

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

August 28, 2019

1. Call to Order

President McBride called the special board meeting to order at 6:46 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, María Díaz-Slocum, Cecilia I. Márquez and Superintendent Baker.

Trustee Alisa MacAvoy was absent from the board meeting.

Others Present: Linda Montes, Wendy Kelly, Antonio Pérez, Will Robertson, Don Dias, Leslie Stafford, Gloria Rangel, Maria Stockton, Carol Bauman, Cherill Roth, and many others that did not sign in.

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

No changes to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda as submitted, (Díaz-Slocum, Lawson; 4-0).

5. Oral Communication

None.

6. Action Items

6.1 Approval of the 2019-20 Consolidated Application for Federal Funding Programs

Due to a clerical error, the 2019-20 consolidated application for federal funding was agendized on a separate special board meeting agenda for approval.

The School Board approved the 2019-20 consolidated application for federal funding programs (Díaz-Slocum/Márquez; 4-0).

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

7. Adjournment

The board adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. (Díaz-Slocum/Lawson; 4-0).

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order

President McBride called the board 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, María Díaz-Slocum, Cecilia I. Márquez and Superintendent Baker.

Trustee Alisa MacAvoy was absent from the board meeting.

Others Present: Linda Montes, Wendy Kelly, Antonio Pérez, Will Robertson, Don Dias, Leslie Stafford, Gloria Rangel, Maria Stockton, Carol Bauman, Cherill Roth, and many others that did not sign in.

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3. Changes to the Agenda

Vice-President Lawson requested to move Action Item 11.1 to Consent.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum requested that the Discussion Item be moved subsequent to the Consent Items. Please note that there were items that were moved; therefore, the numbering will be off (Items 7, 8, 10, 6, 9).

President McBride requested to move Consent Items 7.2 and 7.5 to Action.

President McBride requested to move the School/Community Report to after Consent.

4. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda as submitted, (Díaz-Slocum, Lawson; 4-0).

5. Oral Communication

Michelle Remond, RCSD Community Liaison, addressed the School Board by outlining her support to the Educational Services and Wellness Department. Ms. Remond added that she is providing additional support to foster youth and chronic absenteeism cases.

Alma Rubio, Garfield Community School parent, addressed the School Board and Superintendent Baker by asking why was the Special Day Classroom at Garfield Community School being closed?

In response to Mrs. Rubio's question, Superintendent Baker replied that there are currently 8 students enrolled in the classroom and the teacher contracted for the position was not ready to teach the classroom. Superintendent Baker reiterated that there was additional space in other programs at other sites where there are qualified teachers available.

In response to Superintendent Baker's comment, Mrs. Rubio asked for clarification as to why students would start the school year in a classroom that eventually would close? Mrs. Rubio expressed her frustration about the unexpected decision to close the classroom at Garfield Community School.

Director of Special Education, Patricia Pelino commented that the Special Education administrators are offering site tours for parents and will be helping families transition to their new school site. Ms. Pelino reiterated that administration understood parents' frustration and apologized for the unexpected changes, but assured families their students would be placed in a fitting site where their students can thrive academically and socially.

Gloria Rangel, Garfield Community School parent, addressed the School Board by expressing her frustration at the unexpected closure of the SDC classroom at Garfield Community School. Ms. Rangel urged the School Board and Superintendent Baker to find proper placement for the students affected by the closing of the classroom at Garfield Community School.

In response to Ms. Rangel's comment, Superintendent Baker stated that there was a vacancy for that specific teaching position. Superintendent Baker added that the position had been posted on EdJoin and LinkedIn. Superintendent Baker noted that Special Education is an area of need and there is a deficiency in teachers for Special Education, math, and science. Superintendent Baker added that the Redwood City School District has reverted to finding staff out of state in order to fill positions.

Superintendent Baker reiterated that the Special Education Department is working closely with families to ensure a smooth transition for students.

7. Bond Program Consent Items (Action Required)

The board approved the Consent Items (Díaz-Slocum/Márquez; 4-0), taking the following action:

7.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Site Modernization Project Authorization Form for 3150 Granger Way with Ninyo and Moore

7.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Change Order #1 with Dryco for Henry Ford School – attachment

7.4 Recommendation re: Approval of Food Service Fencing Adjustment Proposal with Dryco for Hoover School – attachment

7.6 Recommendation re: Approval of Interim Housing Closure Panel Proposal with Mobile Modular for Kennedy Middle School – attachment

7.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Interim Housing for the Mandarin Immersion and Orion Alternative at the John Gill Campus and Solar Tree Removal at Roosevelt School with Davey Tree – attachment

7.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Interim Housing Staking Proposal with Alpha Land Surveyors for the Mandarin Immersion and Orion Alternative at the John Gill Campus – attachment

7.9 Recommendation re: Approval of Legacy Closeout Support Proposal with CAW for the Mandarin Immersion and Orion Alternative at the John Gill Campus, Roy Cloud School, and Roosevelt School – attachment

7.10 Recommendation re: Approval of Asphalt Infill Proposal with Dryco for Roosevelt School – attachment

President McBride (Ayes)

Vice-President Lawson (Ayes)

Trustee MacAvoy (Ayes)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

8. Action Items (Bond Program Items Only)

7.2 Recommendation re: Approval of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) via Categorical Exemption (CatEx) for Fair Oaks School

The School Board approved the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) via Categorical Exemption (CatEx) for Fair Oaks School (Díaz-Slocum/Lawson; 4-0).

