

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 19, 2017

1. Call to Order

President Hilary Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:08 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, Director of Communications Naomi Hunter, David Paliughi, Leslie Crane, Ann Lucero, Edna Carmona, Indra Hernández.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda as submitted, (MacAvoy/Lawson; 5-0).

5. Oral Communication

Ann Lucero, RCTA President, addressed the School Board by requesting their support in reaching out to parents and community members regarding RCTA's and CTA's joint events.

6. School/Community Reports

6.1 State Preschool and Big Lift Presentation

Edna Carmona, Principal of State Preschool Programs provided a presentation to the School Board where she reported that currently, the Redwood City School District offers 8 half-day preschools and 8 full day preschools, serving a total of 564 children ages 3-5 years. Ms. Carmona explained that there are 16 lead teachers and 32 instructional assistants. The state preschools are located at Fair Oaks, Garfield, Hawes, Hoover, John Gill, Roosevelt, Selby Lane, and Taft.

Ms. Carmona added that in June 2016, the Redwood City School District was awarded \$684,000 for a Big Lift Grant and \$154,000 for Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) due to the State Preschool scoring at a Tier 4/5 out of 5 on QRIS ratings.

Ms. Montes commented that the Big Lift grant focuses on including an access to quality preschool, improving attendance, family engagement and inspiring summers.

6.2 2017 CELDT Report

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services, K-5 addressed the School Board with a Power Point presentation about the administration and results of the CELDT exam.

Ms. Montes expressed that in 2016, the CELDT exam was administered to 2,950 students in the Redwood City School District during the annual testing from August through October 2016.

Ms. Montes commented that there were 381 students reclassified at the April 2017 ceremony, 102 students in grades 1-2, 141 students in grades 3-5, and 138 students in grades 6-8. Ms. Montes further added that there are 599 students in the school district who are long-term English Learners.

Ms. Montes expressed that school sites that are providing daily-designated ELD through rigorous grade level content instruction are making greater gains than schools that do not provide daily Designated ELD.

6.3 English Language Arts/English Language Development Program Adoption for Grades K-8

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services, K-5 provided the School Board with information regarding the proposed English Language Arts/English Language Development (ELA/ELD) adoption for K-8 programs: Benchmark Advance for grades Kindergarten through 5th, AMPLIFY ELA + ELD: California Edition for grades 6 through 8.

7. Consent Items

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

7.1 Recommendation re: Approval of March 22nd Board Minutes

7.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Peninsula Community Center, Roosevelt School

8. Action Items

No Action Items.

9. Board and Superintendent Reports

9.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Díaz-Slocum did not have a report.

Trustee McBride reported attending the Fair Oaks Community School's Farmer's Market. Trustee McBride also attended the Familias Unidas graduation ceremony at both Hoover Community School and Fair Oaks Community School.

Trustee Lawson reported attending a leadership class in addition to her and President Paulson attending a Superintendent's Committee meeting.

Trustee MacAvoy reported attending the 2x2x2 meeting. Trustee MacAvoy expressed that Superintendent Baker had done a great job describing the budget cuts that RCSD continues to experience.

President Paulson reported attending the Bond Committee meeting in addition to the Superintendent's Council meeting. Furthermore, President Paulson attended a cafecito meeting with the Redwood City Police Department officers, where parents raised their concerns regarding traffic and safety.

Superintendent Baker reported attending many of the same events as School Board members.

10. Information

None.

11. Correspondence

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported receiving an email from a community member.

12. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

There were no other business or suggested items for future agendas.

13. Board Agenda Calendar

13.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

Trustee Paulson stated that the Science Standards Report has been rescheduled to June 14th.

Furthermore, Trustee Paulson commented that the Redwood City School District will hold a joint meeting with Sequoia Union High School District on May 3rd from 6:00-9:00pm.

14. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m. (Díaz-Slocum/McBride; 5-0).

Dennis McBride, Clerk