 meeting and commented that it was a wonderful group meeting with lots of great ideas and discussed sustainable funding for schools. Trustee MacAvoy reported attending the Walk to School event at Roy Cloud, hosted by Redwood City 2020 and commented that there is a high demand for a crossing guard on Farmhill Road. Trustee MacAvoy attended the carnival at Taft Community School. Trustee MacAvoy reported that the carnival had been well attended and it had been a great family event. Trustee MacAvoy commented that she attended the Professional Staff Development Day and commented it was a great event. Furthermore, Trustee MacAvoy visited Hawes, North Star and MIT. Trustee MacAvoy stated that she is excited about having SparkPoint launch its program at Taft Community School. In addition, Trustee MacAvoy reported attending Tom Torlakson's meeting.

President McBride reported attending the Familias Unidas event at John Gill. President McBride reported meeting with CBO Saleh and Kimberley Chen to review RCSD's budget. President McBride also reported meeting with representatives from the City of Redwood City and San Mateo County to discuss Rocketship Education's school site. President McBride reported attending the Familias Unidas event at Hoover Community School. President McBride also reported attending the Joint Professional Development training with the Sequoia Union High School District and expressed that many teachers were excited about the meeting and commented that they are obtaining great training. President McBride indicated that SparkPoint had offered a great launch presentation at Taft Community School.

Superintendent Baker reported attending a lot of the same events as the School Board Members. Superintendent Baker commented that he attended the Principal's Exchange and had the opportunity to meet with administrators. Superintendent Baker added that he would like to have two more Principal Exchange events throughout the 2015-16 school year. Superintendent Baker reported that he has visited school sites and have met with principals to review their goals and objectives for the 2015-16 school year. Superintendent Baker stated that he has also attended the Superintendents' Executive Learning Committee meetings, which are on a monthly basis and commented that he

will benefit greatly from these meetings. Superintendent Baker reported meeting with Michelle Vilchez from the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center and had a great discussion about providing services to middle school students.

- 11.2 Report Out on Closed Session for Public Employee
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (2 cases),
September 30, 2015

President McBride reported that the School Board was updated on two cases and no action was taken.

- 11.3 Report Out on Conference with legal counsel – Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9).
Name of case: San Mateo County Superior Court Case No. CIV 535489,
September 30, 2015

President McBride reported that the School Board met with legal counsel to discuss a case of existing litigation.

- 11.4 Report Out on Conference with legal counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision
(d) of Section 54956.9: 2 cases, September 30, 2015

President McBride reported that the School Board met with legal counsel to be updated about a case of possible future litigation.

12. Information

- 12.1 Quarterly Williams Report, July 1-September 30, 2015

No questions nor comments from members of the School Board.

- 12.2 Contract Update Information and Credit Card Summary

No questions nor comments from members of the School Board.

13. Correspondence

None.

- 14. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

None.

15. Board Agenda Calendar

- 15.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

Superintendent Baker stated that no recent changes have been made to the board agenda schedule.

16. Closed Session

16.1 Closed Session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/
Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (1 case)

At 8:33 p.m. Trustees McBride, MacAvoy, Paulson, Masur, and Díaz-Slocum went into closed session with Superintendent Baker and County Counsel Claire Cunningham.

The board came out of closed session at 9:10 p.m.

17. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. (Masur/MacAvoy; 5-0).

Hilary Paulson, Clerk