President McBride (Ayes)

Vice-President Lawson (Ayes)

Trustee MacAvoy (Absent)

Trustee Díaz-Slocum (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

7.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Interim Housing VOIP Telephone Purchase with Amazon

The School Board approved the interim housing VOIP telephone purchase with Amazon (Lawson/Díaz-Slocum; 4-0).

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

10. Consent Items (Action Required)

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

- 10.1 Recommendation re: Denial of Claim
- 10.2 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, June 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019
- 10.3 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Register, July 1, 2019 – July 30, 2019
- 10.4 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement between the Redwood City School District and Families United Through Literacy and Learning, Inc., for the Fiscal Year 2019-20
- 10.5 Recommendation re: Approval of Addendum to 2018-19 Measure U Application for Connect Community Charter School
- 10.6 Recommendation re: Ratification of Non-Public School (“NPS”)/Non-Public Agency (“NPA”) Master Contracts
- 10.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement with Ivonne Watson for Psychological Evaluations, Special Education Department
- 10.8 Recommendation re: Approval of Field Trip Request to Marine Science Institute (MSI) for September 20th and 23rd, Taft School
- 11.1 Recommendation re: Approval of 6-8 Science Curriculum Pilot Process

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

6. School/Community Reports

6.1 Enrollment for 2019-20 School Year

Superintendent Baker addressed the enrollment numbers for the 2019-20 school year.

Speaker’s Cards:

Sandy Hoover, TK teacher at Clifford School, invited Michelle Remond and Jorge Quintana to help recruit preschool families. Ms. Hoover expressed that last year, she had 28 TK students; however, every year varies in the total amount of students enrolled.

Cherill Roth, RCSD teacher, addressed the School Board by stating that smaller classroom sizes are ideal. Ms. Roth asked what is the lowest number of students in a classroom before it is decided it needs to be closed due to a small number of students enrolled?

In response to Ms. Roth's comment, Superintendent Baker responded that each classroom is looked at individually. In addition, students' needs are considered, especially in math and language arts.

9. Discussion Item

9.1 Discussion on School Assignments and Geographic District Areas

The School Board discussed the school assignments and the geographical district areas for the 2019-20 school year. The School Board agreed to continue using the rotation system that had been in place for numerous years. No changes were made and the school assignments will be placed on the September 11th agenda for approval.

11. Action Items

Action Item 11.1 was moved to Consent.

11.2 Recommendation re: Approval of the Special Education Teacher Induction Agreement with San Mateo County Office of Education

The School Board approved the Special Education teacher induction agreement with the San Mateo County Office of Education (Díaz-Slocum / Márquez; 4-0).

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

12. Board and Superintendent Reports

12.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee MacAvoy was absent from the meeting.

Vice-President Lawson reported attending a Bond Program meeting.

Trustee Díaz-Slocum reported delivering Employee Recognition certificates for years of service at Roosevelt School.

Trustee Márquez did not have a report.

President McBride reported delivering Employee Recognition certificates for years of service to five school sites. President McBride also attended a conference call with KNN Finance, CBO Aquino Dichoso and Superintendent Baker. President McBride also met with Margaret Marshall regarding RCSD's upcoming Parcel Tax.

Superintendent Baker thanked Linda Montes, Wendy Kelly, Antonio Pérez and Patricia Pelino for visiting schools on the first day of school. Superintendent Baker expressed assisting with bus duty and commented there was a traffic overflow. Superintendent Baker expressed that the first week of school had been great and commended the Transportation Department for assisting families with transportation, therefore, assuring a smooth transition for students and families.

13. Information

13.1 2019-20 Adopted Budget and 2019-20 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Connect Community Charter School and RCSD Review of Connect's 2019-20 Adopted Budget and LCAP

There were no comments or questions from the School Board and Superintendent Baker.

13.2 2019-20 Adopted Budget and 2019-20 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for KIPP and RCSD Review of KIPP's 2019-20 Adopted Budget and LCAP

There were no comments or questions from the School Board and Superintendent Baker.

13.3 2019-20 Adopted Budget and 2019-20 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Rocketship and RCSD Review of Rocketship's 2019-20 Adopted Budget and LCAP

There were no comments or questions from the School Board and Superintendent Baker.

13.4 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund – July, 2019

There were no comments or questions from the School Board and Superintendent Baker.

13.5 Contract Update Information and Credit Card Summary

There were no comments or questions from the School Board and Superintendent Baker.

14. Correspondence

President McBride reported receiving an email regarding the CDE number for Orion.

15. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

Superintendent Baker reminded School Board members about the September 4th board meeting at 7:00pm.

16. Board Agenda Calendar

16.1 Changes to the Board Agenda Schedule

There were no changes to the board agenda schedule.

17. Adjournment (Action Required)

The board adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. (Díaz-Slocum/Márquez; 5-0).

Alisa MacAvoy, Clerk