

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 4, 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, Executive Director of Educational Services 6-8 Wendy Kelly, Leslie Crane, Director of Human Resources, Don Dias, James Ross, Naomi Hunter, Rick Hunter, Leticia Ramos, Gumildo de la Luz, Kelly Walker, Carla Crenshaw, Graciela Charon, Jeanette Tomatis, Arianna Mayes.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

President McBride requested to add 5.2 to recognize Measure T Committee.

Trustee Masur requested to move all Action Items to Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Community/Staff Recognition

5.1 "Meet RCSD" videos

Naomi Hunter, Director of Communications, presented to the School Board a video "Meet RCSD". The video included interviews of students and staff.

5.2 Recognition of Measure T

School Board President McBride acknowledged and recognized Trustee Paulson, Trustee MacAvoy and all families, volunteers and staff who worked arduously throughout the campaigning of Measure T. President McBride expressed his utmost

thanks to each and every one for their dedication and support of the passing of Measure T.

## 6. Oral Communication

Don Dias, Director of Facilities, formally introduced RCSD's evening supervisor, James Ross to members of the School Board, Superintendent Baker, and the audience.

Kelly Walker, Redwood City community member, addressed the School Board with her concern about the student to adult ratio in classrooms at Roy Cloud. Ms. Walker stated she has a first grade student at Roy Cloud and praised Roy Cloud's teacher for their wonderful work; however, Ms. Walker expressed that she would like the School Board to address the student to adult ratio problem in each classroom, as she believes that many students are missing the opportunity to obtain more direct support from their teacher. Ms. Walker suggested to the School Board the idea of having an aid in each classroom to support the teacher and provide more assistance to students with questions related to instruction. Ms. Walker urged the School Board to reduce the classroom sizes at Roy Cloud.

## 7. School/Community Reports

### 7.1 Master Plan for English Learners Update

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services, Pre-K-5, together with Leticia Ramos, ELAC President at Hawes School and Gumildo de la Luz, ELAC President at Adelante Spanish Immersion School addressed the School Board with the annual update to the Master Plan for English Learners. The Master Plan contains the structures and processes by which the English learners in the district will achieve success in the acquisition of English and in the mastery of content standards. The Master Plan for English Learners guides the work of the District English Language Advisory Committee.

Ms. Montes stated that the Master Plan for English Learners contains revisions as per the requirements under Federal Program Monitoring. The sections that have been updated include: all Federal Monitoring Instruments, Budget and finances section to include the Local Control Funding Formula requirements, the Alternative Language Proficiency Instrument (ALPI) updates for students in Special Education, the process for notifying parents of Language Program Options, and the addition of walk-through and planning tools for principals and teachers.

Ms. Montes commented that the District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) also made recommendations to address the Long-term English Learners with more specifics on what we are doing as a district to support the education of the English Learners in order to decrease the Long-term English Learners in our district.

The School Board and Superintendent Baker thanked Ms. Linda Montes, Leticia Ramos and Gumildo de la Luz for their presentation and expressed their utmost thanks for their support of the DELAC and ELAC programs at RCSD.

## 7.2 Federal Program Monitoring Update

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services, Pre-K-5 stated that the Redwood City School District will participate in a Federal Program Monitoring review from January 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2016. The Federal Program Monitoring includes a team of California Department of Education advisors who will review the implementation of Federally funded programs. The review is to ensure funds are spent for their authorized purposes.

Ms. Montes added that the Federal Review would include a district level and school site level monitoring of programs selected by the California Department of Education. The programs to be reviewed at the District level include:

- Before and After School Programs (BASP)
- Compensatory Education (CE)
- Early Education and Services (EES)
- Education Equity (EE)
- English Learners (EL)
- Fiscal Monitoring (FM)
- Physical Education (PE)
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Ms. Montes commented that the school sites chosen for review are: Hoover Community School, Selby Lane Elementary, and Kennedy Middle School.

## 7.3 Special Education Report

Special Education Director, Carla Crenshaw provided the School Board with an update about the specialized programs, staff, students, services by school site, department achievements, and future focus areas.

Ms. Crenshaw stated that the Special Education Department provides specialized programs in deaf and hard of hearing, autism, preschool, social cognitive, emotional disturbance, severe multiple disabilities, and functional academics to students with special needs in the Redwood City School District, as well as neighboring districts. Ms. Crenshaw further added that the Redwood City School District employs 253.5 special education staff.

Ms. Crenshaw commented that the Redwood City School District provides services to 16 RCSD sites, 6 non-public schools, 4 County classrooms, serves students in its specialized programs, which currently span to 4 more counties. Ms. Crenshaw stated that there are currently 1,167 in district placements, 5 placements at the San Mateo County Office of Education, 24 placements at a non-public school, 1 residential, and 27 placements from Connect Community Charter School.

Ms. Crenshaw added that the Redwood City School District Special Education Department would like to work closely with local medical clinics to provide information about clinical versus educational services.

The School Board and Superintendent Baker thanked Ms. Crenshaw for a thorough presentation and her hard work.

## 8. Consent Items

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

Action Items 9.1-9.3 were moved to Consent, per Trustee Masur's request.

- 8.1 Recommendation re: Approval of September 30<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes
- 8.2 Recommendation re: Approval of October 14<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes
- 8.3 Recommendation re: Approval of October 21<sup>st</sup> Board Minutes
- 8.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Overnight/Near Water Field Trip Request, Fair Oaks Community School
- 8.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to the Marine Science Institute, Hoover Community School
- 8.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property
- 8.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Changes to Board Policy 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- 8.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Changes to Board Policy 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment
- 8.9 Recommendation re: Approval of Changes to Board Policy 6174 – Education for English Learners
- 8.10 Recommendation re: Approval of First Amendment to the Agreement between the Redwood City School District and the City of Redwood City for the Fiscal Year 2015-16, Base Funding
- 8.11 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement between the Redwood City School District and the City of Redwood City for the Fiscal Year 2015-16
- 9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Notice to Proceed with the Agreement between RCSD and AMS.net to Enhance Wi-Fi in Phase II
- 9.2 Recommendation re: Approval to Award AMS.net Disaster and Recovery Phase II Project
- 9.3 Recommendation re: Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 5030 – Student Wellness

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

## 8. Action Items

None, all moved to Consent, per Trustee Masur's request.

## 9. Board and Superintendent Reports

### 9.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Díaz-Slocum did not have a report.

Trustee Masur reported the annual STEM Conference.

Trustee Paulson reported participating in the SEAL tour and commented she was quite impressed with how dedicated teachers and students were. Trustee Paulson commented that there was a great level of participating during OktobeRun.

Trustee MacAvoy reported attending Roosevelt School's Halloween parade. Trustee MacAvoy reported that all teachers and staff were dressed in costumes. Trustee MacAvoy commented that she attended the SEPTAR mixer and expressed that she had an opportunity to speak to former RCSD's behavioral analyst, Scott Yarbrough.

President McBride reported attending Kindergarten Information Night and expressed it had been a great event! President McBride visited KIPP Excelencia and Kennedy Middle School and commented that Principal Paliughi had done an outstanding job during the school tours.

Superintendent Baker reported attending many similar events as board members. Superintendent Baker reported visiting Taft Community School, in addition to visiting Roosevelt School.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

None.

12. Board Agenda Calendar  
12.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

Superintendent Baker commented that a community schools' presentation will be added to the board agenda schedule.

13. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. (MacAvoy/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk