

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 19, 2016

1. Call to Order

President Alisa MacAvoy called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Bond Program Director Don Dias, Director of Communications Naomi Hunter, Whitney Wood, Alicia Yamashita, Maria Hopkins, Mayra Arellano, Megan Antone, Argelia Rescendiz, María Rivera, Beatriz Cerrillo.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee McBride requested to move Action Items 10.1, 10.4, 10.5 to Consent. Trustee McBride acknowledged the Human Resources' Department for all their help.

President MacAvoy expressed that Community / Staff Recognition of Clifford, Roy Cloud and Taft by Senator Jerry Hill would be rescheduled to a future board meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

Jamillah Moore, Cañada College President, addressed the School Board by introducing herself and her team, comprised of: Diva Ward (Director of Student Support), Mayra Arellano (College Recruiter & Outreach Coordinator) and Megan Rodriguez (Marketing and Outreach Relations) at Cañada College. Ms. Moore complimented the Redwood City School District on their LCAP and commented that they make an effort to reach out to students in high school in order to provide college readiness, strategic planning, and work ethic.

## 6. Community/Staff Recognition

### 6.1 Recognition of Clifford, Roy Cloud, and Taft by Senator Jerry Hill

This item has been rescheduled to a future board meeting.

### 6.2 "Meet RCSD" Videos

Naomi Hunter, Director of Communications, presented to the School Board "Meet RCSD" videos. The videos included interviews of students and staff.

## 7. School/Community Reports

### 7.1 Bond Program Update

Don Dias, Bond Program Director, provided the School Board with an update on the bond program.

### 7.2 Re-Imagine John Gill Community Meetings

Katherine Rivera, Principal at John Gill provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker with a presentation regarding community meetings comprised of neighborhood families, parents and teachers of John Gill and district staff to discuss and recommend the next steps in re-imagining John Gill. It was recommended that Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math be the focus of John Gill School.

The meetings were divided into five sessions. The first session encompassed the introduction of the committee and established its purpose, it followed by the second session which provided parents with presentations on what to look for in a school. The third session provided information on what makes a great school, a project based model and designing a model for parent feedback. The last two sessions provides information on social/emotional learning and an agreement on the model-STEAM.

The School Board expressed their excitement in having STEAM at John Gill. The School Board asked Principal Rivera to further provide information regarding funding for the program, a budget plan and a 3-year plan.

Superintendent Baker thanked Principal Rivera for all her help and support. Superintendent Baker expressed that perhaps after the holidays; a discussion item could be brought forth to the School Board regarding funding and a 3-year plan.

### 7.3 2016 Summer School Report

Wendy Kelly, Executive Director of Educational Services provided the School Board with information on the various summer school programs at different school sites. Ms. Kelly expressed that approximately 2,470 students throughout the Redwood City School District were served.

Ms. Kelly commented that the programs offered during summer school were: Special Education Summer School, Tri-District Math Institute, Elevate Math, Migrant Education, the Sobrato Early Education Academic Language (SEAL) Summer Bridge Program, Aim High, José Valdés Math Institute, Kennedy Summer Bridge and several programs at our school sites ran by Sequoia YMCA, PE+ Summer Camp, Camp Galileo Police Activities League, Peninsula Writers Camp, Kick-off to Kindergarten-Family Connections, and Redwood City Parks and Recreation.

#### 7.4 Presentation of Beginning Teacher Support & Assessment Program (BTSA)

Wendy Kelly, Executive Director of Educational Services, 6-8 provided the School Board with a presentation regarding the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program. Ms. Kelly stated that there were 25 participating teachers, including 16 first year teachers and 9-second year teachers. In addition, there were 20 support providers.

Ms. Kelly commented that the program provides ongoing training and support for mentors that includes: coaching and mentoring, goal setting, use of appropriate mentoring instruments, best practices in adult learning, support for individual mentoring challenges, and program processes designed to support candidate growth and effectiveness. Ms. Kelly further commented that the training is provided in order to meet the learning needs of students, teacher retention, and continuous professional growth through the application of knowledge and skills acquired in the credential program.

The entire School Board thanked Ms. Kelly for her tremendous work!

