

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 8, 2019

1. Call to Order

President McBride called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office, Redwood City School District ("RCSD"), 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

Present at the meeting: President McBride, Vice-President Janet Lawson, Alisa MacAvoy, María Díaz-Slocum, Cecilia I. Márquez and Superintendent Baker.

Others Present: Linda Montes, Wendy Kelly, Antonio Pérez, Bryan Godbe, Joy Tatarka, Chantelle Trefz, Carol Anne Baumen and Dominic Dutra from 3D Strategies, Inc, Marilyn Ezrin, Leslie Stafford, Laura Thomas.

2. Welcome

2.1 Welcome

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

President McBride welcomed those present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Changes to the Agenda

Per President McBride Consent Item 7.3 was removed from the agenda.

President McBride expressed that Action Item 8.1 needed to remain as an Action Item.

Trustee MacAvoy requested to move Action Items 8.2 and 8.4 to Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda as amended, (Díaz- Slocum, Márquez; 5-0).

5. Oral Communication

None.

6. School/Community Reports

6.1 Godbe Research Survey Results

Bryan Godbe from Godbe Research provided the School Board and Superintendent Baker with a Power Point presentation that included survey results from local voters

about their perception of whether the School District is providing a quality education to students and if it is managing public funds effectively.

Furthermore, the presentation provided information about the assessment of potential voter support for a parcel tax measure to keep local neighborhood schools open and maintain quality elementary and middle school education with funding that cannot be taken by the State.

Mr. Godbe expressed that based on the survey results; there is a solid base of voter support for a parcel tax measure. The items on the ballot would generally target attracting and retaining qualified teachers; supporting reading and writing skills; maintaining science, technology, engineering and math instruction; supporting math and science skills; protecting quality arts and music programs; reducing classroom sizes in kindergarten and first grade; providing equitable technology instruction for all students; and keeping local neighborhood schools open. By law, no money from this parcel tax measure could be used for administrator salaries or administration.

It was TBWB's and Godbe's recommendation that the Redwood City School District begin the process of preparing for a November 2019 school revenue measure election.

The School Board agreed to move forward with the process of preparing for a Parcel Tax on the November 2019 ballot.

The Redwood City Education Foundation, via Marilyn Ezrin commented on their commitment to take the lead on the Redwood City School District parcel tax campaign.

6.2 Update on 7-11 Committee

Chairperson Chantelle Trefz, Vice Chairperson Carol Anne Baumen and Dominic Dutra from 3D Strategies, Inc. gave the School Board and Superintendent Baker an update on the 7-11 Committee.

Mr. Dutra commented that to date, there had been two 7-11 Committee meetings. On April 21st the 7-11 Committee met to discuss the Adelante School, Orion School, Hawes School and the District Office building and a leasing strategy. Mr. Dutra commented that the recommendation was for the Redwood City School District to send out a Request for Proposals for three year terms in order to garner immediate and needed revenue, allow for an absolute net lease that would provide significant additional cost savings, allow community and neighborhoods to test impacts, and ensure school sites would remain the property of the Redwood City School District, allowing for school sites to reopen in the future.

Mr. Dutra further commented that at the April 28th 7-11 Committee meeting, it was deemed preferable to postpone the presentation of the Draft Advisory Report to a future meeting. Postponing the presentation would allow the Committee an opportunity to review proposals and incorporate their input into the final District Advisory Report. On April 29th the Committee met to review and provide comment on the proposed Request for Proposals for 3-year lease terms.

Mr. Dutra commented that June 5th would be the deadline for responses for 3-year lease terms and on June 18th; the Committee would convene to review and provide input on proposals. On June 26th the Chair and Vice Chair are scheduled to present the 7-11 District Advisory Report to the School Board.

7. Consent Items

****Note:** President McBride requested to remove Consent Item 7.3 from the agenda.

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

- 7.1 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, April 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019
- 7.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Elks Lodge Pool, Roy Cloud School
- 7.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Board Policy 3312 – Authorization for the District Superintendent and Chief Business Official to Enter into Contracts
- 7.5 Recommendation re: Increase in Facilities Use Rates
- 7.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement for 2019-2020 Participation Agreement for the Outdoor Education Program between the Redwood City School District and the San Mateo County Office of Education
- 7.7 Recommendation re: Approval of 2017-19 Service Agreement between Redwood City School District Child Development Centers and Redwood City 2020
- 8.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Authorization to Proceed with Food Service Management Consultant
- 8.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Reclassification of Classified Employees

President McBride (Ayes)
Vice-President Lawson (Ayes)
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)
Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

8. Action Items

- 8.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for Three Year Lease Terms for the Adelante Spanish Immersion School, Hawes Community School, and Orion Alternative School sites and the District Office

The School Board approved the issuance of requests for proposals (RFPs) for three year lease terms for the Adelante Spanish Immersion School, Hawes Community School, and Orion Alternative School sites and the District Office (MacAvoy/Márquez; 5-0).

President McBride (Ayes)
Vice-President Lawson (Ayes)
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)
Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

8.3 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution 24, Approval of Education Code Options for Teaching Assignments

The School Board adopted Resolution 24, approval of Education Code options for teaching assignments for Kelly Jorgensen (MacAvoy/Márquez; 5-0).

President McBride (Ayes)
Vice-President Lawson (Ayes)
Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)
Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)
Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

9. Board and Superintendent Reports

9.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported attending the Día del Niño event at Selby Lane School. Furthermore, Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported meeting with a group of students from Stanford that were conducting a research study on possible school/housing around the North Fair Oaks area.

Trustee Márquez reported attending the Special Education PTA of Redwood City (SEPTAR) meeting, in addition to 7-11 Committee and Food Service Committee meetings.

Trustee MacAvoy, together with Vice-President Lawson and President McBride attended the BTSA graduation. Trustee MacAvoy commented that it had been an inspirational ceremony.

Vice-President Lawson reported attending the BTSA induction ceremony and attended the Coffee with the Superintendent meeting at Henry Ford. Furthermore, Vice-President Lawson attended a San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce meeting on education.

President McBride reported attending a Special Education PTA of Redwood City (SEPTAR) meeting and commented it had been a well-attended meeting. President McBride reported attending a presentation about SEAL at Selby Lane School. President McBride reported attending the BTSA Induction ceremony and thanked Assistant Superintendent Wendy Kelly for her great work in organizing the event. President McBride also reported having a conversation with Irving Torres from Supervisor Slocum's office on how to mitigate the traffic for KIPP and Connect at Fair Oaks School.

Superintendent Baker reported attending most of the same events as board members.

10. Information

None.

11. Correspondence

Trustee MacAvoy reported receiving an email about libraries from Paulette Elliot from Roosevelt School.

President McBride reported receiving two letters from Roy Cloud School parents.

12. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Trustee Lawson requested further conversation about the 2018-19 graduations.

President McBride requested that an agenda item on Food Service be included on Superintendent Baker's Friday's update.

13. Board Agenda Calendar

13.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

There were no changes to the board agenda schedule.

14. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. (Lawson/Díaz-Slocum; 5-0).

Alisa MacAvoy, Clerk