

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

June 28, 2017

1. Call to Order

President Hilary Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District ("RCSD"), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

Present at the Board Meeting: President Hilary Paulson, Vice President 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, Chief Business Official Wael Saleh, Director of Communications Jorge Quintana, Director of Special Education David Paliughi, Director of Technology Marco Baeza.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

None.

6. Community / Staff Recognition

6.1 "Meet RCSD" Videos

Eliana García, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, showcased videos of students and staff from the Redwood City School District.

6.2 Recognition of the Boys and Girls Club

Trustee McBride recognized the Boys and Girls Club for their wonderful work and support of Redwood City School District students.

7. Consent Items

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

- 7.1 Recommendation re: Approval of May 24th Board Minutes
- 7.2 Recommendation re: Approval of June 3rd Board Minutes
- 7.3 Recommendation re: Approval of June 6th Board Minutes
- 7.4 Recommendation re: Approval of June 14th Board Minutes – attachment
- 7.5 Recommendation re: Acceptance of Donations to Child Nutrition Services – attachment
- 7.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Disbursement of Measure U Funds 2017-18 – attachment
- 7.7 Recommendation re: Approval of the Community Based English Tutoring Program (CBET) Agreement – attachment
- 7.8 Recommendation re: Approval of the Community Based English Tutoring Program (CBET) Babysitting Agreement – attachment
- 7.9 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement Between the Redwood City School District and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 – attachment
- 7.10 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement Between the Redwood City School District and the YMCA of Silicon Valley for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 – attachment
- 7.11 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement Between the Redwood City School District and the City of Redwood City for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 – attachment
- 7.12 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement Between the Redwood City School District and the Siena Youth Center of the St. Francis Center for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 – attachment
- 7.13 Recommendation re: Approval of Contract for Services Between Redwood 2020 and McKinley Institute of Technology – attachment

8. Action Items

- 8.1 Recommendation re: Approval of 2017/18 Proposed Budget

Chief Business Official Wael Saleh expressed that no major changes have been made to the 2017-18 proposed budget. Mr. Saleh commented that the Business Department will begin to work on the First Interim Budget Report right after Thanksgiving and added that the Business Department is paying close attention to enrollment numbers.

The Board approved the 2017-18 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (Díaz-Slocum, Lawson; 5-0).

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

8.2 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 36, Year-End Budget Transfer

No discussion. The School Board voted immediately on this item.

The Board adopted Resolution 36, year-end budget transfer (MacAvoy, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

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

8.3 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 37, Temporary Interfund Transfer (Loan)

No discussion. The School Board voted immediately on this item.

The Board adopted Resolution 37, Temporary Interfund Transfer (Loan) (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

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

8.4 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 38, Resolution to Waive School Facilities Fees for Housing Development Projects that Exclusively Serve Extremely Low and Very Low Income Families

Superintendent Baker expressed that the aforementioned Resolution came forth to the School Board for discussion, as the School District is very concerned about the impact of rising housing costs on local residents, especially the students that we serve in our schools.

Superintendent Baker added that the School Board was approached by a local non-profit organization that requested to waiver school facilities fees for a building that has recently been built to house low-income renters. Superintendent Baker continued by saying that this non-profit organization serves many Redwood City School District students and the School District recognizes and appreciates all the important work being done by this non-profit; however, Superintendent Baker expressed that the money collected through Facilities Fees is intended to pay for necessary capital improvements and repairs to keep our buildings safe for students and the School District does not have additional funds to replace the loss of these funds.

Superintendent Baker continued by expressing that the Redwood City School District is in a particularly difficult situation with its budget and has recently made significant budget reductions that were necessary due to the declining enrollment.

Superintendent Baker expressed that he sought legal counsel from Claire Cunningham, County Counsel. Superintendent Baker commented that he also contacted Janet Mueller, DWK attorney for additional legal advice; however, Ms. Mueller was not familiar with this type of waiver.

Superintendent Baker and President Paulson, together with School Board members discussed their concern about other waiver requests coming forth for School Board approval, if the aforementioned waiver request were to be approved.

Trustee McBride expressed that he hoped that having this conversation was not a reflection of the merit of the non-profit organization, as they have served many people in need, as well as the well being of RCSD students. Trustee McBride reiterated that the School District is currently facing significant budget reductions and this additional expenditure comes with additional costs that can put the School District in a greater financial setback.

Vice President Díaz-Slocum commented that the School Board would be setting a precedent; however, the School District is in an area with unique needs. Vice President Díaz-Slocum added that if the School District were to move forward with the approval of the waiver, there would be additional staff work and legal fees. Furthermore, Vice President Díaz-Slocum added that housing in Redwood City is a huge issue and there is a rise in families leaving the city, if the School District is trying to retain students, then approving the waiver would be a way to keep families and students.

Trustee MacAvoy expressed that the St. Francis Center has been a great RCSD partner; however, the Redwood City School District is currently facing significant budget reductions. Trustee MacAvoy recommended that the School Board, together with Superintendent Baker further discuss this matter with Sister Cristina, once they have received further legal advice from counsel.

Trustee Lawson expressed her concern about the financial impact this waiver would result on the School District for years to come, not only in work from the staff, but also in revenues. Trustee Lawson expressed her discomfort at the possibility of handing out waivers to any future requestors.

President Paulson reiterated her concern about approving the waiver and commented that she is not an elected official to make decisions to waive developer fees.

The Board did not adopt Resolution 38 (Díaz-Slocum, MacAvoy; 2-3).

President Paulson (No)
Vice President Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)
Trustee McBride (No)
Trustee Lawson (No)
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)

8.5 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 39, Reduction of Certain Classified Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

No discussion. The School Board voted immediately on this item.

The Board adopted Resolution 39, reduction of certain classified services for fiscal year 2017-2018 (MacAvoy, Lawson; 5-0).

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

8.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Final Reading and Approval of Board Policy 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention

No discussion. The School Board voted immediately on this item.

The Board approved the final reading and approval of board policy (Díaz-Slocum, Lawson; 5-0).

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

8.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Site Plan for Student Achievement Updates

No discussion. The School Board voted immediately on this item.

The Board approved the site plan for student achievement updates (Díaz-Slocum, MacAvoy; 5-0).

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

8.8 Recommendation re: Approval of the 2017-2020 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

No discussion. The School Board voted immediately on this item.

The Board approved the 2017-2020 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (Díaz-Slocum, Lawson; 5-0).

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

8.9 Recommendation re: Approval of Reclassification of Classified Employees

The Board approved the reclassification of classified employees (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

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

8.10 Recommendation re: Approval of Provisional Internship Permit

The Board approved the Provisional Internship Permit for the following teacher:

Derek Lee, Mild/Moderate RSP Teacher at Kennedy Middle School (MacAvoy, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

President Paulson (Ayes)
Vice President 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 McBride reported attending Sequoia Union High School District's Superintendent Jim Lianides' retirement celebration, together with Trustee Alisa MacAvoy and Superintendent Baker. Trustee McBride attended the Human Trafficking meeting. Furthermore, Trustee McBride reported that he and School Board President Paulson attended the McKinley Institute of Technology Library Dedication Celebration. Trustee McBride added that during MIT's event, there was a brief conversation about the possibility of another library remodel at a different school site.

Trustee Lawson did not have a report.

Trustee MacAvoy reported attending, 'Good Morning Redwood City' and commented that it had been an interesting meeting. Trustee MacAvoy also reported attending the Human Trafficking meeting, in addition to an all-day meeting with the California School Board Association (CSBA).

Vice President Díaz-Slocum reported talking to many families in the community about the great things happening at RCSD. Vice President Díaz-Slocum thanked Superintendent Baker and staff for all their tremendous work throughout the year, as she added that many times, we forget to celebrate all the wonderful accomplishments that the district achieves. Vice President Díaz-Slocum commented that she met with KIPP Excelencia Community Preparatory's principal.

President Paulson reported attending McKinley Institute of Technology's library opening and commented that there had been great speeches. Furthermore, President Paulson reported visiting Orion School and commented that she is thrilled about another kindergarten classroom being added.

Superintendent Baker reported meeting with Kathy Kwan and commented that Ms. Kwan has agreed to donate \$760,000 to the Redwood City School District to support and improve the achievement of English Language learners. Superintendent Baker commented that it had been a great meeting and was thrilled to continue working collaboratively with Ms. Kwan. Furthermore, Superintendent Baker reported meeting with Kathleen Harris Executive Director with the Redwood City Education Foundation and discussed a possible collaboration between the Redwood City School District and Google. Superintendent Baker expressed that he will meet with Linda Montes, Wendy Kelly, Cathy James and Karyn Warner to discuss the aforementioned collaboration.

9.2 Report Out on CSEA Negotiations, June 14, 2017

President Paulson reported that the School Board received an update on CSEA Negotiations and no action was taken.

9.3 Report Out on RCTA Negotiations, June 14, 2017

President Paulson reported that the School Board received an update on RCTA Negotiations and no action was taken.

9.4 Report Out on Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Anticipate significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One Case, June 14, 2017

President Paulson reported that the School Board received the report from Legal Counsel and accepted Counsel's recommendation.

9.5 Report Out on Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case, June 21, 2017

President Paulson reported that the School Board received the report from Legal Counsel and accepted Counsel's recommendation.

10. Information

10.1 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – May 2017

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

10.2 2017/18 Adopted Budget and 2017/18 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for KIPP Excelencia College Preparatory

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

10.3 2017/18 Adopted Budget and 2017/18 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Rocketship Redwood City Prep

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

11. Correspondence

President Paulson reported receiving correspondence from a parent.

12. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Trustee MacAvoy suggested that a Report on Schools of Choice be added to the schedule of board agenda items for the 2017-2018 school year.

13. Board Agenda Calendar

13.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

The School Board briefly discussed that starting the 2017-2018 school year; Closed Sessions will start at 6:00pm.

14. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m. (McBride/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

Dennis McBride, Clerk