

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 7, 2018

1. Call to Order

President María Díaz-Slocum called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 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, Superintendent Baker, Lead Deputy County Counsel Claire Cunningham.

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Closed Session – 6:00-7:00pm

The School Board, Superintendent Baker, and Lead Deputy County Counsel Claire Cunningham went into Closed Session at 6:00 pm.

3.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

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

The School Board, Superintendent Baker, and Administration reconvened to Regular Session at 7:04pm.

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: Will Robertson.

6. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee Paulson requested to move Action Items 12.1 and 12.2 to follow the Bond Program Update.

7. Approval of Agenda

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

8. Oral Communication

No speakers' cards.

9. School/Community Reports

9.1 Bond Program Update

Will Robertson, Program Manager for RGM and Associates – Measure T Bond Program Team addressed the School Board with an update. Mr. Robertson expressed that under Proposition 39, the Bond Program Team adjusted the solar location at Roosevelt School from the lower field along the blacktop field line to the upper Kindergarten to second grade blacktop area nearest the elevators. Mr. Robertson added that there is a plan to remove the current fabric lunch shade and replace it with a solar canopy system that will act as a larger lunch shelter.

Mr. Robertson stated that the Bond Program Team is in the development phase of a Community Outreach Plan for both Selby Lane School and Clifford School's solar projects, as some of the surrounding neighbors could be impacted by these projects. The Bond Program Team plans to develop outreach meetings to inform community members of the projects' impact. The Request for Approval development for Proposition 39 is in progress, the District Office battery storage backup plan was approved by the City of Redwood City, and both the permit and plans were issued. The Preliminary Environmental Assessment at John Gill was completed and Garfield Community School and Taft Community School's Preliminary Environmental Assessment plans will be completed in a few more weeks.

Per Trustee Paulson's request, Action Items were moved to follow the Bond Program Update:

12.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Architect Design Fee Budget Overages Moved from Program Reserve to Projects

The Bond Program Team requested to move \$1.6 million overage from the Program Reserve to the projects in order for the architect fee line item to no longer go over the budget limit.

The School Board approved the architect design fee budget overages moved from program reserve to projects (Paulson, McBride; 5-0).

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

12.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Geotech Design Fee Budget Overages Moved from Program Reserve to Projects

The Bond Program Team requested to move \$270,000 overage from the Program Reserve to the projects so that the Geotech fee line could no longer go over the budget limit.

The School Board approved the Geotech design fee budget overages moved from Program Reserves to Projects (McBride, Paulson; 5-0).

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

9.2 Community Schools Report

Patricia Ortiz, Director of Community School Partnerships, provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker with a report about the impact on wellness, socio-economic support, family engagement, and expanded learning offered to students and parents in community schools. Ms. Ortiz further reported on the strengths of the program and the opportunities offered to students and their families.

9.3 California School Dashboard

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services provided the School Board with information about the California School Dashboard, which showcases how school districts are performing on a state and local indicators in the California school accountability system.

9.4 Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Plan

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services expressed that previously, the School District had received notification from the California Department of Education of available funds from the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Title IV Part A program, intended to increase the capacity of LEA's and schools to meet certain district goals such as providing all students with a well-rounded education, improving school conditions for student learning and improving the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy.

Ms. Montes announced that shortly before the board meeting, she received an email from the State Government notifying the district that it had not received additional funding.

10. Discussion Items

10.1 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 3470 – Debt Issuance and Management Policy

Superintendent Baker expressed that Board Policy 3470 was coming forth to the School Board as a first reading because RCSD is in the process of selling Series B Bonds for Measure T Bond. Superintendent Baker added that the final reading of Board Policy 3470 would be presented to the School Board at its February 28th board meeting for approval.

10.2 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services commented that as part of the Federal Monitoring Program, one of the items that require review is the Uniform Complaint Procedures. Ms. Montes added that there has been an update to this specific board policy and the language was taken directly from the California School Boards Association template. Ms. Montes further expressed that there will be a series of board policies that require an update and will be coming forth to the School Board for discussion and approval.

Trustee Paulson recommended that pronouns, “he” and “she” be changed to “they” in board policies in order to provide pronouns aligned to gender identity.

11. Consent Items

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

11.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Additional Vendor to be Included with Non-Public School (“NPS”)/Non-Public Agency (“NPA”) Master Contract

11.2 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, January 1, 2018 – January 31, 2018

12. Action Items

Per Trustee Paulson’s request, Action Items were moved to continue after the Bond Program Update.

13. Board and Superintendent Reports

13.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Paulson and Trustee Lawson met with Ms. Linda Montes to discuss board policies. Trustee Paulson added that she, together with Trustee McBride, Superintendent Baker, and CBO Saleh met with a representative of KNN Public Finance and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated for a pre-bond rating meeting to review key points for Monday’s Rating Meeting. Trustee Paulson also reported that she and

Trustee McBride attended a County Committee on School District Organization meeting and confirmed Monday, March 5th as the hearing date for the Public Hearing to establish trustee areas in the Redwood City School District. Trustee Paulson attended a Measure T Bond meeting.

Trustee MacAvoy visited Michelle Beutler's class at Hoover Community School and noticed a great and positive improvement in students. Trustee MacAvoy attended an LCAP meeting at Clifford School and commented that a few parents were in attendance and asked very good and interesting questions. Trustee MacAvoy also reported speaking to a reporter from CalMatters about pensions and how they are impacting the school district.

Trustee Lawson reported visiting Michelle Beutler's class at Hoover Community School and expressed how great it was to see Ms. Beutler present and how proud she is of her students. Trustee Lawson reported attending a meeting to discuss board policies and attended a Chamber Education Committee with Superintendent Baker.

Trustee McBride reported visiting Michelle Beutler's class and expressed how powerful it is to see the positive impact she has on her students. Trustee McBride commented that he attended many of the similar events as Trustee Paulson.

President Díaz-Slocum reported that she, together with Superintendent Baker, Principal Fanourgiakis, Director of Communications Jorge Quintana and Michelle Remond attended the McKinley Institute of Technology Cafecito.

Superintendent Baker reported attending many of the same events as the rest of the School Board members and added that he attended North Star Academy's Cafecito and had a great conversation with parents. Superintendent Baker commented that Christina Huezo from Facebook, will be visiting McKinley Institute of Technology to see the technology program and see how it has been running. Superintendent Baker added that he will attend the Superintendent's Initiative Conference hosted by the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative.

14. Information

No items.

15. Correspondence

Trustee MacAvoy reported receiving an email from a community member and commented that she replied to him.

President Díaz-Slocum commented that she received an email from the principal at KIPP Excelencia Community Prep about their annual festival.

16. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Trustee Paulson added that KNN Public Finance would like to provide the School Board with an update on the Measure T Bond issuance sometime in early April 2018.

17. Board Agenda Calendar

17.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

None.

18. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. (Paulson/MacAvoy; 5-0).

Janet Lawson, Clerk