Governing Board Meeting Agenda

(Adopted) Meeting Minutes

CABRILLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Session: Thursday, November 18, 2021 • 6:00 PM
Via Zoom: https://cabrillok12.zoom.us/j/99135905009

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Public Session – 6:05 PM – Welcome

1. Roll Call / Quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Governing Board President Lizet Cortes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda, as presented, was made by Member Freya McCamant and seconded by Member Kimberly Hines.

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

(M-135) Passed 5-0

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Public Comments

Written Comments. The Board received seventeen (17) comments via the Google Public Comment Request form related to this agenda item. To read the full public comments submitted via the Google Public Comment Request form, please follow the link provided below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kQ3HC1zt-wfm_Gewm_JKJafWbuzp7XOTRPkSz82Sysc/edit?usp=sharing

The following comments were provided live using the Zoom Raised Hand feature. Speakers' names are entered as appeared on the Zoom participant panel.

Manuela Seitz-Hipkins, High School Wellness Committee member, spoke about comments made by staff and students to students with different medical choices. Seitz-Hipkins said that the staff must provide a safe learning environment for all students and that all students should be treated with respect and equality.

Christina Baker, CUSD parent, spoke about the Board's letter to Governor Gavin Newson supporting the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Baker said she is curious about how the Board concluded regarding the wording "community fear" and questioned if parents, students, and staff input were considered.

Victoria Lacerda, PTO treasurer and El Granada parent, spoke in support of teachers' salary raises and opposition to the Board letter sent to Governor Gavin Newson and COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Lacerda said families should have the right to make their own health care choices.

Jenny Scarpaci spoke on behalf of Farallone View teachers about some issues that impacted the school, including Moonridge students' relocation. Scarpaci said that after this event, the pandemic hit and teachers scrambled to keep students engaged and connected. Scarpaci also spoke about the district's proposal to change the schools' schedules. Lastly, Scarpaci asked the Board to consider their needs and concerns.

Benji Darrow (Kim Darrow,) Half Moon Bay High School staff member, spoke about the Board's letter to Governor Gavin Newson supporting the COVID-19 vaccine mandate and questioned the data that suggests community devastation. Darrow also provided data on COVID-19 vaccines and side effects.

Sher J, CUSD resident and taxpayer, commented on bullying and shared some of the events of bullying that happened at the middle and the elementary schools. Sher asked the Board to go over the rules with teachers and students.

Angela Bolton provided a comment to the Board on opposition to COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Bolton said that basic freedoms should not require a medical procedure. Bolton also said that she would like masks taken off.

Stephanie spoke about her stance on masks and COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Stephanie said that students are sent to school for an education and not for cultural and social training and that the letter sent to Governing Newson does not reflect the whole community.

b. Employee Organizations Report

1. CUTA Representatives

CUTA Co-President Claudia Lunstroth said that doing what is right for the student is their priority and that they want students to be valued and motivated and the successes to be equitable. Lunstroth said that essential workers are not receiving the support or compensation needed to meet these goals. Lunstroth expressed that instead of leaving an excessive financial reserve, they need to work together to leave a legacy of academic and civic success.

2. CSEA Representatives

CSEA President Stig Lynne commented on two consent items, the incorporation of yard duty employees to the union and the salary raises of the lowest-paid staff. Lynne also shared that CSEA held a meeting where it was decided to donate $1000 to Coastside Hope and $1000 to ALAS. To end the report, Lynne said there would always be two sides regarding vaccines and that he has also heard from parents wanting their children to get vaccinated and be safe in schools.

c. Board Members Report

Member Sophia Layne started her comments by expressing condolences to the Half Moon Bay High School community for the passing of one of the faculty members. Member Layne reported she participated in a City Council meeting supporting recommendations presented by Coastside Recovery Initiative, including a partnership to improve access to vocational training and post-secondary education. Layne also reported she participated in the CoastPride debrief. Member Layne commented on HMBHS activities, including the fishbowl project. To end, member Layne shared she visited El Granada and Hatch schools, where she got a glimpse into the day of the life of a teacher and younger students.

Member Kimberly Hines thanked the participants and expressed she appreciates all the comments and the sense of respect of this community. Member Hines reported she met teachers at El Granada and that it was joyful to see all teachers were student-centered. Member Hines reassured teachers they are heard and mentioned that it is hard to hire teachers, not have subs in classrooms, and work on an organization spread too thin. Lastly, Member Hines said different people have different opinions and she anticipates school systems will have other avenues to communicate concerning vaccination and exemptions.

