

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 30, 2016

1. Call to Order

President Alisa MacAvoy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District ("RCSD"), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

Present at the Board Meeting: President MacAvoy, Trustees Hilary Paulson, María Díaz-Slocum, Dennis McBride, Janet Lawson, and Superintendent Baker.

Others present: Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services; Wendy Kelly, Executive Director of Educational Services, Ángela Pérez, Elizabeth Mendez, Gricelda Pérez, Naomi Hunter, Rick Hunter.

2. Welcome

President MacAvoy welcomed those present. There being no audience present, the board dispensed with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

Ángela Pérez, parent at Roosevelt School, addressed the School Board with a few concerns about threats and bullying amongst students on campus. Ms. Pérez asked the School Board and Superintendent Baker for their immediate attention to this matter.

President MacAvoy commented that the School Board and Superintendent Baker would follow up in regards to the parent's allegations and concerns.

Elizabeth Mendez, parent at Roosevelt School, stated that she has a 7th grade student who currently attends Roosevelt and commented that she came to the board meeting to address a few of her concerns with the School Board. Ms. Mendez discussed her various concerns about student safety. Ms. Mendez asked the School Board and Superintendent Baker to discuss this issue with Principal Girardi and seek an immediate resolution.

In response to Ms. Mendez's comment, Superintendent Baker assured her that he would address each and every concern with Principal Girardi.

Gricelda Pérez, parent at Roosevelt, expressed some of her concerns on student safety and echoed on some of the comments made earlier by Roosevelt parents. Ms. Pérez urged the School Board and Superintendent Baker to discuss this matter with Principal Girardi.

Superintendent Baker assured the parents in attendance that he would discuss the aforementioned concerns and reports with Principal Girardi.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Discussion on Reading

The Redwood City School District adopted a reading plan to support students in developing the capacities of literate individuals. These capacities include: building strong content knowledge, comprehending text, critiquing and analyzing evidence, using technology and digital media strategically, and understanding other perspectives and cultures. At the core of these literacy capacities is the ability to read at grade level. Reading data will be presented to determine progress of the adopted RCSD Comprehensive, Systematic and Aligned Approach to the Instruction of Reading based on the research from the California Department of Education English Language Arts/English Language Development (CDE ELA/ELD) Framework.

7. Action Items

7.1 Adoption of Resolution 18, Resolution on Board Compensation for Missed Meetings

The Board adopted Resolution 18, Resolution on board compensation for missed meetings, (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 4-0).

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

8. Closed Session

8.1 Closed Session for Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Superintendent's Evaluation)

8.2 Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code 54957 (1 case)

At 8:35 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.

9. Adjournment (Action Required)

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

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk