

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 16, 2016

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, Bond Program Director Don Dias, Director of Communications Naomi Hunter, Michelle Griffith, Cathy Okubo, Trish Girardi, Warren Sedar, Grady Wright, Tracy Dacosta, Rosemary Wood, Lynne Griffiths, Jude Noyes, Dana Hardester, Josh Swerdlow, Sara Shackel, Lupe Ortiz, Josh Griffith, Maria Stockton, Maria Orozco, Katherine Rivera, Ramiro Carranza, Alicia Yamashita.

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, 9.1, 9.3-9.6 to Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

None.

6. Community/Staff Recognition

6.1 "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 reported to the School Board that the Bond Team would be relocating from the District Office to an office at Kennedy Middle School, the week of Thanksgiving. Mr. Dias commented that the Bond Team discussed the great need to reengage principals to accomplish several tasks on every school site.

7.2 Presentation of Components of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Superintendent Baker expressed that the purpose of the SPSA is to coordinate all educational services at the school sites. Superintendent Baker commented that the SPSAs help address how funds provided to the school by identified sources will be used to improve the academic performance of all students. In addition, Superintendent Baker expressed that the school goals need to be based upon an analysis of verifiable state data and the SPSA must integrate the purposes and requirements of all state and federal categorical programs in which the school participates.

Trustee McBride thanked all the principals for all their work and working collaboratively with staff and parents. Trustee McBride also thanked Wendy Kelly and Linda Montes for their countless work and support.

Trustee Paulson thanked all the principals for their hard work and expressed that she would like to learn about the criteria used for choosing books at grade level.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum commented that she is pleased to see how much the Redwood City School District is changing and expressed that she appreciates all the hard work from all principals and staff. Trustee Díaz-Slocum thanked everyone who took the time to answer all her questions throughout the review of the SPSAs.

Trustee Lawson commented that as a first year board member, she appreciates all the hard work that was put into developing the SPSAs. Trustee Lawson thanked all the principals and staff for their service to students.

President MacAvoy thanked all the principals for their hard work and commented that it would be a great idea for principals to read other SPSAs to obtain an insight on what other neighboring schools are doing. President MacAvoy commented that she found common themes in terms of the difficulty in finding qualified teachers and substitute teachers. President MacAvoy stated that she appreciated all the Redwood City School District partners that were highlighted. In addition, President MacAvoy expressed that after reading the SPSAs, one learns more about the culture of each school site.

7.3 Master Plan for English Learners' Update

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services, PreK-5 Director for Department of English Learners provided the School Board with an update on the master plan for English learners. Ms. Montes stated that the Master Plan contains

structures and processes by which the English learners in the district will achieve success in the acquisition of English and in the mastery of content standards. Ms. Montes commented that there had been slight changes to the Master Plan regarding the criteria for reclassifying English learners. Ms. Montes added that the District English Language Advisory Committee updated the reclassification criteria for the 2016-17 school year to include the SBAC scores as the reading indicator for reclassification. Ms. Montes commented that for the past two years, the California Department of Education has asked each district to determine their own reclassification criteria as there was not a State Standardized Assessment.

The School Board thanked Linda Montes for her hard work and thorough presentation of the Master Plan.

7.4 RCSD Technology Services Report

Marco Baeza, Chief Technology Officer provided the School Board with an update on the technology services offered throughout the Redwood City School District.

Mr. Baeza highlighted that the Technology Department has been arduously working on curriculum integrations, email system management and archiving, help desk support, voice over internet protocol services, technology plan for enterprise, educational software, equipment purchasing and allocation, student assessment and information systems, back up and disaster recovery management.

The School Board and Superintendent Baker thanked Mr. Baeza and his team for all their hard work and support. The School Board stressed that Mr. Baeza and the technology team are capable of achieving many goals with a limited staff and thanked him and his team for their dedication.

8. Consent Items

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

8.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between the Redwood City School District and Star Vista for Fiscal Year 2016-17

8.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement between Redwood City School District and PAL

9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Architect and Engineer Master and Supplemental Agreement for Measure T Bond Program

9.3 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 14, Reduction of Certain Classified Services for Fiscal Year 2016-17

9.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Reclassification of Classified Employees

9.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Local Interagency Agreement(s) to Provide Teacher Interns and Student Teachers

9.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Renewal of Connect Community Charter School

President MacAvoy (Ayes)

Trustee Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)
Trustee McBride (Ayes)
Trustee Lawson (Ayes)

9. Action Items

9.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Provisional Internship Permit

The Board approved the provisional internship permit for Alixandria Williams, a special education teacher at John Gill Elementary School (Lawson, Díaz-Slocum; 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 attending the LCAP Committee meeting, together with Board President MacAvoy, Linda Montes, and Wendy Kelly. Trustee Lawson also attended the Food Service Committee meeting and commented that it was great to see all the changes that are happening at Hoover Community School's kitchen. Trustee Lawson expressed that she attended the Lion King Junior Musical at Roy Cloud and it had been a wonderful event!

Trustee McBride reported visiting Roosevelt School and commented that Principal Wood is great! Trustee McBride reported attending a Bond Committee meeting, in addition to a Measure W Committee meeting. Trustee McBride stated that the Measure W Committee would present their report to the School Board in February 2017.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the Food Service Committee meeting and expressed that a board item would come forth for approval of the purchase of ovens at the next board meeting.

Trustee Paulson reported attending the Connect 16 event, where companies such as Oracle and Genentech provided presentations.

President MacAvoy reported attending the LCAP Committee meeting and also attended the Connect 16 event, together with Trustee Paulson.

Superintendent Baker reported attending the Measure W Committee meeting and expressed that he had visited school sites earlier that morning.

11. Correspondence

President MacAvoy reported receiving a letter from a Roy Cloud parent regarding the recent presidential elections.

12. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Superintendent Baker commented that after he met with President MacAvoy, there were several items that were added to the schedule of board agenda items.

13. Board Agenda Calendar

13.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

President MacAvoy commented that in previous years, it has been tradition that the School Board have cake proceeding the board reorganization segment of the board meeting; however, she expressed that this year, the School Board will follow directly with the Roy Cloud School Report, instead of breaking for cake.

14. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. (Paulson/Lawson; 5-0).

María Díaz-Slocum, Clerk