

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

December 19, 2017

1. Call to Order

President María Díaz-Slocum called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District (“RCSD”), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

Present at the Board Meeting: President María Díaz-Slocum, Trustees Dennis McBride, Janet Lawson, Alisa MacAvoy, and Hilary Paulson.

Others present: Superintendent John R. Baker, Linda Montes, Wendy Kelly, Wael Saleh, Attorney William Tunick from Dannis Woliver Kelley, Demographer Shalice Tilton.

2. Welcome

President Díaz-Slocun welcomed those present. There being so diminutive an audience, the board dispensed with the recital of the pledge.

3. Changes to the Agenda

President Díaz-Slocum requested that Item 6.2 and 6.3 be added to the agenda proceeding after Public Hearing 6.1.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Oral Communication

None.

6. Public Hearing

6.1 Public Hearing: Input on Draft Trustee Area Boundary Maps

At its November 15, 2017 board meeting, the School Board received information about the process for drawing the trustee area boundary map from National Demographics Corporation. Following the presentation, the School Board has a discussion regarding the criteria to be used drafting the boundary maps.

On November 29, 2017, the first draft of the trustee area boundary maps (“Green,” “Orange,” and “Purple”) were posted on the District’s website and the School Board

held a public hearing and provided input on the maps at its meeting on December 6, 2017.

Revised maps were subsequently posted on the District's website, adding maps, "Purple 2A" and "Purple 2B" and the School Board held a second public hearing on those revised maps during its meeting on December 12, 2017. At that time, due to legal concerns with the "Purple 2B" map and other concerns with the "Orange" map, the School Board decided to focus its future discussions on maps, "Green," "Purple," and "Purple 2A."

Superintendent Baker stated that the primary purpose of the Public Hearing was for the School Board to discuss and decide on a final map to bring forward to the January 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting for a final approval.

Demographer Shalice Tilton reiterated that the "Green," "Purple" and "Purple 2A" maps met the California Voting Rights Act requirements.

After an extensive discussion, each School Board member expressed their preference as follows:

President Díaz-Slocum – Purple Map  
Vice-President McBride: Purple Map  
Trustee Lawson – Green Map  
Trustee MacAvoy – Purple Map  
Trustee Paulson – Purple Map

Attorney William Tunick and Superintendent Baker commented that a Resolution to approve the Purple Map would be placed on the January 10<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Public Hearing Adjourned  
(McBride, MacAvoy; 5-0)  
President Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)  
Vice-President McBride (Ayes)  
Trustee Lawson (Ayes)  
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)  
Trustee Paulson (Ayes)

## 6.2 Report from Superintendent Baker

Superintendent Baker reported receiving a letter from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and commented that he had been selected amongst several superintendents to participate in the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Superintendent Convening. Superintendent Baker that the conference would consist of a presentation from Priscila Chan, followed by meetings and presentations of fellow superintendents.

## 6.3 Changes to Board Meeting Dates

The School Board and Superintendent Baker rescheduled the following board meetings as follows:

January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was rescheduled to January 31<sup>st</sup>; and  
February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was rescheduled to February 7<sup>th</sup>.

7. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned at 9:00 p.m. (McBride, MacAvoy; 5-0).

Janet Lawson, Clerk