

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 16, 2015

1. Call to Order

President Alisa MacAvoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Leslie Crane, Nancy Bloomquist, Bret Baird, Maritza Longland.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee Paulson requested to move Action Item 10.2 to Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Community/Staff Recognition

5.1 Recognition of Measure T Volunteers

Trustee McBride acknowledged and recognized Measure T volunteers for their hard work and support during the Measure T campaign.

Trustee McBride stated that the campaign volunteers had done an excellent job throughout the campaign and complemented their positive demeanors and determination.

The School Board expressed their utmost thanks to all the Measure T volunteers for their countless support and dedication to campaigning for the passing of Measure T.

## 6. Oral Communication

Nancy Bloomquist, retired Kennedy Middle School teacher, addressed the School Board about her concern of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science lab not being set up for students. Ms. Bloomquist stated that when KIPP Excelencia Community Prep moved to Kennedy Middle School, all the science equipment had been removed from the lab and had not been replaced. Ms. Bloomquist added that the custodian could not replace all the equipment back to the lab by himself, as it would take hours to set up the classroom. Ms. Bloomquist asked the School Board to take into consideration setting up the science lab for sixth grade students.

In response to Ms. Bloomquist's comment and request, Superintendent Baker replied that Wendy Kelly, Executive Director of Educational Services 6-8 would look into her concern and try to resolve it.

Bret Baird, RCTA President, commended the LCAP Committee on the entire LCAP process. Mr. Baird thanked Wendy Kelly for all her help and hard work. Mr. Baird commented that he and Superintendent Baker had a conversation about re-introducing Mid-Year Madness, which was a large staff celebration. Mr. Baird expressed that Mid-Year Madness fostered a great sense of community and he would like for this great event to be part of the district once again.

Martiza Longland, RCSD parent and community member, addressed the School Board about her concern with the disparity in wealth between RCSD and the neighboring districts. Ms. Longland commented that her child attended John Gill School and she decided to take him out of John Gill School and home-schooled him for one year. After one year of being home-schooled, the student needed to attend a middle school and Kennedy Middle School was his home boundaries' school. Ms. Longland commented that she had done some research of RCSD's middle schools and felt that Kennedy Middle School was not a good fit for her son. Ms. Longland commented to the School Board that she wanted to report to them, all that Menlo Park City School District is doing for their students. Ms. Longland ran out of time on her comment to the School Board, but commented that she would return in January to continue her comment.

## 7. School/Community Reports

### 7.1 Public Report – 2014/15 Annual Developer Fee Report

Chief Business Official Saleh reported to the School Board the 2014/15 annual developer fee report.

## 8. Discussion Items

### 8.1 Discussion of Renewal of Measure W

Superintendent Baker stated that Measure W was a school parcel tax approved by voters back in June 2012. Measure W has provided local funds to enhance reading, writing, math and science skills; attract and retain teachers and support for libraries. Superintendent Baker added that in early 2013, a Citizens' Oversight Committee was

established in order to ensure that all funds were used as voters intended. Superintendent Baker commented that Measure W expires on June 2017.

## 8.2 Discussion of Requests for Proposition 39 Facilities by Charter Schools for the 2016-17 School Year

Superintendent Baker stated that Connect Community Charter School, KIPP Bay Area Schools, and Rocketship Education all requested use of district facilities for the 2016-17 school year per Proposition 39 guidelines. Education Code and Regulations require that a charter school submit certain information by November 1, 2015 to be eligible for allocation of District facilities for the 2016-17 school year. Superintendent Baker added that the District then evaluates the request and determines whether the charter school's in-district ADA projection is reasonable.

