

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 9, 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 Alisa MacAvoy, Hilary Paulson, María Díaz-Slocum, Dennis McBride, Janet Lawson 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, Shelly Masur, Ann Lucero, Shannon Cody, Barbara Pierce, Michelle Estrada, Sandra Calderón.

2. Welcome

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

3. Oath of Office

3.1 Reception

Oath of Office for Janet Lawson, newly elected Trustee was done by Barbara Pierce.

Oath of Office for Alisa MacAvoy was done by her two daughters.

Oath of Office for Dennis McBride was done by Sandra Calderón, Michelle Estrada and Shannon Cody.

4. Board Officers' Rotation

4.1 President

4.2 Vice-President

4.3 Clerk

4.4 Secretary (Superintendent of Schools)

4.5 Trustee Representative to San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization

4.6 Liaison to California School Boards Association and the San Mateo County School Boards Association

The School Board reorganized as follows:

Board President: Alisa MacAvoy
Board Vice-President: Hilary Paulson
Clerk: María Díaz-Slocum
Secretary of Schools: John Baker, Superintendent
Trustee Representative to San Mateo County Committee on School District
Organization: Dennis McBride
Liaison to California School Boards Association and the San Mateo County School
Boards Association: Janet Lawson

5. Changes to the Agenda

Board President MacAvoy requested to move 9.1 – School Board Committee Assignments – after Action Items.

6. Approval of Agenda

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

7. Community/Staff Recognition

7.1 Recognition of Barbara Pierce

President MacAvoy, the entire board and Superintendent Baker recognized Barbara Pierce for her endless support to the Redwood City School District.

On behalf of the board, President MacAvoy and Superintendent Baker presented a Certificate of Recognition, along with a plaque to honor not only her years of service as a councilmember for the City of Redwood City, but also her support of the Redwood City schools.

School Board Trustees and Superintendent Baker expressed their utmost thanks to Councilmember Barbara Pierce and wished her a restful and happy retirement!

7.2 Recognition of Dennis McBride

The School Board, together with Superintendent Baker thanked Trustee McBride for his leadership as School Board President for the 2014/15 school year.

Trustee McBride was honored with a trophy, along with a \$100.00 donation for the Sequoia Awards from fellow board members and Superintendent.

7.3 Recognition of Olivia Acosta

Trustee McBride acknowledged and thanked Olivia Acosta, Administrative Assistant to the Chief Business Official for her assistance in posting the December 9th agenda and helping Trustee Janet Lawson access the agenda packet for review.

8. Oral Communication

Ann Lucero introduced herself to the School Board and audience as the new Redwood City Teacher's Association Vice President.

9. Discussion Items

9.1 2015/16 School Board Committee Assignments

This discussion item was moved to after all Action items were discussed, per Board President MacAvoy's request.

10. Consent Items

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

10.1 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement between the San Mateo County Office of Education and the Redwood City School District for the Fiscal Year 2015/16

10.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between the Redwood City School District and Project Read/Napa County Department of Education

10.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between the Redwood City School District and Star Vista for Fiscal Year 2015/16

President McBride (Ayes)

Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)

Trustee Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee Masur (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

11. Action Items

11.1 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 7, Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Redwood City School District Certifying all Proceedings in the November 3, 2015, General Obligation Bond Election

No questions nor comments from the School Board.

The Board approved the adoption of Resolution 7, Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Redwood City District certifying all proceedings in the November 2, 2015 general obligation bond election, (Paulson, Lawson; 5-0)

President MacAvoy (Ayes)

Trustee Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

Trustee McBride (Ayes)
Trustee Lawson (Ayes)

11.2 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 8, Resolution of Intent of the Board of Trustees of the Redwood City School District to Establish a Citizens' Oversight Committee for General Obligation Bonds Approved Pursuant to Proposition 39 and Related Law

Superintendent Baker commented that Trustee McBride had made an observation that the resolution stated that members would serve a two-year term. Superintendent Baker stated that he spoke to the district's counsel and she commented that some members could serve a two and one year term. Superintendent Baker commented that at the December 16th board meeting, he would bring an amendment of Resolution 8 forward for approval.

Trustee McBride expressed that his concern laid on the fact that if all members served a two-year term, the committee could run the risk of having all members' term expire at the same time. Trustee McBride inquired about members serving a three-year term; however, the district counsel expressed that legally, members can only serve a two-year and one-year term.

Trustee McBride recommended that the first term members serve a one-year term and on their renewal, they serve a two-year term in order to avoid term expiration of all members at once.

The Board did not vote on the approval of this Action Item. Superintendent Baker commented that he would inquire with the District's counsel to bring forth to the School Board the amendment of Resolution 8 for approval.

11.3 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 9, Approval of Education Code Options for Teaching Assignments

Superintendent Baker commented that Resolution 9 would allow teachers that have multiple subject-credentials in middle school, teach a single subject class.

Trustee Paulson asked for an example of the schedule the multiple subject-credentialed teachers are running.

In response to Trustee Paulson's request, Superintendent Baker commented that if a multiple subject-credentialed teacher teaches Language Arts and Social Studies, the teacher can also teach a math course, despite of it being outside their multiple subject credentialing.

The Board approved the adoption of Resolution 9, approval of education code options for teaching assignments, (Paulson, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0)

President MacAvoy (Ayes)
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)
Trustee McBride (Ayes)
Trustee Lawson (Ayes)

11.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Budget Agreement between Nutrition Service Division of the California Department of Education and the Redwood City School District

The Board approved the budget agreement between Nutrition Service Division of the California Education and the Redwood City School District, (Díaz-Slocum, Paulson; 5-0)

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

9.2 2015/16 School Board Committee Assignments

The School Board discussed the various committee assignments for each of the board members. The following are the final school board committee assignments:

Superintendent's Sub-Committee Assignments

Budget Committee: Dennis McBride and María Díaz-Slocum
Policy Committee: Hilary Paulson and Alisa MacAvoy
Audit Committee: Dennis McBride and Hilary Paulson
LCAP Committee: Alisa MacAvoy and Janet Lawson
Strategic Planning: María Díaz-Slocum and Alisa MacAvoy
Food Service Planning: María Díaz-Slocum and Janet Lawson
Outreach Committee: María Díaz-Slocum and Alisa MacAvoy
Bond Oversight Measure T Committee: Dennis McBride and Janet Lawson
New Construction Committee: Dennis McBride and Hilary Paulson
BTSA Committee: Hilary Paulson
Charter Schools Subcommittee: Dennis McBride and Hilary Paulson
Survey Committee: Alisa MacAvoy and Janet Lawson
Technology Committee: Hilary Paulson and María Díaz-Slocum
Superintendent's Advisory Council: Alisa MacAvoy and Janet Lawson

Board Representatives

Redwood City 2020: Hilary Paulson and Alisa MacAvoy
Wellness Committee: Alisa MacAvoy and Janet Lawson
Measure W Citizens Oversight Committee: Dennis McBride
Government Relations: Hilary Paulson and María Díaz-Slocum

12. Board and Superintendent Reports

12.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee McBride reported attending the 17th District PTA Superintendent's Luncheon, along with other fellow board members. Trustee McBride also reported attending the Superintendent's Advisory Committee meeting on December 1st and expressed that Superintendent Baker did an exceptional job conducting the meeting. Trustee McBride commented that he gave a presentation at the CSBA Conference about the SEAL Program in the Redwood City School District. Trustee McBride thanked Linda Montes and Wendy Kelly for their help in his presentation.

Trustee Lawson reported attending the 17th District PTA Superintendent's Luncheon and commented that she enjoyed the Superintendents' presentation. Furthermore, Trustee Lawson volunteered at the Hometown Holidays' booth.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Diego. Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that she heard great and positive responses from Trustee McBride's presentation on the Redwood City School District's SEAL programs and attended other workshops at the conference.

Trustee Paulson reported attending Roosevelt School's PBL presentations and commented that she saw a presentation on the Gold Rush and Medieval Times. Trustee Paulson also reported attending the 17th District PTA Superintendent's Luncheon. Furthermore, Trustee Paulson reported visiting Adelante Spanish Immersion School and commented that Principal Hiltbrand expressed they are enjoying the SEAL Program and Adelante's teachers are enjoying the academic enrichment provided by the program. Trustee Paulson commented that she attended the Nutcracker presentation and many schools in attendance enjoyed the show.

Board President MacAvoy reported attending the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Diego and commented that she attended the Delegate Assembly. Board President MacAvoy stated that she gave a presentation at CSBA about the LCAP, Shared Decision-Making and commented that it had been well received. Board President MacAvoy reported receiving the Adequacy Report and stated she would send a copy to each of the board members. Board President MacAvoy reported touring Connect Community Charter School and visited one of Roosevelt School's fourth grade classrooms.

Superintendent Baker reported attending the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Diego as well and commented that he attended the Superintendent's Luncheon. Superintendent Baker stated that he enjoyed a presentation given by Palo Alto's Superintendent and added that he attended a workshop based on closing the achievement gap. Superintendent Baker reported that he attended a session on Interest Based Bargaining. Furthermore, Superintendent Baker reported attending the Hometown Holiday booth and commented it had been a great event. Superintendent Baker commented that Trustee Lawson had an opportunity to meet the District Office staff earlier in the day.

12.2 Report Out on Closed Session for Student Expulsion (2015-16, Case 1),
November 18, 2015

Board President MacAvoy commented that the School Board accepted by unanimous vote the administration's recommendation.

12.3 Report Out on Closed Session for Public Employee
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (1 case),
November 18, 2015

Board President MacAvoy commented that the School Board accepted by unanimous vote the administration's recommendation.

13. Information

13.1 2015/16 First Interim Budget Report for Connect Community Charter
School

No questions nor comments from members of the School Board.

13.2 Contract Update Information and Credit Card Summary

No questions nor comments from members of the School Board.

14. Correspondence

None.

15. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Trustee McBride commented that at one his meetings with Superintendent Baker, there had been a conversation about having a demographer provide a presentation to the School Board.

In response to Trustee McBride's request, Board President MacAvoy explained that when attending the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show, there was information shared about the California Voting Rights Act. The School Board thought it was a good idea to get an update on the status of the law and its relation to the RCSD since it had been a couple of years since we had discussed it.

Board President MacAvoy requested to agendize the Delegate Assembly nomination for the December 16th board meeting.

Superintendent Baker requested to make a change in the calendar of future board meetings. As a result of his attendance to the Superintendent's Symposium, Superintendent Baker requested that the originally scheduled board meeting of January 27th be rescheduled to January 20th.

In response to Superintendent's request, all board members replied that they would be able to attend the January 20th board meeting.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum and Board President MacAvoy expressed that they would like to begin every board meeting with an inspirational quote or quote of the day. Board President MacAvoy expressed to Superintendent Baker that she would further touch on this subject during their Monday meetings.

16. Board Agenda Calendar
- 16.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

Superintendent Baker commented that there have been no changes to the board agenda calendar.

17. Closed Session

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

At 8:58 p.m. Trustees MacAvoy, Paulson, Díaz-Slocum, McBride, and Lawson went into closed session with Superintendent Baker.

The board came out of closed session at 9:30 p.m.

18. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m. (McBride/Paulson; 5-0).

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk