Special Governing Board Meeting Agenda

(Adopted) Meeting Minutes

CABRILLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Closed Session 6:00 PM | Via Zoom: https://cabrillok12.zoom.us/j/99474453534
(For public comments on Closed Session items only)
Public Session 7:00 PM | Via Zoom: https://cabrillok12.zoom.us/j/97854426560

Board Members Present:	Ms. Kimberly Hines, President Ms. Lizet Cortes, Vice President Ms. Mary Beth Alexander, Clerk to the Governing Board Ms. Freya McCamant, Member Ms. Sophia Layne, Member
Administrators Present:	Dr. Sean McPhetridge, Ed.D., Superintendent Dr. Leticia Bhatia, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Mr. Jesus Contreras, Chief Business Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

a. Public Comments on Closed Session Topics

None.

b. Adjourn to Closed Session – 6:05 PM

c. Reconvene to Public Session - 7:02 PM - Welcome

1. Closed Session Action Report: If applicable

President Kimberly Hines reported no action was taken in closed session.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Kimberly Hines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda, as presented, was made by Member Mary Beth Alexander and seconded by Member Freya McCamant.

ROLLCALL
Ms. Kimberly Hines, President - aye
Ms. Lizet Cortes, Vice President - aye
Ms. Mary Beth Alexander, Clerk to the Governing Board - aye
Ms. Freya McCamant, Member - aye
Ms. Sophia Layne, Member – aye

(M-96) Passed 5-0

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Public Comments

Written Comments. The Board received three (3) comments via the Google Public Comment Request form related to this agenda.

To read full public comments submitted via Google Public Comment Request form, please follow the link provided below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1onMDCX1il1E11qUUbGpsEcFLDyGB8-v5gyoF0EviIm0/edit?usp=sharing

b. Employee Organizations Report

2. CSEA Representatives

CSEA President Stig Lynne said CSEA supports and represents about 110 classified staff. Mr. Layne said that CSEA also supports a salary increase for teachers and that there are also CUSD unrepresented employees that have not received a salary increase since 2017. Mr. Layne also said that there must be a change in school funding in California, so districts pay their employees a fair living wage and offer good health benefits.

1. CUTA Representatives

CUTA Co-President Claudia Lunstroth said that CUSD teachers did their best to support their students when the pandemic started with little training for remote learning. Ms. Lunstroth said teachers care and worry about their health and the health of their students and that teachers would like to go back to in-person learning when it is safe to return following the state and county guidelines. Ms. Lunstroth also said everybody should do their part to stop the transmission and safely return to school.

c. Board Members Report

President Kimberly Hines thanked all the people that connected to Zoom or watched the meeting online. President Hines also thanked the teachers for all the prep work. President Hines said that there are many points of view, and the Board will take the time to proceed with the Opening of School Plan in a way that honors people's concerns and wishes. President Hines said their objective is to provide teachers as much support as possible to have a good start to the school year.

Member Freya McCamant thanked everyone that connected to the meeting and the people who reached out to her. Ms. McCamant also thanked teachers for the postcards, and she said she understands their concerns and needs for a raise and that she is committed to supporting raises given the constraints of the budget. McCamant reassured everyone that the Board would work together to alleviate the stress experienced by the community, teachers, and families in regards to the return to school and said that everybody should keep in mind the need to be flexible when moving to the planning phase as the virus and other factors control the situation.

Member Mary Beth Alexander thanked everybody that has reached out to her. Ms. Alexander said the comments she has received concerning the opening of schools have different points of view and that the Board will do their best to have a safe return to school. Ms. Alexander said that the silver lining we get from the situation is that although many students do better in a classroom setup, there are also many students who are thriving with remote learning. She also said that possibly when schools are back to normal teachers can integrate some of these new approaches to better support the students.

Member Lizet Cortes offered an apology to Spanish speaker families that were not able to listen live and participate in the meeting. Ms. Cortes also said that staff would look into making Spanish interpretation available and communicating the opening of school plans to Latino and Spanish speaker families. Ms. Cortes asked participants to reach out to the Board with comments and concerns in regards to the plan to open the schools.

Member Sophia Layne thanked everybody that joined the meeting. Ms. Layne also thanked people that have reached out to her through emails, chats, and postcards and said she appreciates the open conversation. Ms. Layne said she hopes we all can take this opportunity to turn challenges into opportunities for improvement going forward together.

d. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Sean McPhetridge invited the public to reach out to him if they have comments, questions, or concerns. Dr. McPhetridge said that through these conversations is how the district best collaborates and communicates with the community. Dr. McPhetridge told the Spanish speakers in the community that the district will focus on communication and will look to provide Spanish interpretation for Board meetings.

Dr. McPhetridge said that this a time of significant ambiguity and that the Board will decide on the opening of schools plan based on recommendations made from a steering committee and the input of different stakeholders. Dr. McPhetridge also said he is not expecting the Board to decide on how the whole school year is going to look but to take a step by step approach following the guidelines and mandates from the state.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Approval of Preliminary Recommendations of Cabrillo Unified School District Opening of School Guidelines

Dr. Leticia Bhatia, Assistant Superintendent, Jesus Contreras, Chief Business Officer, Martha Ladd, Director of Educational Support Services, John Nazar, Half Moon Bay High School Principal, and James Barnes, Cunha Intermediate School Principal, presented the second part of the preliminary recommendations for CUSD's guidelines for return to school in August 2020.

Meta Townsley, CUSD parents, spoke to the Board about the pandemic and said that possibly this might not be controlled for the remainder of the school year and that it might be necessary to continue in phase 1 until a vaccine is available. Ms. Townsley said she hopes teachers can make more live connections with students and possibly one-on-one calls.

Caleb Hartman, Cunha Intermediate School Teacher, requested the Board to continue with remote learning until there are 14 days of no new cases within the county to prevent transmission and to guarantee the safety of the students, staff, and community. Mr. Hartman also asked the Board to consider adequate ventilation, protective equipment, adequate social distancing, and access to technology.

David Seaton, CUSD parent, GBSD Board Member, asked the Board to consider extending phase one as the situation is unsafe. Mr. Seaton requested the Board consider challenges and limitations of the families.

Written Comments. The Board received thirty-one (31) comments via the Google Public Comment Request form related to this item.

To read full public comments submitted via Google Public Comment Request form, please follow the link provided below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1onMDCX1il1E11qUUbGpsEcFLDyGB8-v5gyoF0EviIm0/edit?usp=sharing

At 9:59 PM, President Kimberly Hines requested motion continue past the 10:00 PM curfew. Motion was made by Member Freya McCamant and seconded by Member Mary Beth Alexander.

(M-97) Passed 5-0

ROLLCALL
Ms. Kimberly Hines, President - aye
Ms. Lizet Cortes, Vice President - aye
Ms. Mary Beth Alexander, Clerk to the Governing Board - aye

Ms. Freya McCamant, Member - aye
Ms. Sophia Layne, Member - aye

Motion to approve the start of the school year with remote learning and the phased approach as presented without setting dates for potential movement between the phases was made by Member Sophia Layne and seconded by Member Mary Beth Alexander.

ROLLCALL
Ms. Kimberly Hines, President - aye
Ms. Lizet Cortes, Vice President - aye
Ms. Mary Beth Alexander, Clerk to the Governing Board - aye
Ms. Freya McCamant, Member - aye
Ms. Sophia Layne, Member - aye

(M-98) Passed 5-0

Motion to approve the start date for students of August 17, 2020, was made by Member Sophia Layne and seconded by Freya McCamant.

ROLLCALL
Ms. Kimberly Hines, President - aye
Ms. Lizet Cortes, Vice President - aye
Ms. Mary Beth Alexander, Clerk to the Governing Board - aye
Ms. Freya McCamant, Member - aye
Ms. Sophia Layne, Member - aye

(M-99) Passed 5-0

Motion to approve Synchronous and Asynchronous learning to meet the need of CUSD families was made by Member Sophia Layne and seconded by Freya McCamant.

ROLLCALL
Ms. Kimberly Hines, President - aye
Ms. Lizet Cortes, Vice President - aye
Ms. Mary Beth Alexander, Clerk to the Governing Board - aye
Ms. Freya McCamant, Member - aye
Ms. Sophia Layne, Member - aye

(M-100) Passed 5-0

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Freya McCamant and seconded by Member Sophia Layne.

ROLLCALL
Ms. Kimberly Hines, President - aye
Ms. Lizet Cortes, Vice President - aye
Ms. Mary Beth Alexander, Clerk to the Governing Board - aye
Ms. Freya McCamant, Member - aye
Ms. Sophia Layne, Member - aye

(M-101) Passed 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 PM

Minutes prepared by Rosibel Acosta, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes presented by Sean McPhetridge, Ed.D., Secretary to the Governing Board

Certified by:

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Mary Beth Alexander Date
Clerk to the Governing Board