SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
Nov. 4, 2020 – 6 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 crises, this meeting was conducted via live stream webcast at https://stream1.sdcoe.net/wc/boardmeeting110420

1. OPENING PROVISIONS

a. Call to order and roll call taken at 6 p.m.

Members present: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea
Secretary: Gothold
Recording secretary: Aguilar

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Approval of Agenda

Supt. Gothold requested item 8.a. be moved after item 6.

MSC (Donnellon/Shea) to approve the agenda with noted changes. Yes vote: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea

e. Introduction of Student Representative on County Board of Education

1. Juvenile Court and Community Schools Student Representative

The Juvenile Court and Community Schools student representative was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. County Office of Education Annual Local Control and Accountability Plan Support Summary Report

Learning and Leadership Division Deputy Supt. Jeanette Chien reported on the support provided to districts for the development and approval of their Local Control and Accountability Plans and continuous improvement.

b. Reopening of SDCOE Operated Schools and Programs Update

JCCS Executive Director Tracy Thompson's update provided detailed description of the obstacles and challenges of reopening and the high-level collaborations implemented for successful reopening of several SDCOE-operated schools and programs.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

No public comment on non-agenda items.

4. ASSOCIATIONS COMMENTARY

CSEA Chapter 568 President Keith Hildreth thanked Member Powell for his service as a County Board Member and acknowledged his leadership and collaboration and wished him the best. He also

congratulated Members Donnellon and González for their re-election. He currently serves on the Reopening Committee and expressed appreciation for Interim Asst. Supt. Don Buchheit's and Executive Director Tracy Thompson's leadership of the committee. He congratulated Chuck Huskey on his reappointment to the Personnel Commission and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

SDCAE President Tammy Reina spoke to the most recent work of the Reopening Committee, which has included refining the reopening checklist over the last month. Our schools have opened safely and intentionally. She thanked everyone that is part of this work. She thanked Dr. Gothold for the email sent out around the elections and the tone of respect he has set around these challenging times. She also thanked Member Powell for his support during the last four years and wished him a happy birthday; she congratulated Members Donnellon and González on their re-elections.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MSC (Shea/González) to approve Consent items 5.a. thru 5.e. Yes vote: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea

a. Approval: Minutes of Regular Meeting on Oct. 14, 2020
b. Approval: Budget Adjustments
c. Approval: Accept Grant Funds from Californians Together
d. Approval: Accept 2020-23 Office on Trafficking in Persons Project Safe from Exploitation Grant Funds
e. Approval: Adopt Resolution Endorsing November 2020 as Runaway and Homeless Youth Month

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Dimensions Collaborative School

President Muñoz presented the guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Deputy Supt. Mike Simonson presented opening remarks and background information.

Spokespersons for Dimensions Collaborative School: Terri Novacek, executive director (Element Education), Paul Johnson, director of accountability (Element Education), and Tony Drown, school director (Dimensions).

Supt. Gothold read the public comments supporting renewal of the charter for Dimensions Collaborative submitted from the following: 1) Timothy Lu; and 2) Leilani Cauthen.

President Muñoz closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

8.a. Taking Action on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Dimensions Collaborative School

Deputy Supt. Mike Simonson provided background information and presented the follow options available to the Board:

- GRANT the Petition
- GRANT the Petition; provided that the Charter School enters into an MOU with SDCOE, prior to commencement of instruction, to address, reconcile and/or resolve the Findings presented in the Staff Report.
- DENY the Petition and ADOPT the Findings presented in the Staff Report.

MSC (Shea/González) to grant the petition; provided that the Charter School enters into an MOU with SDCOE, prior to commencement of instruction, to address, reconcile and/or resolve the Findings presented in the Staff Report. Yes vote: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea

7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Material Revision of the Charter for Dimensions Collaborative School

President Muñoz presented the guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Deputy Supt. Mike Simonson presented opening remarks and background information.

Spokespersons for Dimensions Collaborative School: Terri Novacek, executive director (Element Education), and Tony Drown, school director (Dimensions).

Supt. Gothold read public comments submitted for this agenda item from the following: 1) Susan Skala, 2) Julie Walker, 3) Brittany Mark, 4) Michelle Capetanakis, 5) Courtney Green, 6) Ruby Baker, 7) Jessica Garcia Heller, 8) Lorena Garcia, 9) Francisco Tamayo, 10) Lucy Ugarte, 11) Dr. Francisco Escobedo, 12) Linda Larde, and 13) Vanessa Barrera. All comments expressed disapproval of the material revision of the Charter for Dimensions Collaborative School.

President Muñoz closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

8.b. Taking Action on the Petition for Material Revision of the Charter for Dimensions Collaborative School

Deputy Supt. Mike Simonson provided background information and presented the follow options available to the Board:

- Grant the material revision
- Grant the material revision, provided that the charter school enters into a memorandum of understanding with SDCOE prior to July 1, 2021 to address, reconcile, and resolve the findings presented in the staff report
- Deny the material revision and adopt the findings presented in the staff report

Member Donnellon motioned and Member Powell seconded to grant the material revision, provided that the charter school enters into a memorandum of understanding with SDCOE prior to July 1, 2021, to address, reconcile, and resolve the findings presented in the staff report. Vote was 3-2 against; motion failed. Member Powell motioned to grant the material revision. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

MSC (Shea/González) to deny the material revision and adopt the findings presented in the staff report. Yes vote: González, Muñoz, Shea; No vote: Donnellon, Powell.

8. ACTION ITEMS

c. Approval of Appointment to Countywide Successor of Agency Oversight Board

Deputy Superintendent Mike Simonson provided background information.

MSC (Shea/González) to approve the recommendation to appoint Scott Buxbaum to countywide successor of agency oversight board. Yes vote: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea

d. Acceptance of Board Bylaw 9150 for First Reading and Adoption

Deputy Supt. Mike Simonson provided background information.

MSC (González/Donnellon) to approve Board Bylaw 9150 for first reading and adoption. Yes vote: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea

9. INFORMATION ITEMS - NO ACTION

a. Update on Williams Settlement 2020-21 State of San Diego County Schools Annual Report

Learning and Leadership Services Assessment Coordinator Patricia Karlin spoke to the Williams Settlement Annual Report for 2020-21 that documents site visits regarding instructional materials, school facilities, teacher assignments, and uniform complaints.

b. CSEA Chapter 568 Reappointment of Personnel Commissioner

Deputy Supt. Mike Simonson formally notified the Board on behalf of CSEA Chapter 568 of their nomination of Mr. Chuck Huskey for reappointment to a three-year term as personnel commissioner from Dec. 1, 2020, to Dec 1, 2023. Mr. Huskey has accepted the nomination.

c. Quarter Report of Investments Held

Deputy Supt. Mike Simonson presented the quarterly report of investments to the Board.

d. Legislative Update

Supt. Gothold shared he recently served as key witness for a hearing convened by the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on the safe reopening of schools throughout California. He also spoke to the Dec 30 deadline to spend the CARES Act monies and the progress made on the digital divide and continued SDCOE staff efforts to address this gap.

10. BOARD REPORTS – Communication from Board Members

Member Powell stated it was an honor to have worked with the Board and thanked Supt. Gothold for being a good leader and friend. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity he had to serve on the San Diego County Board of Education.

Vice President Shea reported attending the Kyoto Prize Symposium Kick-Off; several CCBE Executive Committee meetings; the Classroom of the Future Foundation Innovation Awards Ceremony; and shared he has talked to newly elected district board members to welcome them and try help them get oriented to their new jobs.

Member González shared meeting with the Policy Committee, which consists of herself, Board member Donnellon, Deputy Supt. Simonson, Legal Counsel Adrienne Macklin, Legal Analyst Trinity Daniel, and working on Board Bylaw 9150. She also attended the California Charter School News and the Latinx Advisory Committee meeting.

Member Donnellon reported attending the recent Policy Committee meeting along with Board member González and is excited about new Board Bylaw 9150. She also attended the Classroom of the Future Foundation Innovation Awards Ceremony, which was an amazing 'red-carpet event'. She expressed her appreciation for Member Powell and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

President Muñoz thanked Member Powell for his service to the Board and said she would miss his sense of humor. She also congratulated Members Donnellon and González and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items requested.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Regular Board Meeting on Wed., Dec. 9, 2020, 6 p.m., via livestream webcast or at the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center

13. ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Donnellon/Shea) to adjourn at 8 p.m. Yes vote: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea