

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Others present: Naomi Hunter, Beatriz Cerrillo, Marielena Gaona, Lynette Juárez, Felicia Tse, Patrick Kelley, Mary Martín, Raquel Beltrán, Aurora Gallardo, Joseph Beltrán, Leslie Stafford, Steven Borg, Aya Rubio, Martín Martínez, Lilia Martínez, Erika Arrizón, Monica Cortés, Gloria Rangel, Vicki Benavente, María Soto, Ashley Gordon, Zoe Wilson, Ann Lucero, Kayla Garza, Stacie Ciraulo, Elena Melendez, Luis Gochez, Kathryn Rice.

2. Welcome

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

President Paulson requested to move Action Item 10.4 to Consent.

President Paulson requested that the Fair Oaks Community School Report be presented before the Bond Program Update.

President Paulson requested that Action Items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 be presented during the Bond Program Update.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

María Elena Gaona, SDC teacher at Fair Oaks Community School, addressed the School Board by stating that she is very happy to be working at Fair Oaks Community School and enjoys interacting with the community. Ms. Gaona expressed that Fair Oaks Community School is located in an underserved community and recommended that the

School Board look into distributing funds equally amongst all schools throughout the School District.

6. Community / Staff Recognition

6.1 "Meet RCSD" Videos

Jorge Quintana, Director of Communications, showcased videos of students from the Redwood City School District.

6.2 Recognition of Fair Oaks Community School

President Paulson, the entire School Board and Superintendent Baker recognized Fair Oaks Community School Office Staff for their dedicated service and support to not only Fair Oaks Community School, but the entire school district.

On behalf of the School Board, President Paulson and Superintendent Baker presented a Certificate of Recognition to Elizabeth Araiza, Raquel Beltrán, and Abby Lara.

School Board Trustees and Superintendent Baker expressed their utmost thanks to Fair Oaks Community School, Elizabeth Araiza, Raquel Beltrán, and Abby Lara for their service to the Redwood City School District.

7. School / Community Reports

Note: For agenda purposes, the numbering of the following items will not be changed. President Paulson recommended having Fair Oaks' Community School Report, before the Bond Program Update. In addition, Action Items 10.1-10.3 were presented after the Bond Program Update.

7.2 Fair Oaks Community School Report

Josh Griffith, Principal, updated the School Board on Fair Oaks Community School's programs and activities. Principal Griffith presented the School Board with a Power Point presentation and video that demonstrated Fair Oaks' professional development, literacy, community, extracurricular activities, technology, enrichment, and parent engagement.

Principal Griffith thanked his staff, teachers, students and parents for supporting Fair Oaks Community School and for attending the Board meeting.

School Board Trustees and Superintendent Baker expressed their utmost thanks to Principal Griffith, teachers, staff, students and parents at Fair Oaks Community School for all their hard work and dedication.

7.1 Bond Program Update

Program Manager, Will Robertson, addressed the School Board with an update on the progression of the bond program project.

10.1 Recommendation re: Bond Program Budget Update

The Board approved the Bond Program Team's recommendation (MacAvoy, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

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

10.2 Recommendation re: Approval of District Office Backup Power Solar / Battery Storage System

The Board approved the District Office backup power solar / battery storage system (McBride, Lawson; 5-0).

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

10.3 Recommendation re: CEQA Next Steps

The Board approved CEQA's next steps (McBride, Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

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

7.3 2017 CAASPP Results

Director of Assessment and Student Services, Antonio Pérez, provided the School Board with a presentation on information regarding student achievement and an evaluation of the progress achieved by RCSD schools measured by the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results. The information presented by Mr. Pérez is often times used to guide administrators in the use of the District's resources.

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Enrollment and Schools of Choice

Naomi Hunter presented to the School Board and Superintendent Baker data and trends related to registration, enrollment, and participation in the district's schools of choice program.

Mrs. Hunter stated that the Redwood City School District is funded by the State of California based on average daily attendance; therefore, the Redwood City School District's efforts to increase attendance has a direct impact on the on the amount of resources it has to spend for its students and staff.

Mrs. Hunter commented that there has been a decline in enrollment in the Redwood City School District based on the fact that many students and their families have moved out of the area due to the rising rents and housing costs; furthermore, the opening of 3 new charter schools. New families who work in the tech industry are moving into the RCSD boundary, and the socio-economic profile of neighborhoods around some of RCSD's schools appear to be changing.

Mrs. Hunter recommended that a School Board sub-committee begin working on a thorough analysis and requested input to examine specific areas of enrollment.

9. Consent Items

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

- 9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of September 27th Board Minutes
- 9.2 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, September 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017
- 9.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Additional Vendors to be Included with Non-Public School ("NPS")/Non-Public Agency ("NPA") Master Contract
- 9.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to the Marine Science Institute, Fair Oaks Community School
- 9.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Coloma Outdoor Discovery School, Fair Oaks Community School
- 9.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Año Nuevo Natural Preserve, Fair Oaks Community School
- 9.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Addendum to 2017-18 Measure U Application for North Star Academy
- 9.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Addendum to 2017-18 Measure U Application for Roy Cloud School
- 9.9 Recommendation re: Approval of Local Interagency Agreement(s) to Provide Teacher Interns and Student Teachers
- 9.10 Recommendation re: Approval of Services between Redwood City 2020 and McKinley Institute of Technology
- 9.11 Recommendation re: Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
- 10.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Personnel Report

10. Action Items (Action Required)

- 10.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Resolution 6, Intention to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area

Currently, board members for the Redwood City School District are elected in “at large” elections, where each board member is elected by voters throughout the District.

The California Voting Rights Act prohibits the use of “at-large” elections in certain circumstances. Many other districts have transitioned to “by-trustee area” elections. The School Board requested approval of a resolution which would indicate its intention to transition to Board elections from at-large to by-trustee area elections.

Approval of the aforementioned resolution would anticipate the process of transitioning to “by-trustee area” elections before the School Board’s November 2020 elections.

The Board approved Resolution 6, Intention to Transition Governing Board Elections from At-Large to By-Trustee Area (MacAvoy, Lawson; 5-0).

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

10.6 Recommendation re: Election of Members to the County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO)

The School Board nominated President Hilary Paulson to serve as Supervisorial District representative for District 4.

The School Board nominated Trustee Dennis McBride to serve as Supervisorial District representative At-Large. (Díaz-Slocum, MacAvoy; 5-0).

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

11. Board and Superintendent Reports

11.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending a joint meeting between Sequoia High School and Woodside High School, together with Trustee MacAvoy.

Trustee McBride reported attending Roy Cloud School’s 60th Birthday party, together with President Paulson. Trustee McBride reported attending two bond meetings and attended a ceremony by the San Mateo County Reading Association that honored Roosevelt School.

Trustee Lawson reported attending a SEPTAR meeting, together with Trustee MacAvoy. Trustee Lawson also reported meeting with a group of Garfield Community School parents that are interested in starting a PTA.

Trustee MacAvoy attended the Education Symposium in Oakland and reported attending the Annual Trivia Bee presented by Redwood City Friends of Literacy.

President Paulson reported attending the Redwood City Education Foundation Leadership event and thanked all the principals that attended the meeting. Furthermore, President Paulson reported attending bond meetings and RESPECT 24/7 at the San Mateo County Office of Education.

Superintendent Baker reported attending many of the same events as Board Members. Superintendent Baker announced that Kindergarten Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at Taft/PAL Building and on Thursday, October 26th at MIT.

12. Information

- 12.1 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – June, 2017
- 12.2 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – July, 2017
- 12.3 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – August, 2017

There were no comments or questions made by the School Board or Superintendent Baker on Information Items 12.1 through 12.3.

13. Correspondence

Trustee McBride reported receiving an email from a Hoover parent. Trustee McBride replied that he is working with Superintendent Baker to respond to the parent.

14. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

President Paulson requested to recognize Ken Rolandelli for his support throughout the years for the 7th grade tours as past chairman of the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

15. Board Agenda Calendar

- 15.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

None.

16. Closed Session

- 16.1 RCTA Negotiations Update
- 16.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code 54957 (1 case)
- 16.3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:
One case

At 10:23 p.m. Trustees Paulson, Díaz-Slocum, McBride, Lawson, and MacAvoy went into closed session with Superintendent Baker and Leslie Crane.

The board came out of closed session at 11:04 p.m.

17. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m. (MacAvoy / Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

Dennis McBride, Clerk