

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 18, 2017

1. Call to Order

President Hilary Paulson 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 Hilary Paulson, María Díaz-Slocum, Dennis McBride, Janet Lawson, Alisa MacAvoy and Superintendent John Baker.

Others present: 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.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee McBride requested that Action Item 8.2 be moved to Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

Maria Stockton, staff member at Clifford School, addressed the School Board by expressing that Classified Staff are willing to work collaboratively with the District to ease up some of the financial hardship that affects many staff members.

6. School/Community Reports

6.1 Presentation of the Type of Technology Tools Teachers are Using in the Classroom

Wendy Kelly, Executive Director of Educational Services 6-8 provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker with a review on how students in the Redwood City School District are receiving technology experiences that include practice, innovation, exploration and creation.

7. Consent Items

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

7.1 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreements with Families United through Literacy and Learning, Inc., and the Redwood City School District Migrant Education Program

7.2 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreements between Menlo School and Taft Community School (Redwood City School District) for the School Year 2016-17

7.3 Recommendation re: Approval to the Agreement between Redwood City 2020 and the Redwood City School District

7.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

7.5 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register – December 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

7.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Extended Hours Field Trip Request to Sequoia Music Festival, Kennedy Middle School

7.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Extended Hour Field Trip Request to Music in the Park at Milpitas High School, Kennedy Middle School

7.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Extended Hour Field Trip Request to Music in the Park at Great America, Kennedy Middle School

7.9 Recommendation re: Approval of Extended Day Field Trip Request to Año Nuevo, Roosevelt School

8.2 Recommendation re: Review and Approval of Board Policy 6164.4, Identification and Evaluation of Individuals

President Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

Trustee McBride (Ayes)

Trustee Lawson (Ayes)

Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)

8. Action Items

11.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Provisional Internship Permit

Superintendent Baker expressed that Lynette Juárez is in need of the provisional internship permit after she had enrolled in an online program; however, after an audit, it was discovered that the program was not a credited program. The Redwood City School District is looking for another program where Lynette Juárez can obtain certification.

The Board approved the provisional internship permit for Lynette Juárez, first grade teacher at Fair Oaks Elementary School (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

President Paulson (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

Trustee McBride (Ayes)

Trustee Lawson (Ayes)

Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)

9. Board and Superintendent Reports

9.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Lawson reported attending a Middlefield Junction meeting. Trustee Lawson then expressed that all districts present at the Middlefield Junction meeting, including City and County planners introduced themselves. A presentation on affordable housing for students and staff was provided. Furthermore, Trustee Lawson reported attending a Chamber Leadership meeting.

Trustee McBride reported attending the Familias Unidas Graduation Ceremony at Hoover Community School. Trustee McBride expressed that the Holiday Breakfast had been great and thanked all Cabinet members for organizing such a great event. Furthermore, Trustee McBride reported visiting North Star and commented he was quite impressed at how focused students were. Trustee McBride stated that the Audit Committee met and there had been no negative comments regarding RCSD financials. The auditors were very pleased with the finance staff. First the first time ever we had no audit comments regarding student body funds, thanks to Olivia Acosta's efforts. Lastly, Trustee McBride reported attending the Measure W Committee meeting and reported visiting Bullis Charter School, with the John Gill Team, where students were working on a science lesson integrating art.

Trustee MacAvoy reported visiting Roosevelt School a few times back in December. Trustee MacAvoy also visited John Gill during their Math Night. Trustee MacAvoy also reported attending the 2x2x2 meeting, where Internet access was a topic of discussion.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the 2x2x2 meeting. Trustee Díaz-Slocum also reported visiting Selby Lane School during an assembly honoring students for their academic goals. In addition, Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported visiting Henry Ford School and commented she saw many wonderful things. Lastly, Trustee Díaz-Slocum visited Fair Oaks School and Taft Community School.

President Paulson reported attending an audit and bond meeting. President Paulson also attended a RWC2020 meeting.

Superintendent Baker expressed that he attended many of the same events as board members. Superintendent Baker thanked Linda Montes and Wendy Kelly for organizing a great staff development meeting. Furthermore, Superintendent Baker reported meeting with a group of teachers regarding some concerns. Lastly, Superintendent Baker reported doing instructional rounds at Hoover Community School and expressed that the next two school sites subject to instructional rounds would be Adelante and MIT.

10. Information

10.1 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – November, 2016

There were no questions or comments from the School Board and Superintendent Baker.

10.2 Information on the Financial Audit Report for Rocketship Redwood City Prep for 2015-16 School Year

CBO Saleh referred to Information Items 10.2 through 10.7 and expressed there were no questions or comments.

10.3 Information on the Financial Audit Report for KIPP Excelencia Community Prep for 2015-16 School Year

10.4 Information on the Financial Audit Report for Connect Community Charter School for 2015-16 School Year

10.5 Revised 2016-17 First Interim Budget Report for KIPP Excelencia Community Prep

10.6 Revised 2016-17 First Interim Budget Report for Connect Community Charter School

10.7 Revised 2016-17 First Interim Budget Report for Rocketship Redwood City Prep

11. Correspondence

President Paulson stated that the Familias Unidas Ceremony had been rescheduled to the same evening as the Golden Apple Ceremony.

12. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Superintendent Baker commented that a recognition of Kaiser Permanente had been added to the list of future agenda items, in addition to ELA/ELD adoption.

13. Board Agenda Calendar

13.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

Superintendent Baker stated that no new changes have been made to the board agenda schedule.

14. Closed Session

14.1 Closed Session for Public Employee
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code §54957 (2 cases)

At 8:13 p.m. Trustees Paulson, Díaz-Slocum, McBride, Lawson, and MacAvoy went into closed session with Superintendent Baker.

The board came out of closed session at 9:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m. (Díaz-Slocum/Lawson; 5-0).

Dennis McBride, Clerk