

**Contra Costa County Board of Education**  
**MINUTES**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING- JOINT MEETING –  
Board of Education and County Committee on School District Organization  
February 09, 2022

**MEMBERS**

Consuelo Lara, Area 1 Trustee  
Sarah Butler, Area 2 Trustee  
Anamarie Avila Farias, Area 3 Trustee  
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee  
Annette Lewis, Area 5 Trustee

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lynn Mackey, Superintendent  
Denise Porterfield, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs  
Marcus Walton, Director, Communications  
Rebecca Vichiquis, Director, Student Programs  
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. To the Superintendent and Board  
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight  
Ade Gobir, Manager, Wellness in Schools Program  
Cynthia Schwerin, County Counsel  
Paul Mitchell, Redistricting Partners  
Mike Tucker, Attorney, Girard, Edwards, Stevens and Tucker LLP

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Sarah Butler called the Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**2.1 General Information**

**3. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**3.1 Roll Call**

All Board Members were present.

**3.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Butler led the Board in a Pledge of Allegiance

**3.3 Agenda Review and Adoption**

Action: Adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara, Sarah Butler

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

**3.4 Board Meeting Minutes - December 15, January 19- ACTION**

Action: Adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara, Sarah Butler

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

#### **4. CLOSED SESSION**

##### **4.1 NONE**

#### **5. RECOGNITIONS**

##### **5.1 Resolution #24-21/22 Women's History Month**

Action: Adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara, Sarah Butler

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

##### **5.2 Resolution #25-21/22: California State PTA Day**

Speakers:

Nicholas Smetak

Velma Wilson

Anna King

Action: Adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Consuelo Lara

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara, Sarah Butler

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **6.1 Consent Agenda**

##### **6.2 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) - January 2022 (GONZALES)**

##### **6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-020922 (BERGER) - ACTION**

##### **6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-020922 (BERGER) - ACTION**

##### **6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS3-020922 (BERGER) - ACTION**

##### **6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS4-020922 (BERGER) - ACTION**

##### **6.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-020922 (BERGER) - ACTION**

##### **6.8 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM2-020922 (BERGER) - ACTION**

##### **6.9 Consider Acceptance of Public Gift (BERGER)**

Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Farias

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara, Sarah Butler

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **7.1 Public Comment**

None

## **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **8.1 Trustee Area Redistricting (PORTERFIELD)**

Denise Porterfield, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Paul Mitchell from Redistricting Partners (consultant) who provided the Board with a review as to how we came to the final map selections.

After each decennial census, the Contra Costa County Board of Education must review and align its boundaries to equally balance the population within the trustee areas as closely as practical. The County Superintendent of Schools has engaged a demographer for this work. The Contra Costa County Board of Education is seeking input from the public on this matter. (Education Code §1002, subdivision (a).)

At the January 19 board meeting, draft maps for plans A, B, C, BOS and CCCCD were presented. The board of trustees asked that draft plan A map be brought back for consideration along with two additional draft plans D and D2. Also included is the adopted map for the Contra Costa Community College District wards and the adopted map for the County Board of Supervisors districts. Mr. Mitchell reviewed each map's boundaries and the comparison to the other map options. The goal of the committee is to follow school district boundaries first and then city boundaries.

Board members asked questions regarding the map boundaries near southern and east county, the Lamorinda area, following the school district boundaries, what does/ does not work in each map.

Public Comment:

Paul Seger- Redistricting/ East County

Trustee Comments for maps:

Map A- splits Liberty HSD in half, Splits San Ramon VUSD in half, split most communities in school districts and towns

Map D- Closest to the Board of Supervisors map.

Map D2- Board agreed that this map needed just a few lines moved, while staying within deviation.

Map D3- Mr. Mitchell revised some lines of the D2 map option to create a D3 option. Keeps most communities whole.

Action: Adopt Map D3 to be transmitted to the county recorder, while allowing staff to make any technical adjustments.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Farias

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara, Sarah Butler

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

## **9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Charter School Update (MCCHESNEY) INFORMATION**

Neil McChesney, Coordinator of Charter School Oversight, gave the Board a general update on the County board authorized Charter schools. Mr. McChesney reported to the Board about Covid-19 impact update, including staff shortages and declining ADA. Mr. McChesney also discussed CVCHS, including their board elections, executive director search and the facilities litigation. Mr. McChesney also discussed spring priorities which included the annual oversight visit for charter authorities and the MOU extension concerns. The Charter Committee will be discussing the MOU extensions at their next meeting.

Board members asked questions regarding declining enrollment and financial protection for charter schools.

### **9.2 Charter Board Appointment (BUTLER)- DISCUSSION**

The Charter Committee had discussed and recommended to the County Board to begin the process of appointing a representative to the CVCHS Board of Directors, as according to Ed Code 47604.

Other charter authorizers in the bay area who are known to have taken this step include the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the Oakland Unified School Board. In 2012 charter appointees were appointed to Making Waves and CVCHS and due to legal concern, the board appointees stepped down from both of the charter boards.

Board members asked questions regarding legal exposure, who is being recommended, is the Board going to do this for all charters and which charters are chosen to receive a representative.

The Charter Committee will discuss this further at their next meeting and report back to the Board.

### **9.3 Presentation on the Wellness In Schools Program (WISP) (BERGER) – INFORMATION**

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, introduced Ade Gobir, Manager, Wellness in Schools (WISP), who presented the Board with an overview of the services provided by the WISP Program.

The Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) was passed in 2019 to establish partnerships between County Behavioral Health Departments and County Offices of Education or other local educational entities. Through the MHSSA, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission has awarded grants to support these partnerships and expand mental health services to students across the State of California. In Contra Costa County, this grant will be used to support the Wellness in Schools Program (WISP). The WISP seeks to provide all students in the County with access to needed behavioral health services and supports in a timely manner.

Board members asked questions regarding the district responses, district involvement, WISP involvement in East County and does WISP collaborate with Communities in Schools programs.

### **9.4 Agency LCAP Metric Mid-Year Updates, Budget Overview for Parents and Supplement to Annual Update (BERGER) – INFORMATION**

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, introduced Rebecca Vichiquis, Director, Student Programs, who informed the Board on these new requirements for this year. It is a mid-year review of the LCAP basically. California's 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. The following is a one-time mid-year report to the local governing board or body and educational partners related to engagement on, and implementation of, these Acts.

Board members asked questions regarding the date, clarifying that this is last year's LCAP information.

### **9.5 Golden Gate Community Schools LCAP Metric Mid-Year Updates, Budget Overview for Parents and Supplement to Annual Update (BERGER) – INFORMATION**

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, introduced Rebecca Vichiquis, Director, Student Programs, who informed the Board on these new requirements for this year. It is a mid-year review of the LCAP for Golden Gate School. California's 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. The following is a one-time mid-year report to the local governing board or body and educational partners related to engagement on, and implementation of, these Acts.

Board members asked questions regarding reading levels of students

### **9.6 A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan Contra Costa County Office of Education (BERGER)- INFORMATION**

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, presented the Board with information on the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan.

The A–G Completion Improvement Grant Program is hereby established by Assembly Bill 130, Article 9 added by Stats 2021, Ch.44, Sec. 24, for the purpose of providing additional supports to Local Educational Agencies (LEA) to help increase the number of California high school pupils, particularly unduplicated pupils, who graduate from high school with A–G eligibility. In order to receive these funds LEAs are required to present the Board at a public meeting for information and the plan must be approved at a second meeting to be submitted by April 1, 2022.

The A–G Completion Improvement Grant Program requires LEAs report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) on or before December 31, 2023, on how they are measuring the impact of the funds received under this section on their A–G completion rate, as identified within their plan, and the outcomes based on those measurements. In addition, the grant recipient shall report to the SSPI on or before August 31, 2026, on final outcomes that measure the impact of the funds received under this section on their A–G completion rate.

This is an information item and will be brought back to the next regular board meeting for action.  
Board members asked questions regarding students who are not on a graduation track.

**9.7 A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan Golden Gate Community Schools (BERGER)- INFORMATION**  
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**9.8 Board Communications Discussion (FARIAS)- DISCUSSION**

Trustee Farias facilitated a discussion of the topic of Communications of the Contra Costa County Board, and communications related to the roles of the County Board of Education. As trustees, the communication of the Board to districts and the communities can be improved. More presence on the website and in newsletters so communities know about the trustee's engagement in the community. The Board discussed perhaps bringing this topic to the upcoming Board Mission/ Goals Workshop.

Board members asked questions regarding the communication sources,

**9.9 BB 9123, BB 9322 (LARA)- DISCUSSION**

Trustee Lara introduced a proposed revision to BB 9322, and the addition of draft BB 9123 for consideration of first reading to include the Board Vice President in agenda planning meetings with the Board President. Recommendation is to add verbiage "and Vice President whenever possible" to BB 9322.

Board members asked questions regarding bringing this item to the Policy Committee for review and then bringing it back to the Board.

This item will be added to the next scheduled Policy Committee Meeting.

**9.10 Board Governance Workshop Planning (BUTLER)- DISCUSSION**

President Butler brought this agenda item to the Board meeting for Board input and discussion for the Board Governance Workshop agenda which will include updating our Board Goals and include other Board priorities appropriate for a Governance Retreat.

President Butler discussed options for Board Governance Workshop including:

- Agenda
- Facilitator- Sally Frazier, Leadership Associates
- Schedule- Michelle Kiernan will send out a Doodle Poll

Board members asked questions regarding the length of the meeting and facilitator's background.

**9.11 AB 361- Authorize Teleconferencing for Meetings- ACTION**

Action: Approve authorizing teleconferencing for meetings, as outlined in agenda item details.

Motion by Anamarie Farias, second by Consuelo Lara

Yes: Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara, Sarah Butler

No: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

### **10.1 Superintendent's Update**

Lynn Mackey, Superintendent of Schools, provided the board with information on the latest Covid-19 information, masking order is changing soon, Independent Study student numbers, CCCOE programs have 31 students on long term independent study.

Superintendent Mackey encouraged Board to find most CCCOE happenings in the News and Notes newsletter.

[https://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/for\\_employees/employee\\_resources](https://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/for_employees/employee_resources)

Superintendent Mackey participated in the following meetings:

- Held 2 District-Wide Covid-19 Meetings with County Health
- Met with Bay Area superintendents and Health Officers
- Attended bi-weekly Safe Schools for All Statewide Meeting
- Facilitated bi-weekly District Superintendent Meeting with County Health
- Attended Library Commission Meeting
- Attended East Bay Leadership Council Board of Directors Meeting
- Attended CCSESA General Membership virtual Conference
- Facilitated CCCOE Leadership Council Meeting
- Met with Contra Costa Black Student Union Alliance
- Met with Measure X Community Advisory Board
- Keynote Speaker for California Retired Teachers Association
- Attended Racial Justice Oversight Board Meeting
- Visited several schools in WCCUSD with Dr Chris Hurst and Mike Booker
- Met with staff from Martin Luther King Jr Freedom Center

Public Comment:

Ms. Lind- Masking

## **11. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES**

### **11.1 Cabinet Member Updates**

Denise Porterfield, Deputy Superintendent, reported that we have received documentation that the Liberty UHSD Board will be moving to trustee areas, work needs to be completed by June, we hope to meet in April on this issue. Ms. Porterfield will keep the Board updated.

Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reported that the Human Resources Department is hosting a Recruitment fair on February 26 at Alhambra High school from 9-11: 30am. The Equity Committee is meeting next week, employees will be taking part in diversity training. The next classified union negotiation meeting is February 22 and certificated union negotiation meeting is tomorrow and Friday. Ms. Gonzales will share the information about the California Labor Management Institute, brought forward by Trustee Lara.

## **12. BOARD UPDATES**

### **12.1 Board Standing Committee Reports**

Charter Committee- met on Feb. 4

Policy Committee- scheduled for March 2

Budget Committee- nothing to report

Legislative Committee- met on Jan. 26

### **12.2 Board Member Updates**

Trustee Annette Lewis:

Attend CCSBA on Feb. 20

Trustee Consuelo Lara:

Attended Advancing Equity in CTE Summit

Attended candidate workshop hosted by Clerk/ Recorder Office

Trustee Sarah Butler:

Working on Board Workshop, Agenda setting  
CCBE March Conference

Public Comment:

Jean Fulmer- Lafayette School Board Member

### **12.3 Future Agenda Items**

None

## **13. EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **13.1 Calendar of Events 2022**

CCBE Conference will be added to the calendar

### **13.2 Board Meeting Dates 2022**

Next meeting is March 9, 2022, starting at 4:00 pm with Budget/ LCAP Workshop

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

### **14.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting**

President Butler adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm