

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION/REGULAR MEETING~BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 10, 2022, 6:30 PM

Closed Session Begins at 5:30 pm | Regular Meeting Begins at 6:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

2. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

2.1. GOVT. CODE 54957 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

**2.2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code 54957.6, subd. (a))
Agency Designated Representative Superintendent Diego R. Ochoa**

3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

3.1. Report out of Closed Session

Trustee Proctor reported that by a unanimous vote of 5 yes and zero nos, 11 temporary certificated employees will be released effective the close of the 2021-2022 school year.

3.2. Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by Trustee Proctor.

3.3. Roll Call

All Board Members were present:

Kenneth Chin
Noelia Corzo
Alison Proctor
Lisa Warren
Shara Watkins

3.4. Approval of Agenda: March 10, 2022 (v)

Trustee Chin recommended a change to the agenda by switching item 6.2 to be in front of item 6.1.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Trustee Chin a second by Trustee Warren.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

3.5. Approval of Minutes: February 24, 2022 (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Trustee Chin a second by Trustee Watkins.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

4. STATEMENTS

4.1. Public Statements Related to Non-agenda Topics:

Nicola Cadenas, a LEAD parent, made a statement regarding that artificial turf is toxic and recommended the Board to investigate before installing it at the schools.

The following Laurel and Abbott Schools parents made comments about the school lockdown and focused on that sites, and teachers need more support in understanding the protocols about secure campus and lockdown.

Rena Korb

Sandi Arata

Kristen Sevilla

The following San Mateo Park School parents made comments about the closure of the Annex Program next year.

Wendy H

Erik Malinowski

Lisa Natusch

Becca Duran

4.2. Public Statements Related to Agenda Items: Persons will be called on at the appropriate time

4.3. Foundation/Committee Reports

Trustee Chin reported that he attended the Sanctuary task force meeting where they focused on the war in Ukraine with Russia and how we could provide resources for those affected as a District. They also spoke about the after-school care programs and that they put together a list of other after-school programs and are planning to post and share it with schools.

Trustee Warren reported that she attended the SEDAC Committee meeting where they had a presentation from Christa Martinelli, a Special Education Attorney, focused on IEP, 504, SPED laws, and the importance of collaboration.

Trustee Corzo reported that she attended the DELAC meeting on March 1, a lot of resources were shared with everyone. In our District, we have 50 languages represented, 3,039 English learners, and the top three Native Languages in our District are Spanish, Mandarin, and Japanese. Also, there was data shared about the ALAC (Academic Language Acceleration Class) Program, where 44 students made two years of expected reading growth in just one semester.

Trustee Proctor reported that she attended the Communications Committee Meeting yesterday, where they talked about setting some language for a goal that falls in line with our strategic plan goals. Also spoke about the new website and communication tool our District will be getting next year. Trustee Proctor added that they are planning a District event with our community partners in June. Furthermore, Trustee Proctor and Trustee Corzo participated as judges in a speech contest for the Lions Club. Also attended the Borel Musical "13" with Superintendent Ochoa, Trustee Corzo, and Trustee Watkins, which was great and congratulated the Borel Drama.

4.4. SMETA/CSEA/SMEAA Updates

Alicia Aragon acknowledged the closure of two annex after-school care sites happening after the spring break as well as the closures next year and expressed that it is disappointing for staff families. This is definitely a loss for those sites, the families, and the staff.

Julie MacArthur announced that they had another successful bargaining session with the District, where they made positive headway today. Mrs. MacArthur added that she is looking forward to the discussion tonight regarding North Central and Fiesta Gardens. Pointed out and thanked the Abbott and Laurel Schools for keeping students as calm as possible during the lockdown today, for following police directives for the support, and also thanked the police and expressed appreciation for all they do.

Dr. Christian Rubalcaba, Abbott Principal, applauded the incredible work done by everyone involved with the lockdown at Abbott and Laurel Schools. They responded quickly and followed protocol. Also thanked Superintendent Ochoa and other Administrators at the District Office for the support. Informed that at Abbott, they are planning for the next school year, Middle School Principals had an opportunity to explore the College, and Career Readiness Program centered on offering students hands-on

opportunities to explore career options. Dr. Rubalcaba shared that they are starting to integrate the pathways courses and increasing the level of options for middle school students. Also included that they are imagining a new NewComer wellness center where resources will be offered and that the 8th graders are preparing for High School and concluded that on behalf of SMEAA he thanked the Board Members and Superintendent for their support.

4.5. Announcements

Trustee Corzo announced that March 8th was Women's International Day and wanted to acknowledge all women who are amazing and work in their careers, at home, and in their leadership roles.

