

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 13, 2016

1. Call to Order

President Alisa Macvoy 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, Janet Lawson, 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, Bret Baird, Kip Husty, Maritza Longland, William Tunick.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee McBride requested to move Consent Item 7.6 to Action and requested to move Action Item 8.2 to Consent.

Board President MacAvoy requested to move Action Item 8.3 to Consent and requested to move Discussion Item 6.2 to after reports from the School Board.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

Bret Baird, RCTA President, addressed the School Board on behalf of the Redwood City Teachers' Association and commented that it is crucial that the Redwood City School District keep all teachers, students and support personnel. Mr. Baird commented that it has been a pleasure working with Wendy Kelly, Marco Baeza, Alisa MacAvoy, and Janet Lawson on the LCAP Committee in order to best utilize RCSD's resources and to find ways to keep teachers and support personnel. Mr. Baird expressed that he looks forward to negotiations.

Kip Husty, instructional assistant for the Special Education Department at Hawes Community School, addressed the School Board by expressing his disapproval on testing. Mr. Husty expressed that RCSD needs to opt out of testing, as the best

education for students comes from teachers that have a free reign. Mr. Husty expressed to the School Board that RCSD has talented teachers and encouraged parents to opt out of testing, as he feels that opting out of testing would improve education.

In response to Mr. Husty's comment, Trustee McBride commented that if RCSD were to opt out of testing, the School District would lose state funding.

Maritza Longland, RCSD parent and community member, addressed the School Board in reference to her comment to them back on December 16th. Ms. Longland commented that she spoke to a teacher in the Redwood City School District about how the School District resolves problems and suggested that the entire School District work collaboratively and make the best with the resources available. Ms. Longland encouraged RCSD staff and board members to go to Kennedy Middle School to help put the science equipment back into the 6th grade classroom. Ms. Longland ran out of time in her comment to the School Board and expressed she would return to a future board meeting to continue her comment.

In reference to Ms. Longlands's comment about Kennedy Middle School's science lab equipment, Ms. Kelly expressed that she had a conversation with Principal David Paliughi and Nancy Bloomquist and the science lab equipment has been reinstalled.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Discussion Regarding At-Large and Trustee-Area Elections

William Tunick from DWK provided the School Board information on the CA Voting Rights Act and various options afforded to School Districts. Mr. Tunick recommended to the School Board and Superintendent Baker that one option the district might want to consider is to hire a demographer to update information from previous studies to determine next steps. The School Board and Superintendent Baker agreed that they would like to move forward in retaining a demographer. Mr. Tunick and Superintendent Baker commented that they would keep in close communication to find a demographer that would assist RCSD in this process.

6.2 Discussion Regarding Preparation for the January 22nd Board Retreat

Discussion Item 6.2 was moved to after reports from School Board members.

7. Consent Items

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

7.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to the Marine Science Institute, Kennedy Middle School

7.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Several Sites in Sacramento, California, North Star Academy

7.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Elks Lodge Pool

7.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Yosemite National Park

- 7.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Alcatraz, Roosevelt School
- 8.2 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 12, Funding for Preschool Programs
- 8.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Addendum to 2015-16 Measure W Application for Hoover Community School

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

8. Action Items

- 7.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between the San Mateo County Office of Education Special Education and the Redwood City School District

Trustee McBride commented that he requested to move this item to action due to the fact that Carla Crenshaw, Director of Special Education, arranged for the training from the San Mateo County Office of Education to commence after the last board meeting. Trustee McBride explained that it takes about a week for the Business Department to process an agreement and added that during the time of processing of the agreement, there wasn't any board meetings scheduled.

Trustee McBride added that any agreement between a government entity requires School Board approval regardless of the amount.

Superintendent Baker added that from hereon, any agreements brought forth to the School Board for approval after services have been rendered to the Redwood City School District, must contain an explanation to account for the factual circumstances.

The Board approved the agreement between the San Mateo County Office of Education and the Redwood City School District, (Paulson, McBride; 5-0)

- 8.1 Recommendation re: Approval of the Redwood City Teachers Association Sunshine Proposal

No questions nor comments from the School Board or Superintendent Baker.

The Board approved the Redwood City Teachers Association Sunshine Proposal, (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0)

- 8.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Hiring of TBWB to Determine the Feasibility of a Parcel Tax Renewal

The Board approved the hiring of TBWB to determine the feasibility of a parcel tax renewal, (Paulson, Lawson; 5-0)

8.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between Godbe Research and the Redwood City School District

Godbe Research will assist the Redwood City School District on a voter opinion research project to determine the feasibility of placing a potential future parcel tax renewal measure on the ballot, based on voter support. Godbe Research will conduct an 18-minute survey of 500 total Redwood City School District voters regarding the feasibility of placing a parcel tax renewal measure on the ballot in the District, based on voter support. The survey will be administered via Internet and telephone, with the Internet survey conducted first and de-duplicating the phone sample to avoid contacting voters who completed the Internet version of the survey.

The Board approved the agreement between Godbe Research and the Redwood City School District, (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0)

9. Board and Superintendent Reports

9.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Paulson reported attending the Holiday Breakfast and thanked all Cabinet members for the delicious breakfast! Trustee Paulson visited John Gill School's Mandarin Program. Trustee Paulson reported attending the RWC2020 Executive Council Meeting. Furthermore, Trustee Paulson commented that she visited a few community schools and ad hoc meeting. Trustee Paulson visited Hoover Community School and commented that she met State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

No report from Trustee Díaz-Slocum.

Trustee McBride reported attending the December 17th close out meeting with the Audit Committee. Trustee McBride commented that the list of issues on the auditors' findings has significantly decreased. Trustee McBride reported attending the District Office Holiday Breakfast and commented it had been a great event! Trustee McBride commented that on January 4th, he met with the chairman of the board of Rocketfuel. Furthermore, Trustee McBride attended the DELAC meeting and Warren Slocum's swear in. Trustee McBride reported that last Friday the district had the close out of the CDE audit and commented it had been a quick meeting. Trustee McBride also reported attending the Redwood City / San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting.

Trustee Lawson reported visiting Roosevelt School. Trustee Lawson also attended the District Office Holiday Breakfast and commented that she enjoyed getting to know the Technology Department. Trustee Lawson attended a Governance Training for newly elected board members in Sacramento. In addition, Trustee Lawson attended the Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting, as well as, LCAP Steering Committee Meeting and Wellness Committee meeting. Trustee Lawson met with Anna Lague at Selby Lane School and toured their kitchen and added that she attended the Redwood City Pageant event.

President MacAvoy reported attending the LCAP meeting and expressed that Linda Montes and Wendy Kelly are doing an exceptional job with the LCAP process.

Superintendent Baker thanked Linda Montes for all her hard work during the auditing of the Federal Program Monitoring. Superintendent Baker commented that the Federal Program Monitoring was a much strenuous process this year and it took a lot of staff time. Superintendent Baker thanked all staff that helped throughout the auditing of the Federal Program Monitoring. Superintendent Baker commented that he gave a presentation to the Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce and thanked Naomi Hunter for her help with the presentation. Superintendent Baker added that Karyn Warner and Cathy James provided an afternoon presentation on the various applications used by teachers and students throughout the school district. Furthermore, Superintendent Baker commented that he called a meeting at Fair Oaks School last night to have a discussion with 5th grade parents about the middle school. Superintendent Baker commented that he would provide the School Board with further information on his Friday update.

6.2 Discussion Regarding Preparation for the January 22nd Board Retreat

Superintendent Baker provided the School Board with a packet, which contained the materials for the January 22nd board retreat.

Board President MacAvoy clarified that a discussion regarding the preparation for the January 22nd board retreat was agendized not with the intent of engaging in an extensive discussion about the meeting, but rather provide an opportunity to any board members or members of the audience if they had any specific questions or comments.

Superintendent Baker expressed that him and Board President MacAvoy met to review items for the January 22nd board retreat and reviewed the materials provided by CSBA's consultant, Steve Lamb. Superintendent Baker commented that he and Board President MacAvoy agreed to add to the agenda the reviewing of RCSD's goals, objectives, and effective governance. Superintendent Baker added that during the board retreat, he and the School Board would discuss strategic planning for the district.

9.2 Report Out on Closed Session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (1 case), Adoption of Resolution 11 December 16, 2015

President MacAvoy commented that the School Board received an update and followed the administration's recommendation.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Board President MacAvoy suggested to agendize a wellness update.

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

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

13. Closed Session

- 13.1 Conference With Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code)
Case name unspecified due to pupil privacy rights

- 13.2 Closed Session for Certificated Leave of Absence Request

At 8:56 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 9:45 p.m.

14. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m. (Lawson/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk