

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 10, 2018

1. Call to Order

President María Díaz-Slocum called the Closed Session to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District (“RCSD”), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

Present at the Closed Session Meeting: President María Díaz-Slocum, Vice-President Dennis McBride, Janet Lawson, Alisa MacAvoy, Hilary Paulson and Superintendent John Baker.

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Closed Session – 6:00-7:00pm

The School Board and Superintendent Baker went into Closed Session at 6:30 pm.

3.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Retention: Gov. Code 54957 (1 case)

School Board President Díaz-Slocum reported that the School Board and Superintendent Baker obtained an update on Closed Session Item 3.1. President Díaz-Slocum expressed that no action had been taken.

4. Reconvene to Regular Session at Approximately 7:00pm

The School Board and Superintendent Baker reconvened at 7:02pm

5. Welcome

President Díaz-Slocum welcomed those present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at the Board Meeting: President María Díaz-Slocum, Vice-President Dennis McBride, Janet Lawson, Alisa MacAvoy, Hilary Paulson and Superintendent John Baker, Wael Saleh, Linda Montes.

Others present: Dana Hardester, Luz Jaramillo, Maritza Leal, Leslie Stafford, Ligia Molina, Patricia López.

## 6. Changes to the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

## 7. Approval of Agenda

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

## 8. Oral Communication

No public comments.

## 9. Community/Staff Recognition

### 9.1 "Meet RCSD" Videos

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

## 10. School/Community Reports

### 10.1 Bond Program Update

Will Robertson, Program Manager with RGM and Associates provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker about the Measure T Bond Program construction phase at Adelante Spanish Immersion School, Fair Oaks Community School, Clifford School, John Gill School, North Star Academy, McKinley Institute of Technology, Orion School, Hoover Community School, Kennedy Middle School and Taft Community School.

## 11. Public Hearing

### 11.1 Public Hearing: Input on Draft Trustee Area Boundary Maps

William Tunick, Attorney at Dannis Woliver Kelley stated that the Redwood City School District has adopted a new election system for School Board members. Mr. Tunick reiterated that the School Board transitioned from an "At-Large" to "By-Trustee Area" election system.

Mr. Tunick expressed that the School Board, together with Superintendent Baker and Communications Director Jorge Quintana, provided staff, parents, and community members with numerous outreach workshops at various school sites and held public hearings at School Board meetings. Mr. Tunick added that after receiving comments and input from staff, parents, and members of the community, the School Board opted to choose the Purple Map.

Lijia Molina, KIPP Excelencia parent, thanked the School Board for the opportunity to address them. Ms. Molina commented that she, together with several parents liked the Green Map best because the green map showed a greater percentage of Latino voters.

On behalf of the School Board, Trustee McBride thanked attorney William Tunick and demographer Shalice Tilton for their tremendous help in such a short period of time.

Public Hearing Adjourned.

## 12. Consent Items

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

- 12.1 Recommendation re: Approval of November 8<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes
- 12.2 Recommendation re: Approval of November 15<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes (Special Board Meeting)
- 12.3 Recommendation re: Approval of November 15<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes (Regular Board Meeting)
- 12.4 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement between the Redwood City School District and the City of Redwood City for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year

## 13. Action Items

- 13.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Resolution 11, Adopting Trustee Area Boundaries and Election Sequence for Board of Trustees Election

Attorney William Tunick from Dannis Woliver Kelley commented that the approval of Resolution 11 would culminate the School Board's process of map selection. Mr. Tunick stated that after the approval of Resolution 11, the School Board and Superintendent Baker would be contacted by the County Committee on School Board Organization to schedule a public hearing in March.

The Board approved Resolution 11, Adopting Trustee Area Boundaries and Election Sequence for Board of Trustees Election (McBride, Lawson; 5-0).

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

## 14. Board and Superintendent Reports

### 14.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Paulson did not have a report.

Trustee MacAvoy reported that she attended Lee Michaelson's retirement ceremony and commented that many community members were in attendance. Trustee MacAvoy thanked RCSD's Cabinet for organizing a wonderful holiday breakfast.

Trustee Lawson did not have a report.

Trustee McBride reported that he and Trustee Paulson met with Nathan Edelman from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. and the rest of the Audit Committee to review and discuss RCSD's audit results. Trustee McBride thanked RCSD's Cabinet for a great holiday breakfast. Furthermore, Trustee McBride reported meeting with the Bond Program Team to discuss updates.

President Díaz-Slocum reported attending many of the same events as the rest of the School Board.

Superintendent Baker did not have a report.

## 15. Information

### 15.1 2017-18 First Interim Budget Report for Rocketship Redwood City Prep

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

### 15.2 Information on the Financial Audit Report for KIPP Excelencia Community Prep for 2016-17 School Year

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

### 15.3 Information on the Financial Audit Report for Connect Community Charter School for 2016-17 School Year

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

### 15.4 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – November, 2017

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

## 16. Correspondence

Trustee McBride reported that a Roy Cloud School parent expressed their concern about 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, district-wide.

In response to Trustee McBride's comment, Ms. Linda Montes commented that she and Wendy Kelly will work collaboratively with Sequoia Union High School District to address this concern.

Trustee McBride added that there needs to be an extensive conversation about the aforementioned topic at a future board meeting.

## 17. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Trustee MacAvoy requested that a resolution regarding full and fair funding for School Districts be added to the next board meeting.

Trustee McBride requested that an updated list of summer reading materials be offered to students of each grade.

18. Board Agenda Calendar

18.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

Superintendent Baker expressed that there have been no changes to the Schedule of Board Agenda Items.

19. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. (MacAvoy /Lawson; 5-0).

Janet Lawson, Clerk