### 8. Discussion Items

#### 8.1 Discussion re: Petition for Charter Renewal – Connect Community Charter School

Alicia Yamashita, Connect Community Charter School's Principal and Whitney Wood, School Board President addressed the School Board with a brief presentation of their petition for charter renewal. RCSD School Board members were provided with Connect Community Charter School's petition a few days before the board meeting to review.

### 9. Consent Items

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

- 9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of September 27<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes – attachment
- 9.2 Recommendation re: Approval of September 28<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes – attachment
- 9.3 Recommendation re: Approval of October 5<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes – attachment
- 9.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Yosemite National Park, Hoover Community School
- 9.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Yosemite National Park, Taft Community School

- 9.6 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016
- 9.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Revision of Measure W Funds for Roosevelt School
- 9.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Revision of Measure W Funds for Hoover Community School
- 10.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Sobrato Family Foundation
- 10.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Staffing Update 2016-17
- 10.5 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

- 10.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request

The Board approved the variable term waiver request for Lisamarie Gascot Reyes, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bilingual classroom at Adelante Spanish Immersion School, (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

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

- 10.3 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 12, Approval of Education Code Options for Teaching Assignments

The Board adopted Resolution 12, approval of education code options for Kirsten Knudson, McKinley School/6<sup>th</sup> grade for single subject teaching assignment in English, (Díaz-Slocum, Lawson; 5-0).

President MacAvoy (Ayes)  
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 Díaz-Slocum reported visiting Hoover Community School. Trustee Díaz-Slocum also reported visiting KIPP. Trustee Díaz-Slocum expressed that she visited Adelante Spanish Immersion School to drop off books. Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that all teachers were on task and the students seemed engaged. Trustee Díaz-Slocum also visited McKinley Institute of Technology and Roosevelt. At Roosevelt, Trustee Díaz-Slocum visited the Special Education classrooms. Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the Baron Avenue Mobile Home Park and obtained information on the process of evaluating homes for possible repairs and renovations sponsored by the County of San Mateo. Trustee Díaz-Slocum attended Woodside Library's Poetry of Nature Event and commented it had been a wonderful event.

Trustee Paulson reported attending the RWC2020 Leadership Council and discussed topics such as the Big Lift. Trustee Paulson also reported attending bond committee meetings, together with Trustee McBride. Trustee Paulson expressed that she attended the San Mateo County/Redwood City Chamber of Commerce Legislative Review and also participated in the Safe Routes to School with students from Roy Cloud School.

Trustee McBride reported visiting Connect Community Charter School, together with Trustee Lawson. Trustee McBride also attended a climate meeting with Board President MacAvoy and Superintendent Baker and commented that it had been a very special meeting. Trustee McBride attended a United Through Education meeting at Hoover Community School and attended the San Mateo Reading Association event, together with Board President MacAvoy and Superintendent Baker. Trustee McBride conveyed that Kindergarten Information Night had been great!

Trustee Lawson reported that she and Board President MacAvoy attended SEPTAR's meet and greet event. Trustee Lawson also attended the Gate Program at Selby Lane School, together with Wendy Kelly. Trustee Lawson also reported attending a Chamber Leadership Program meeting.

President MacAvoy reported attending many of the same events as other board members. President MacAvoy reported attending the 2x2x2 meeting, together with Superintendent Baker. President MacAvoy also reported visiting Cañada College and had a great tour of the campus!

Superintendent Baker reported that Lisa Smith from Heart of America conveyed that they would like to provide a remodeling of one of RCSD's libraries. Superintendent Baker expressed that he met with Lisa Smith from Heart of America and commented that they are interested in providing a renovation for Taft's library; however, after consulting with Don Dias, based on the Master Plan, Taft Community School might not be such a great option.

## 12. Information

### 12.1 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – August 2016

No comments and/or questions from the School Board and Superintendent Baker.

13. Correspondence

President MacAvoy reported receiving a letter from the San Mateo County Office of Education stating that they approved RCSD's adoptive budget.

14. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Superintendent Baker commented that on November 9<sup>th</sup>, Cristina Huezo and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative would be recognized. Superintendent Baker added that on November 9<sup>th</sup>, the agenda would contain several action items regarding the bond measure. Superintendent Baker added that there will be a Study Session on the Budget on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

15. Board Agenda Calendar

15.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

President MacAvoy commented that the School Board had scheduled Superintendent Baker's evaluation on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

16. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m. (Lawson/Paulson; 5-0).

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk