

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 18, 2018

1. Call to Order

President María Díaz-Slocum called the Closed Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District (“RCSD”), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

Present at the meeting: President María Díaz-Slocum, Vice-President Dennis McBride, Janet Lawson, Alisa MacAvoy, Hilary Paulson, Superintendent Baker and Wendy Kelly.

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Closed Session – 6:00-7:00pm

The School Board, Superintendent Baker, and Wendy Kelly went into Closed Session at 6:01 pm.

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

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

4.1 Roll Call

The School Board, Superintendent Baker, and Administration reconvened to Regular Session at 7:02pm.

4.2 Report Out on Closed Session from 4/18/18 (6-7pm)

President Díaz-Slocum reported that the School Board heard information during Closed Session and no action was taken.

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.

Others Present: Linda Montes, Wendy Kelly, Antonio Pérez, Leticia Ramos, Michelle Ortez, Araceli Mora, Isela Torres, Alexander Rodríguez, Gabriela Gómez, and Gabriela Comal.

6. Changes to the Agenda

Trustee Paulson requested that Action Item 12.1 be moved to Consent.

7. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda as amended, (Paulson, MacAvoy; 5-0).

8. Oral Communication

Michelle Ortez, teacher at Roy Cloud School shared with the School Board and Superintendent Baker some of Roy Cloud's accomplishments during the 2017-18 school year.

Araceli Mora, Fair Oaks School parent, addressed the School Board with a question. Ms. Mora asked the School Board if Fair Oaks Community School were to be closed for having an enrollment of 100+ students, then why isn't Orion School closed as well for having low enrollment.

Isela Torres, Fair Oaks School parent, requested from the School Board that Fair Oaks Community School be given a second chance to operate for an additional year. Ms. Torres requested from the School Board and Superintendent Baker that parents be offered more options, other than Hoover Community School, Garfield Community School, and Taft Community School.

Alexander Rodríguez, student at Fair Oaks Community School, urged the School Board and Superintendent Baker not to close Fair Oaks Community School. Alex commented that if a decision were made to close down Fair Oaks Community School, it would break "everyone's heart."

Gabriela Gómez, student at Fair Oaks Community School, requested that Fair Oaks Community School remain open. Gabriela expressed not wanting to move to a different school site in fear of being bullied.

Gabriela Comal, Fair Oaks Community School, addressed the School Board by asking, Why the decision to close down Fair Oaks Community School?

In reference to Gabriela Comal's question, President Díaz-Slocum replied that due to the Brown Act, the School Board was unable to respond to her question.

Gabriela Comal added that it was an unfair decision to close Fair Oaks Community School, due to the fact that it's a school that offers many resources to students and parents. Ms. Comal added that transportation is a concern for many parents if Fair Oaks students were transferred to other school sites.

9. Community/Staff Recognition

9.1 Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee Year One Report for 2015-2016

Michael Bolander, Chair of the Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee and Jeanne Panos, Vice-Chair of the Citizens' Measure T Oversight Committee addressed the School Board by presenting their one-year report.

Mr. Bolander and Ms. Panos commented that due to a lack of quorum, the Measure T Oversight Committee has met four times on: November 3, 2016; March 2, 2017; June 1, 2017; and March 1, 2018.

Trustee Paulson commented that she and Vice-President McBride serve on the committee and expressed that the committee has done a great job!

9.2 LEA Plan – LCAP Reading Program Evaluation

Antonio Pérez, Director of Student Services and Assessment, provided the School Board with a presentation on reading data from 3rd through 8th grade students.

9.3 District English Language Advisory Committee

Antonio Pérez, Director of Student Services and Assessment and DELAC President Leticia Ramos provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker with a presentation about updates on the RCSD English Language Master Plan components, DELAC meeting training topics, SBAC results, reading scores, climate survey, LCFF and LCAP, attendance, parent involvement, and CELDT/ELPAC.

9.4 Update of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Development Activities for 2018-2019

Linda Montes, Executive Director of Educational Services and Director of English Learner Services provided the School Board with a presentation of the reviewed progress of actions, information on reading data, development of the LCAP budget, and LCAP community.

Ms. Montes commented that the LCAP Steering Committee developed a draft of the 2018-19 LCAP using data gathered by the Climate Survey and stakeholder engagement meetings.

9.5 PBIS, Suspension and Attendance

Antonio Pérez, Director of Student Services and Assessment reported on the total number of student suspension and attendance data.

Mr. Pérez provided the School Board with thorough data on the number of absences and suspensions for each school site throughout the Redwood City School District.

Mr. Pérez commented that as of April 6, 2018, there had been a total of 162 suspensions district-wide and 631 chronically absent students as of April 2018.

Mr. Pérez further expressed that principals have been providing assistance with reinforcing the importance of attendance. Furthermore, Mr. Pérez commented that he and principals have worked collaboratively in order to develop a different system for student suspensions. Mr. Pérez added that students are now required to write an essay based on the motive for their suspension. For example, if the student is suspended for marijuana, the student must write a research essay about the negative effects of marijuana.

11. Discussion Items

10.1 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 0420.4 – Charter School Authorization

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 0420.4 – Charter School Authorization.

Linda Montes expressed that the California School Boards Association recommended that all policies be divided into different components. Ms. Montes added that the board policies were reviewed and discussed with the Policy Committee.

10.2 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 0420.41 – Charter School Oversight

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy 0420.41 – Charter School Oversight.

Trustee Paulson recommended that this policy be reviewed by Dannis Woliver Kelley's counsel, Janet Mueller.

10.3 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 0420.42 – Charter School Renewal

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy 0420.42 – Charter School Renewal.

10.4 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 0420.43 – Charter School Revocation

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy 0420.43 – Charter School Revocation.

Ms. Montes commented that there had been no changes to Board Policy 0420.43.

10.5 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 0420 – School Plans/Site Councils

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy 0420 – School Plans/Site Councils.

Ms. Montes further added that Board Policy 0420 had been updated by Site Councils

10.6 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 5111.1 – District Residency

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 5111.1 – District Residency.

Ms. Montes commented that she and the Policy Committee reviewed the language provided by California School Boards Association.

10.7 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 5144 – Discipline

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 5144 – Discipline.

10.8 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 7160 – Charter School Facilities

The School Board read, reviewed and discussed Board Policy 7160 – Charter School Facilities.

Ms. Montes commented there had been no questions regarding Board Policy 7160.

10.9 Discussion of Petition from Roy Cloud School Parents Regarding Excessive Heat in Classrooms

Superintendent Baker expressed that each and every one of the School Board members had received a copy of Roy Cloud School parents' petition regarding the excessive heat in a five classrooms.

Parents Chris Campaña and Julie Brown first contacted Principal Dana Hardester and Vice Principal Kristen Fielding last Fall to find alternatives to resolve the heat problem. Both parents expressed that the heat is excessive and after doing research, a solution would be to purchase \$600 air conditioners.

Ms. Brown commented that Roy Cloud parents are concerned about the health risk that high temperature classrooms impose on students. Ms. Brown added that Roy Cloud School parents are seeking permission from the School Board to install air conditioning units in the five classrooms.

Trustee MacAvoy asked Bond Program Director, Don Dias what would be the energy cost to the School District after the air conditioning units are installed?

Trustee Lawson commented that she understood the parents' concern. Trustee Lawson added that this is a district-wide issue that needs to be addressed; however, there are other school sites where parents are unable to fundraise. Trustee Lawson asked how could air conditioning be installed at school sites that need them?

Bond Program Director Don Dias commented that 67.5% of classrooms throughout the School District do not have any type of air conditioning units and 32.5% have air conditioning swamp coolers. Mr. Dias expressed that a mechanical engineer would be able to determine what is creating the heat in those classrooms.

Brandy Navarro, Roy Cloud School parent, commented that the School District could request funding from parents in case the School District is unable to finance the costs for the air conditioning units.

Trustee MacAvoy commented that a further discussion on the topic needed to be addressed as a district. Trustee MacAvoy expressed that she felt comfortable piloting the program to gather data.

Trustee McBride expressed that Roy Cloud School did not need a pilot program, but rather an electrical engineer.

Trustee MacAvoy commented that part of the pilot would be to gather data to determine whether it is a program that could work district-wide.

Board President Díaz-Slocum asked School Board members if they were comfortable piloting the program of purchasing air conditioning units for five classrooms:

Trustee McBride expressed that he was not comfortable in having Roy Cloud School having air conditioning because there are other school sites with less money that have the same issue and are unable to purchase air conditioning units. Trustee McBride proposed to pilot the air conditioning unit at a school site that does not have the financial means to purchase air conditioning units.

Trustee Lawson and Trustee MacAvoy replied being comfortable piloting the program.

Trustee Paulson commented that if one of RCSD's schools was in the midst of closure, she could not agree to pilot the program.

The School Board agreed to do a pilot program at Roy Cloud School and at Hawes Community School. The School Board and Superintendent Baker agreed that the School District would fund the Hawes Community School pilot and Roy Cloud School parents would fund their own pilot program.

Superintendent Baker commented that he would have further conversation with the teachers in the classrooms being affected by the heat.

11. Consent Items

Note: Per Trustee Paulson, Action Item 12.1 was moved to Consent.

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

11.1 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, March 1, 2018-March 31, 2018

11.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Amended Agreement for Consulting Management Services for the Child Nutrition Program between Sodexo America, LLC and Redwood City School District

12.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Lunch Shelter Project Change Order with Guerra

12. Action Items

Per Trustee Paulson's request, Action Items were moved to Consent.

13. Board and Superintendent Reports

13.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee McBride reported attending a Bond Program meeting. Furthermore, Trustee McBride, together with Trustee Alisa MacAvoy, Antonio Pérez, Linda Montes visited KIPP Excelencia Community Prep.

Trustee Lawson reported attending the Progress Seminar, together with Board President Díaz-Slocum, Vice-President McBride, and Trustee Paulson. Trustee Lawson also attended a meeting on Board Policy.

Trustee MacAvoy, along with Trustee McBride and Dr. Linda Montes and Antonio Pérez visited KIPP Excelencia Community Prep and commented that she saw consistency and professional development. Trustee MacAvoy expressed that vice principals do the coaching and teachers obtain a lot of professional development and planning time. They also have longer and more school days. Furthermore, Trustee MacAvoy attended the League of Women's Voters' meeting where Fair Oaks school was asked about.

Trustee Paulson reported attending the Progress Seminar, together with Board President Díaz-Slocum, Vice-President McBride, and Trustee Lawson. Trustee Paulson also attended a Bond Program meeting and a Cafecito at Taft Community School, together with Superintendent Baker.

President Díaz-Slocum attended the Progress Seminar and a Cafecito at Roosevelt School.

Superintendent Baker reported attending many of the same events as the School Board members. Superintendent Baker attended a RWC2020 meeting and added that he discussed the closure of Fair Oaks Community School due to low enrollment. Superintendent Baker recommended that he and the School Board agendize a study session on RWC2020.

13.2 Report Out on Closed Session 4.6.18

School Board President Díaz-Slocum reported that the School Board received information from Administration and accepted the recommendation.

14. Information

None.

15. Correspondence

School Board President Díaz-Slocum reported receiving an email from a RCSD parent.

16. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

None.

17. Board Agenda Calendar

17.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

Superintendent Baker reported that the Taft Community School Report has been rescheduled for the 2018-2019 school year and Roosevelt School's Report has been rescheduled for May 23rd, 2018.

18. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m. (Paulson/Lawson; 5-0).

Janet Lawson, Clerk