4.6. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Ochoa started by congratulating the talented students and staff as well as the whole school community for supporting the Borel Drama production. Students were stars, parent volunteers were amazing. Secondly, Superintendent Ochoa addressed some actions that will be taking place moving forward related to what we expect down the line to be the next instance of a secure campus protocol and gave reassurance to our educators, students, and the community members about the actions and steps we will plan to initiate over the next couple of weeks. Furthermore, Superintendent Ochoa thanked everyone at Abbott and Laurel Schools for everything that they did today to reassure, calm, and support care for the children under their responsibility. Superintendent Ochoa concluded and indicated that the Student Services Department will be working with the Business Services Department to provide emergency supply kits for all the classrooms for the schools in the District.

5. PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Trustee Chin a second by Trustee Corzo.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

5.1. SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES/BOARD

5.1.1. Approval of Resolution No. 10/21-22 Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings As Needed Pursuant to AB 361 [Gov't. Code section 54953]

5.2. STUDENT SERVICES

5.3. BUSINESS/FINANCE

5.3.1. Borel Middle School - Poligon/PorterCorp - 3 metal shade structures

**5.3.2. Bowditch Middle School - QSD (QUALIFIED SWPPP DEVELOPER) &
QSP (QUALIFIED SWPPP PRACTITIONER) SERVICES - BKF
ENGINEERS**

5.3.3. Highlands Elementary School MPR - LPA, Inc. Amendment No.01

**5.3.4. HVAC Replacement for Service Upgrade LEAD Elementary
(Bid#22-196): Collins Electrical**

**5.3.5. LEAD Elementary School - New MPR Building - Stormwater Pollution
Prevention Plan Consultant - BKF Engineers**

5.3.6. LEAD Elementary School MPR - HKIT Amendment No.02

5.3.7. Parkside Montessori MPR - HMC Amendment No.01

**5.3.8. Various school sites - Vape Detector Project - IT Management
Corporation - Amendment #1**

**5.3.9. Building Five offices at District Office - B.E.A.M. Construction
Enterprises, Inc.**

5.3.10. E-Rate Bid Evaluations - Internet Services

5.3.11. E-Rate Purchase Agreement Contract Approval

5.3.12. Resolution No. 23/21-22 - Surplus Equipment - Printshop Equipment

5.3.13. Contracts & Consultants \$45,000 and Under

5.3.14. Listing of Payments to Meet District Expenditures

5.3.15. Gifts Presented to the Schools and Sites

5.4. HUMAN RESOURCES

5.4.1. Personnel Report: New Hires and Assignment Changes

5.4.2. Personnel Report: Resignations, Releases, and/or Retirements

6. SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES/BOARD

6.1. Proposed change to Safe Return to Schools Plan: Establishing Mask Wearing as Optional

Superintendent Ochoa indicated that as a response to Governor's Newsome presentation on February 28th in which Governor Newsome and secretary of the Department of Public Health and Human Services made a change in the State's guidance to shift from mask mandate to a strong recommendation mask use in a statewide application beginning on March 12. Superintendent brought to the Board a proposal to change the safe return to schools plan to establish a strong recommendation for the use of school masks which is different from the current mandate to use masks on school campuses. As part of the process for this recommendation, the district has made a series of different actions to make an informed decision. Those strategies include time engagement with the community, two cafes on Diego, two community workshops, two surveys for parents, staff, and students, zoom engagement with school members.

Clarifying Question from the Board

Trustee Watkins had a clarifying question in which if district staff have thoughts of what numbers would need to look like for there to be a switch should this proposal move forward for there to be a switch back to having masks mandated.

Superintendent Ochoa responded that we have been following the State's decision in which they have defined the criteria upon which making this shift is part of their design for what they are referring to as an endemic strategy with COVID. We have not landed on a particular number but we would recommend that we continue to follow the guidelines from the California Department of Public Health and the Health and Human Services Agency for California.

Furthermore, Trustee Watkins included if there is anything built in for this proposal for more vulnerable members of our community that address those concerns.

Superintendent Ochoa indicated that we have engaged our Human Resources Department and District's Nursing Department to understand what additional mitigation strategies we would put in place to safeguard their health.

Public Comments:

The following members of the public made comments about making mask-wearing optional.

Dena Heinze

Mrs. Winter

Leya Leydiker

Megan Jepsen

Melissa

Magnus

Jennifer Lucas

Brandy Mieszkowki

Nicole Papas

Rose Sanchez

Audubon parent

Rena Korb

Steve Leydiker

Shannon Templin

Tantan Kim

Melani Lema

Dawn Dunzel

Tom

The following members from the public made comments about keeping the mask as a mandate:

Dimitri Iapa

Cayden

Megan Lau

Carley

Amy Wong-Thai

Matilda

Margot

Erin McCloskey

Jessica

Board Comments

Trustee Warren made a comment about this item and expressed that the CDC is not mandating to wear the mask anymore and we should take the recommendation.

