

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 20, 2016

1. Call to Order

President Alisa MacAvoy 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 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, Teri Montgomery, Blake Boehm, Mark Kelley.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee McBride requested to move Information Item 11.1 to before Discussion Item 7.1. Additionally, Trustee McBride requested to move Action Item 9.1 to Consent.

President MacAvoy requested to move Consent Items 8.7 and 8.8 to Action. Additionally, President MacAvoy requested to move the Recognition of the Sequoia Healthcare District to the February 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Community/Staff Recognition

5.1 Recognition of Sequoia Healthcare District

Per President MacAvoy, Sequoia Healthcare District's recognition was rescheduled for the February 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

6. Oral Communication

None.

## 7. Discussion Items

### 7.1 Discussion on the Overview of the Bond Issuance Process, KNN

Blake Boehm provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker with an overview of the general obligation bonds, the implementation of a bond program, and a schedule of Measure T issuance.

### 7.2 Discussion on the Overview of the Construction Process, DWK

Mark Kelley from Dannis Woliver Kelley (DWK) provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker with a presentation detailing the planning phase, design phase, and construction phase for RCSD school sites utilizing Measure T funds.

### 7.3 Discussion on 6-8 Grade Programs at Fair Oaks School and Taft Community School

Superintendent Baker stated that he held meetings with parents at Fair Oaks School and Taft Community School to discuss his concerns about the progress of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Superintendent Baker commented that he had an extensive conversation with parents and the schools' principals and discussed the areas where these middle school programs need improvement.

Superintendent Baker expressed that he does not believe that having a sixth grade at Fair Oaks School and Taft Community School would be effective long-term. Superintendent Baker does not believe the students are obtaining the academic enrichment and support that would eventually prepare them for high school. Superintendent Baker commented that he would meet with Linda Montes and Wendy Kelly to discuss providing transportation to parents in order for them to visit Selby Lane School and Garfield School. Superintendent Baker added that he would provide a summer school program for the students currently enrolled in sixth grade at both school sites.

Superintendent Baker expressed that parents were receptive to the information he presented, as well as his concerns; however, there are a few parents who would like to keep 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Fair Oaks School.

All board members agreed that all students should receive the academic support they deserve to prepare them and ensure their success in high school.

Superintendent Baker commented that he would provide further information to the School Board after he meets with Linda Montes and Wendy Kelly. Superintendent Baker reiterated that they would work arduously to provide the necessary support and resources to these students.

- 7.4 Discussion of Changes to Board Policy 4030 – Nondiscrimination in Employment – attachment
- 7.5 Discussion of Changes to Board Policy 5145.3 – Student Nondiscrimination/Harassment – attachment
- 7.6 Discussion of Changes to Board Policy 5147.5 – Student Sexual Harassment – attachment

Executive Director of Education Services, PreK-5, Linda Montes expressed that the Redwood City School District had been reviewed by auditors the week of January 4-8<sup>th</sup> to ensure that that RCSD was in compliance with the most current State Adopted Federal Program Monitoring Instrument.

Ms. Montes stated that new language had been added to Board policies 4030, 5145.3, and 5147.5 in order to become compliant with the requirements for the Education Equity Federal Program Monitoring Instrument. Ms. Montes commented that the changes to all three policies had been updated on the Redwood City School District's website.

## 8. Consent Items

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

- 8.1 Recommendation re: Approval of November 4<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes – attachment
- 8.2 Recommendation re: Approval of November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes – attachment
- 8.3 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015
- 8.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreements with Families United Through Literacy and Learning, Inc. and the Redwood City School District
- 8.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Addendum to 2015-16 Measure W Funds for Roosevelt School
- 8.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Addendum to 2015-16 Measure W Funds for Taft Community School
- 8.9 Recommendation re: Approval of Water Field Trip Request to Palo Alto Baylands, Hawes School
- 9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement with the San Mateo County Office of Education to Provide Video Filming Services

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

## 9. Action Items

### 8.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Contract to Partner with PAL

Board President MacAvoy expressed her concern about the contract coming forward to the School Board for approval after the services had been rendered.

Chief Business Official Saleh explained that principals, assistant principals, and District Office staff have been informed of the system in place for agreements/contracts that require board approval. CBO Saleh confirmed that he and Superintendent Baker would enforce the process that needs to be followed by staff when submitting a contract for approval.

The Board approved the contract to partner with PAL, (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0)

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

### 8.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Overnight Field Trip Request to Westminster Woods, Clifford School

Superintendent Baker commented that all students attending the Westminster Woods field trip were able to finance the field trip with scholarship funds.

The Board approved the overnight field trip request to Westminster Woods for Clifford School, (MacAvoy, Paulson; 5-0)

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

## 10. Board and Superintendent Reports

### 10.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Lawson reported meeting with Burgess Peck, board member of Connect Community Charter School.

Trustee McBride reported visiting Connect Community Charter School. Additionally, Trustee McBride reported that he and Trustee Paulson attended a meeting with KNN Public Finance regarding Measure T. Lastly, Trustee McBride commented that he visited Taft Community School, for Kaiser Permanente Volunteer Day. All of Assemblymember Pro-Tem Kevin Mullin's staff was volunteering as well as City Council Members, Borgen's and Howard.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending some of the same events as fellow board members.

Trustee Paulson reported attending a meeting with KNN Public Finance to discuss Measure T. Trustee Paulson also reported attending the RWC2020 Leadership meeting. Furthermore, Trustee Paulson commented that she met with RCEF.

President MacAvoy reported visiting Taft Community School for Kaiser Permanente Volunteer Day. All of Assemblymember Pro-Tem Kevin Mullin's staff was volunteering as well as City Council Members, Borgen's and Howard. President MacAvoy also reported attending the Climate Survey Committee meeting.

Superintendent Baker reported that he attended many of the same events as board members. Superintendent Baker commented that he and attorney Janet Mueller, together with Director of Facilities Don Dias met to review the allocation of facilities for charter schools. Superintendent Baker commented that he would attend the Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting.

10.2 Report Out on 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, January 13, 2016

Board President MacAvoy reported that the School Board accepted the administration's recommendation.

10.3 Report Out on Certificated Leave of Absence Request, January 13, 2016

Board President MacAvoy reported that the School Board denied the request.

11. Information

11.1 Information on Financial Audit Report for 2014-15 School Year

12. Correspondence

None.

13. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Trustee McBride recommended agendizing a recognition for the Financial Advisory Committee.

14. Board Agenda Calendar

14.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

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

15. Closed Session
  - 15.1 Closed Session for Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Superintendent's Evaluation)
  - 15.2 Closed Session for Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (1 case)

At 9:40 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 10:45 p.m.

16. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m. (Paulson/Lawson; 5-0).

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk