

Contra Costa County Board of Education
MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 15, 2023

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, County Superintendent of Schools
Bill Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs
Marsha Tokuyoshi, Senior Director, Educational Services
Marcus Walton, Director, Communications and Special Projects
Natalia Ciccone, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight
Cynthia Schwerin, Assistant County Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 The President will call the meeting to order

Board President Consuelo Lara called the Board meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

All Board Members were present.

3.2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Lara read the Land Acknowledgement

3.3 Agenda Review and Adoption

Action: Approve agenda as presented

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.4 Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2023 – ACTION

Action: Adopt the minutes for Board of Education meeting as amended.

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 None.

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #26/22-23: Arab American Heritage Month – ACTION

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Sarah Butler

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-031523 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS2-031523 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS3-031523 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-031523 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.15 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – February 2023 (GONZALES) – ACTION

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

A written public comment was submitted prior to the meeting and is available for review upon request.

Vania Silver, Director of College Access, Invictus Academy – Richmond

Lauren Rahlson, Principal, Invictus Academy – Richmond

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 None.

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESENEY) – INFORMATION

Neil McChesney, Coordinator of Charter School Oversight, presented an update on the County Board authorized charter schools. Topics included updates on charter school site visits for Board members and updates on notices of concern and responses were due March 15.

9.2 Charter MOUs (MCCHESENEY) – ACTION/DISCUSSION

Neil McChesney, Coordinator of Charter School Oversight, presented to the Board a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) template amendment that was recommended by the Charter Committee. The amendment covers the gap between an existing MOU and a charter term.

Action: Approve the MOU template amendment

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.3 Charter Standing Committee: First Reading & Review (LARA) – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

President Lara introduced proposed changes for the first reading to BP 0420.4 Oversight of County Charter Schools. It was recommended that the policy be reviewed and edited for consistency by the Policy Committee and brought back for first reading.

9.4 Presentation on the Youth Services (YS) Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, introduced Alejandra Chamberlain, Director, Youth Services, who presented an overview of the services provided by the Youth Services Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program.

9.5 Presentation on the Youth Services (YS) Empowerment Program (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, introduced Alejandra Chamberlain, Director, Youth Services, who presented an overview of the services provided by the YS Empowerment Program.

9.6 Second Interim Report of the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CLARK) – ACTION

Bill Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, presented the 2022-23 Second Period Interim Report for the County Office of Education. The Second Period Interim Report presents a status of the approved operating budget and required revisions for the Contra Costa County Office of Education for the period ended January 31, 2023. The report provides for a Positive Certification indicating that the CCCOE will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years.

Action: Approve the 2022-23 Second Period Interim Report of the Contra Costa County Office of Education Budget
Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.7 Board Member Absence – ACTION

Board member Lara was absent from the February 22, 2023, Board meeting. Approval would excuse her absence from the meeting.

Action: Approval of Board member absence with amendments to resolution

Motion by Anamarie Avila Farias, second by Annette Lewis

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

Technology and payroll working with flashlights, batteries and backup power. Small group of staff worked to keep things going after the rain and win storm.

Curriculum and Instruction team created an educator guide for Arab American Heritage Month that will be sent out to all the districts and used in our own programs. There are other guides for all the heritage months.

Sites visits –

Freedom High School with trustee Butler and Hilary Dito to visit CTE programs

Marsh Creek Detention facility

Turner program looking to improve wheelchair accessible playground equipment

Black History Month Brown Bag session with CCCOE staff

Attended youth suicide prevention workshop

Hosted all county superintendents in professional development
Visited with Dr. Chris Hurst at West Contra Costa Unified School District

11. BOARD UPDATES

11.1 Board Retreat and CCBE Conference Overview (LARA) - INFORMATION

President Lara reviewed outcomes of the Board Retreat on March 3. Board members agreed to meet for a second retreat. Lara also gave overview of topics covered at the CCBE Workshop in March.

11.2 Board Standing Committee Reports

Charter Committee (LARA) – Committee met for the first time to discuss various policies. Nothing to report.

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – Began formalizing the scope of work for the committee and is working on updating policies. Nothing to report.

Budget Committee (MAXWELL) – nothing to report

Legislative Committee (LEWIS) – nothing to report

11.3 Comments from Board Members

Annette Lewis –

Attended Governance Workshop, March 10-11

Attended Contra Costa County School Boards meeting on March 6

Attended virtual Summit Charter School Board meeting

Mike Maxwell –

Attended “State of the City” address in Danville

Sarah Butler –

Attended CTE programs at a couple of schools at California High School and Campolindo High School

Attended CCBE Workshop

Consuelo Lara –

Attended CCBE Workshop

11.4 Future Agenda Items

Teacher Housing resolution

Adopt-a-school program

Agenda items can be emailed.

13. EVENTS CALENDAR

13.1 Calendar of Events 2023

13.2 Board Meeting Dates 2023

Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.