Trustee Wakins indicated that she is in support of aligning with the county to change to strongly recommended mask wear.

Trustee Corzo agrees with the county recommending to make it strongly recommended but wished that it would have been ideal to do it after the break.

Trustee Chin expressed that this is not an easy decision to make but is ready to move forward and follow what the recommendations are.

Trustee Proctor indicated and recommended to continue to follow health protocols to keep everyone healthy, be kind, be respectful, and be a good friend and agreed to change from a mandate to strongly recommended.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Trustee Watkins a second by Trustee Warren.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

6.2. Discussion of community-based elementary school design for North Central San Mateo: College Park Elementary and Fiesta Gardens International School implications.

Superintendent Ochoa indicated that tonight's item is an item to discuss as a topic that it has been before the board and related to a planned North Central San Mateo School design process. Part of the process began during the school bond measure in 2015 in which taxpayers in San Mateo and Foster City approved a bond measure that set aside \$23 million for a school in North Central San Mateo.

In addition, Superintendent Ochoa reported that at the November 19, 2020 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees asked the administration to move forward with the consulting proposal presented by Pedro A. Noguera and PAN Ltd. for program options for the new elementary school in North Central San Mateo. After thorough reviews of district data, student enrollment trends, demographic reports, and possible program size, the district determined that moving College Park Elementary School to the Fiesta Gardens International School campus was a highly practical option. In such an option, the program at Fiesta Gardens International School would transition to the North Central San Mateo campus with an agreement that the district would engage stakeholders in the process. College Park Elementary School would transition to the current Fiesta Gardens site.

In conclusion, In November 2021, Superintendent Ochoa presented the Board of Trustees with a proposal by PAN to lead our district in a school-design process for North Central San Mateo. The Board subsequently approved the administration's recommendation for PAN to provide Equity consultative services and support for community-based elementary school design for North Central San Mateo.

Clarifying Questions from the Board:

Trustee Chin wanted to clarify that at this time we are only discussing the possible switch of the two campuses and also wanted to clarify that the move will not be happening immediately.

Trustee Watkins wanted to clarify that the two programs would move sites as is and if other options were considered.

Superintendent responded to both questions and indicated that the programs would switch as is and the move if approved would be happening in August of 2024 or August of 2025. Also indicated that PAN had the other option to use the Knolls Campus for the College Park Program but that would be about a \$15 million expense to only bring the facility up to ADA accessibility and it would not address the aging facility and it would not include the campus is adequate to meet the needs of the school.

Public Comments:

The following members from the Public made comments about this item:

Julie MacArthur

Randi Paynter

Mike Lau

Marcella McCollum

Daniela

Amy

Denise Canfield

Laurie Meisenheimer

Superintendent Ochoa indicated that NC students who are bussed to other schools in the District would be allowed to continue at their current school if they choose to.

Comments from the Board

All members of the board made comments about this item indicating that they support the idea of giving the North Central Community a school but more information is needed regarding the switch of the programs between Fiesta Gardens and College Park and wanted to make sure that we are building something that is going to be meaningful to the students that will be attending the school. They also expressed that they would like to incorporate more than what we have and would like the communication to continue and to hear more.

Superintendent Ochoa made a comment that we are prepared to give more details and to address the many questions we have and will be adding this item to the March 24, 2022 meeting for further board consideration whether to make it a discussion item or an

action item. Meanwhile, we will be conducting family engagements with the Fiesta Gardens and the College Park communities on a weekly basis.

7. BOARD MEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Warren requested an after-school program update in May rather than in June.

Trustee Watkins recommended talking about the current plan for the annex closure with more data and also bringing the conversation about the preschool expansion and funding not immediate. Also would like to talk about the future of school lunches and to hear from the nutrition department about this. Furthermore, Trustee Watkins thanked Alyssa and the students at Borel for the incredible drama performance. Additionally she acknowledgment that there is a war that potentially is impacting some of the students' families and is worried and is really thinking about how to support our families.

Trustee Chin expressed that tonight was a big decision on masking and wanted to mention bullying and mask bullying and would like to make sure to take care of the anxiety that some students will have as we move forward with the decision of optional masking and that we consider the social-emotional well-being of all our students.

8. FUTURE MEETING DATES

March 22, 2022 - Special Board Meeting - School Visitation

Highlands Elementary School

Abbott Middle School

March 24, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting

April 14, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 10:51 pm

9.1. Adjournment (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Trustee Chin a second by Trustee Warren.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

Board Secretary

Date