Member Freya McCamant seconded Member Layne's condolences to Half Moon Bay High School and Member Hines' appreciation that comments tonight were made respectfully. Member McCamant said that their role as a Board is to listen and that there can be differences of views and opinions, but they appreciate any input into all their decisions. Related to the consent agenda, Member McCamant said she is glad to see the Career and Technical Education and the Agricultural Incentive Grants items as well as the energy and water management policy. To end, Member McCamant said it is wonderful to see the Career and Technical Education program growing with the support of community partners

Member Mary Beth Alexander reported she attended a Masters in Governance course, a community relations and advocacy course, and a government integration course. Member Alexander said that it has been great to participate in these courses because it is nice to hear from other districts that are different from CUSD, districts that are similar to CUSD, or district from different areas of the state. Member Alexander said it is interesting to see how similar the concerns are, and it is great to share knowledge and hear what they are doing that might work here.

President Lizet Cortes also expressed her condolences for the passing of a Half Moon Bay High School faculty member. President Cortes also thanked the public for their comments, expressing their concerns, and taking the time to be part of a solution. President Cortes congratulated parents and students who were part of Hatch's reclassification ceremony and congratulated Rosalva Segura for her recognition of her ongoing work on equity and parent engagement.

d. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member Sara Gorman provided the Board and public an update on El Granada Elementary, Farallone View Elementary, Hatch Elementary, Half Moon Bay High School, La Costa Adult School, and Los Listos Preschool events and activities.

c. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Sean McPhetridge wished everyone a peaceful and restorative Thanksgiving and gave thanks for being able to work in the CUSD community. Superintendent McPhetridge said that there are different opinions, and he respects opinions spoken tonight. Regarding vaccines, Superintendent McPhetridge commented that the Board supported that a mandate should be a state decision, not CUSD's decision as a district, and he said he understands that some people disagree with this, that he hears the concerns, and that staff plan to continue providing updates going forward and encouraging families as well as inform them of places to get vaccines, as a matter of public service.

Superintendent McPhetridge said it was great to see banners flying and schools honoring Native American History month. Superintendent McPhetridge also said he visited Hatch for playground duty. He also met with the HMBHS department chair of mathematics about Math Pathways and to discuss how Dual Enrollment could provide higher levels of math so more staff time could be used to support students.

Superintendent McPhetridge shared that CUSD is working on an agreement with the City of Half Moon Bay so the Boy and Girls Club and CUSD can make the Event Center and tennis courts available on weekends to the community. Superintendent McPhetridge also commented CUSD has been in conversations with Syserco about incentives for electrical vehicle chargers at Half Moon Bay High School. Lastly, Superintendent McPhetridge said he is looking forward to working with the city and real estate advisors about how potentially surplus properties might be used for CUSD benefit, including workforce housing for district employees.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval a. Approval of 2021-22 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), 131- Secondary Education Grant Award
b. Approval of 2021-22 Agricultural Incentive Grant Award
c. Approval of the Certificated Personnel Report
d. Approval of the Classified Personnel Report
e. Approval of Increase to Clerical Assistant I and Food Service Assistant I Salary Ranges
f. Approval of Increase to Campus Security Assistant Salary Range
g. Approval of Job Description and Salary Range Placement for Yard Duty Supervisor Position
h. Approval of Warrant Register Report Processed from October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021
i. Approval of Measure I Parcel Tax Annual Report
j. Ratification of Cunha Intermediate School Water Intrusion Project Change Order
k. Approval of Bond-Funded Construction Projects – Farallone View Elementary Modernization
l. Approval of Developer Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
m. Approval of Proposal for Data Analysis & Trustee Area Maps Assistance
n. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21 to Make Findings Allowing Continued Remote Meetings Under AB361
o. Approval of Regular and Special Governing Board Meetings Minutes
p. Approval of CUSD Board Policy Title/Code Changes and Deletions as Recommended by California School Boards Association for CUSD's Upgrade to GAMUT Policy Plus
q. Approval of Governing Board Policy Updates as Recommended by the California School Boards Association

Motion to approve consent items was made by Member Freya McCamant and seconded by Member Mary Beth Alexander.

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

(M-136) Passed 5-0 with Student Board Member voting aye

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Farallone View Elementary School Site Presentation

Farallone View Elementary School Principal Amy McVicker provided a school overview of site-based programs, enrollment data, and services unique to the school.

The following comment was provided live using the Zoom Raised Hand feature. Speakers' names are entered as appeared on the Zoom participant panel.

Kelly Hoffman Davis commented that Principal Amy McVicker has been an amazing leader at Farallone View and that as a parent she appreciates everything Principal McVicker has brought to the school, especially in this time of trying to get students back to normal.

b. Presentation and Public Hearing on Educator Effectiveness Block Grant

Chief Business Officer J Jesús Contreras and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Leticia Bhatia presented information on the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant for the Fiscal Year 2021-22.

At 8:25 PM, President Cortes opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 8:40 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Kimberly Hines and seconded by Member Mary Beth Alexander.

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

(M-137) Passed 5-0 with Student Board Member voting aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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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Freya McCamant Date
Clerk to the Governing Board
Cabrillo Unified School District