Superintendent Baker expressed that the following are the guidelines to consider the allocation of district space:

- a. Reasonable projections of in-district and total ADA and in-district and total classroom ADA, based on ADA claimed for apportionment, if any, in the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the facilities request is made, adjusted for expected changes in enrollment in the forthcoming fiscal year. Projections in-district ADA, in-district classroom ADA, and the number of in-district students shall be broken down by grade level and by the school in the school district that the student would otherwise attend.
- b. Description of the methodology for the projections.
- c. If relevant (i.e., when a charter school is not yet open or to the extent an operating charter school projects a substantial increase in in-district ADA), documentation of the number of in-district students meaningfully interested in attending the charter school that is sufficient for the district to determine the reasonableness of the projection, but that need not be verifiable for precise arithmetical accuracy.
- d. The charter school's operational calendar.
- e. Information regarding the district school site and/or general geographic area in which the charter school wishes to locate.
- f. Information on the charter school's educational program, if any, that is relevant to assignment of facilities.

Each charter school is required to support its projections with documentation from the number of in-district students meaningfully interested in attending the charter school so the District can determine the reasonableness of the projection. The district then reviews the information and responds to the charter's request for space.

Superintendent Baker added that Connect Community Charter School has remained constant with their request for facilities' use and their enrollment projections. Furthermore, Superintendent Baker commented that he will meet with David Kuizenga in January to discuss applications submitted by parents who are interested in enrolling their students. Superintendent Baker stated that

Naomi Hunter and Margaret Lavin have worked collaboratively in interviewing a group of parents about their submitted applications stating both an interest in RCSD and charter schools. Superintendent Baker commented that the majority of the parents interviewed expressed a high interest to remain in the school district.

Superintendent Baker added that he would meet with David Kuizenga, April Chou and Janet Mueller to review RCSD's space and the charter school enrollment projections for the 2016-17 school year.

### 8.3 Discussion of Changes to Board Policy 6020 – Parent Involvement

Executive Director of Educational Services PreK-5 Linda Montes commented that new language was added to the Board Policy 6020 in order to become compliant with requirements for the Education Equity Federal Program Monitoring Instrument released by the California Department of Education in July 2015.

Ms. Montes stated that Board Policy 6020 would come forth to the School Board in January for approval.

## 9. Consent Items

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

9.1 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, November 1, 2015 – November 30, 2015

9.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the San Mateo County Office of Education and the Redwood City School District

10.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Personnel Report

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

## 10. Action Items

10.1 Recommendation re: Approval of the 2015/16 First Interim Budget Report for

Chief Business Official Saleh addressed the School Board with the 2015/16 first interim budget report.

10.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Personnel Report

Trustee Paulson requested to move Action Item 10.2 to Consent.

### 10.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement for Audit with Principals' Exchange

Executive Director of Educational Services PreK-5 Linda Montes commented that a study was conducted on McKinley Institute of Technology, Hawes Community School, Taft Community School and Garfield School in order to identify their strengths and the areas that need improvement. Ms. Montes explained that the audit would consist of data analysis, interviews with focus groups that include teachers, administration and parents; classroom visits and student shadowing.

Ms. Montes further commented that Hawes, Garfield, McKinley and Taft would host a 3-4 day audit. Once the audit concludes, each school site will receive a data report.

Ms. Montes explained that the district will receive an achievement profile that includes patterns across the district that are effectively promoting achievement, as well as recommendations for next steps to accelerate achievement for students that are struggling. Ms. Montes stated that after the audit, the district would receive a comprehensive oral report of their findings.

Superintendent Baker added that principals are in tune with what Robin Avelar LaSalle is brining forward. Superintendent Baker commented that Ms. LaSalle's next session with principals and administrators is scheduled for January.

The Board approved the agreement for audit with principals' exchange, (Díaz-Slocum, Paulson; 5-0)

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

### 10.4 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 10, 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

The issuance of not to exceed \$193 Million aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District was authorized by approval of the District's bond measure ("Bond Measure") at an election duly called and regularly conducted within the District on November 3, 2015, ("Bond Election"), pursuant to the provisions of the Proposition 39, the California Constitution and related California law, and on December 16, 2015, the results thereof were thereafter canvassed pursuant to applicable law and entered into the District's minutes.

Applicable provisions of the California Education Code require, upon certain terms and conditions, the formation and appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee ("Committee") for certain purposes relative to general obligation bonds approved pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Proposition 39.

The Board wishes to establish the Committee and authorize the development of a policy, procedure and/or bylaws and other applicable guidelines to address the form, purpose, appointment, and related matters of the Committee.

The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, to explore the development of a Board policy, administrative regulation and/or Committee bylaws and guidelines to guide the procedures, terms and activities of the Committee and the relationship between the District and the Committee. For details on the guidelines and requirements, please see the attached Resolution 10.

The Board approved the adoption of Resolution 10, (Lawson, Paulson; 5-0)

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

10.5 Recommendation re: Governing Board's Initial Proposal for Negotiations with California School Employees Association, Chapter V, for 2015/16

The School Board and Superintendent Baker did not have any questions or comments.

The Board approved the initial proposal for negotiations with California School Employees Association, Chapter V for 2015/16, (McBride, Paulson; 5-0)

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

10.6 Recommendation re: 2016 Nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly

The School Board unanimously nominated Board President Alisa MacAvoy for CSBA's Delegate Assembly.

(McBride, Paulson; 4-0)

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

## 11. Board and Superintendent Reports

### 11.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Lawson reported attending the Familias Unidas graduation. Furthermore, Trustee Lawson commented that she attended the LCAP meeting together with Trustee MacAvoy, as well as the Climate Survey Committee meeting.

Trustee McBride commented that he also attended the Familias Unidas graduation. Trustee McBride stated that Fair Oaks Community School had raised funds for a parent that had been a victim of a robbery and lost all her money.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the North Fair Oaks' Community Pot Luck, as well as the City Council Re-Organization meeting. Trustee Díaz-Slocum also reported attending an audit committee meeting.

Trustee Paulson reported attending Roy Cloud's Academic Assembly, together with Trustee MacAvoy. Trustee Paulson toured Connect Community Charter School and also attended John Gill School's Family Engagement meeting. Trustee Paulson stated that she attended and participated in the Measure T's debrief.

Board President MacAvoy reported attending the LCAP meetings and expressed that everyone in attendance was well engaged.

Superintendent Baker reported that he attended many of the same events as the School Board members. Superintendent Baker reminded the School Board, Cabinet members, and principals to attend the Holiday Breakfast on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 12. Information

### 12.1 2015/16 First Interim Budget Report for KIPP Excelencia College Preparatory

### 12.2 2015/16 First Interim Budget Report for Rocketship Charter School

Chief Business Official Saleh commented that in reviewing both KIPP's and Rocketship first interim budget report for the 2015/16, he found that Rocketship is running on a negative balance.

In response to CBO Saleh's comment, Trustee McBride added that perhaps Rocketship is running on a negative balance because they have fewer students than what they had originally projected.

No further questions or comments from members of the School Board or Superintendent Baker.

### 12.3 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund, November, 2015

The School Board and Superintendent Baker did not have any questions or comments.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Trustee McBride suggested adding a Study Session to discuss Special Education.

Superintendent Baker and the School Board suggested February 17<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> for the Study Sessions to discuss Special Education and Reading.

Trustee McBride suggested agendizing a topic on the Kennedy 6<sup>th</sup> grade science lab.

In response to Trustee McBride's request, Superintendent Baker replied that he would send information to the School Board about Kennedy's 6<sup>th</sup> grade science lab on his Friday update.

Trustee McBride suggested to agendize a recognition for Lidia Cruz from Fair Oaks Community School.

Board President MacAvoy asked Superintendent Baker if DWK was going to provide a presentation on January 13<sup>th</sup> regarding Measure T.

In response to Board President MacAvoy's question, Superintendent Baker replied that DWK was scheduled to provide their presentation to the School Board on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

15. Board Agenda Calendar

15.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

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

16. Closed Session

16.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (1 case), Adoption of Resolution 11

At 10:11 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 11:00 p.m.

17. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 11:01 p.m. (Lawson/Paulson; 5-0).

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk