

Contra Costa County Board of Education
MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 17, 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
Daniella Parasidis, 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
Dr. Karina Loza, Coordinator, Early Childhood Education Programs and LCP
Julie Dooley, Coordinator, Educational Services, Co-Coordinator ALP

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 5:00 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

Trustee Anamarie Avila Farias was present at 5:14 p.m.

3.2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Lara read the Land Acknowledgement

3.3 Agenda Review and Adoption

Action: Approve agenda as amended with item #9.1 removed

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

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

No: None

Absent: Anamarie Avila Farias

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.4 Board Meeting Minutes –March 15, 2023 Budget/LCAP Meeting and April 19, 2023 – ACTION

Action: Adopt minutes as amended.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

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

No: None

Absent: Anamarie Avila Farias

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 None.

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #33/22-23: LGBTQIA+ Awareness Month – ACTION

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: Anamarie Avila Farias

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.2 Resolution #34-22/23: Mount Diablo Education Center – ACTION

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: Anamarie Avila Farias

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.3 Student Recognitions – INFORMATION

One of many roles of the County Office of Education is producing and sponsoring academic events. This spring, the Communications Office worked to provide students with the opportunity to participate in several academic competitions. The agenda items recognizes students who went on to represent the county in state and/or national poetry and spelling competitions.

Poetry Outloud: This is the first year the county has hosted the Poetry Outloud contest. The Board recognized Harper Iles, a sophomore at Pinole Valley High School in Pinole, is Contra Costa County's 2023 Poetry Outloud winner. With expressive recitations of the poems by Emily Dickinson and Stephen Dunn, Iles became the county champion during the annual poetry event held on February 11, 2023, at Las Lomas High School. Iles represented Contra Costa County at the California Poetry Outloud State finals.

Spelling Bee: For the first time since since 2019, the San Francisco Bay Area held a regional spelling bee. The Rotary Club of San Ramon Valley sponsored and hosted the regional event for the 11 Bay Area counties. The top students from Contra Costa County were then given the opportunity to represent the county at the California State Spelling Bees.

Dhruv Subramanian, a seventh grader at Windmere Ranch Middle School in San Ramon Valley Unified School District, is one of three students from the Bay Area who will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee the week of Memorial Day in National Harbor, MD. In addition to competing at the National Bee, he also was the Contra Costa County representative to the California State Junior High School Spelling Bee on Saturday, May 13.

Benjamin Bress, a fifth grader at Del Rey Elementary School in the Orinda Union School District, placed in the top 10 at the regional contest and represented Contra Costa County in the California State Spelling Bee held in Stockton on Saturday, May 13.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – April 2023 (GONZALES) – ACTION

6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-051723 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS2-051723 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-051723 (BERGER) – ACTION

Action: Adopt consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

Sarah Rhee, Teacher, Invictus Academy of Richmond

Samuel Mendez, Math Teacher, Invictus Academy of Richmond

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 None.

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESENEY) – INFORMATION

Agenda item was removed during in the Agenda Review and Adoption (Item #3.3).

9.2 UPK Mixed Delivery Grant Presentation (TOKUYOSHI) – INFORMATION

Marsha Tokuyoshi, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services, introduced Dr. Karina Loza, Early Childhood Education and LCP Coordinator, who provided an update on the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Mixed Delivery Grant and shared an overview of the grant, the local level workgroup and current plan.

9.3 Review of Lease with DeDiablo Holdings (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

The Contra Costa County Office of Education was awarded a number of three-year grants that has included staffing. The Stewart Building is reaching its capacity and required additional workspace. Attached is an agreement with DeDiablo Holdings to lease additional space. The agreement with DeDiablo Holdings is for office space at 1800 Oak Park Blvd., Suite C, Pleasant Hill. This is a different agreement from the one that was approved at the December 14, 2022, Board meeting. The lease agreement is being presented to the Board in accordance with Board Bylaw 9000.

Action: Consider approval of lease agreement.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.4 Labor Agreement Proposals (GONZALES) – INFORMATION

Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, presented the initial proposal from CCCSEA/CTA/NEA for Reopener Agreement and initial Management Proposal for Reopener Agreement with representatives of the Certificated Unit. These proposals were presented in accordance with Administrative Regulation (AR) 4143.1 regarding the public noticing of collective bargaining proposals. AR 4143.1 provides that initial collective bargaining proposals shall be presented to the Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools in public during a regularly-scheduled Board Meeting. Following initial presentation of this proposal, the Board schedules a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to receive public input.

9.5 Policy Standing Committee: First Reading and Review (MACKEY) – INFORMATION

Superintendent Lynn Mackey presented to the Board proposed changes and eliminations of Board policies as discussed and brought forward by the Policy Committee for first reading. The policies that were presented include updates that reflect newly proposed procedures and guidelines outlined by CSBA or are new to CCCOE. In addition, an update was presented to BB 9150 Student Board Members which was approved at the February 22, 2023, Board meeting. The policies will be presented again at the May 31, 2023, Board meeting for second reading and approval.

9.6 Student Board Member Selection Process (MACKET) – ACTION/DISCUSSION

Superintendent Mackey introduced the procedures and implementation for selecting a Student Board member. The criteria, eligibility requirements, timeline, process and rubric were discussed by the Policy Committee at the May 8, 2023, committee meeting and approved to be presented to the full Board. The Student Board member position was approved by the full Board during the February 22, 2023, Board meeting (BB 9150). BB 9150 was presented for first reading at this evening's Board meeting to update the length of term from six months to one year.

Action: Approve eligibility guidelines, timeline, application/questionnaire and rubric for selecting a Student Board member.

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.7 Board Retreat (LARA) – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Board president Lara confirmed with Board members that the next Board Retreat is scheduled for Monday, June 12 at 11 a.m. The workshop will include follow-up discussion on topics raised at the March 3, 2023, workshop, including the trustee handbook, creating a shared vision, the role of committees, communicating the role of CCCBOE with school districts and language on the CCCBOE website.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

- This year, the leadership team worked on two areas of professional development. Working with Epoch Education, wrapped up a seven-session workshop where topics included understanding implicit bias and thriving as a racially-conscience person, compassionate dialogue. This was a level-setting year to provide understanding of what is meant when we talk about those things. The second area of focus was organizational health and wellness, and policies and how we can support staff and be better supervisors.
- Equity committee presented a draft of the CCCOE Equity Statement and is taking input and thoughts from staff. The committee will meet in the following week to finalize and how the statement can be put into action.
- Visited many Teacher of the Year winners
- Attended Las Trampas Council PTA Founder's Day Awards Ceremony celebrating students
- Sits on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and attended the monthly meeting
- Hosted Common Sense Digital Town Hall on the impact of digital media on children
- Attended Racial Justice Oversight quarterly meeting
- Attended ACSA Administrators of the Year event.
- Attended the RISE Center's fundraiser event
- Met with WCCUSD Superintendent and Board President
- Attended Mental Health Commissioner's presentation that was administered by a CCCOE staff member
- Attended the 29th-Annual Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust Award where three teachers from Contra Costa County were honored.

14. BOARD UPDATES

11.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

Charter Committee (BUTLER) – nothing to report

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – Presented policies for first reading and will meeting again on June 5

Budget Committee (LEWIS) – nothing to report

Legislative Committee (MAXWELL) – Began planning for the committee's work and will meet again on June 5

12.2 Comments from Board Members

Anamarie Avila Farias –

Looking forward to the upcoming graduations

Mike Maxwell –

Visited Clayton Valley Charter High School

Visited Contra Costa School of Performing Arts

Attended the CCCOE End-of-the-Year Celebration

Attended U.S. Chamber of Commerce event where they announced as a priority is improving the K-12 education structure

Annette Lewis –

Attended Monte Gardens and Mauzy School Special Olympics

Visited Antioch and Freedom High Schools' CTE programs

Attended CCCOE End-of-the-Year Celebration

Visited Contra Costa School of Performing Arts

Continues work with CCBE as Assistant Treasurer and on the Bylaws committee

Sarah Butler –

April 20 attended the DWK Charter Authorizers symposium

Watched the Governor's May revise presentation

Attended CCBE Policy Platform committee meeting

Will attend the CCBE Trustee Handbook webinar on May 24

Consuelo Lara –

Attended CSBA Coast2Coast Conference in Washington, D.C.

Attended CTE Teacher Academies

Attended CCCOE Students of Excellence event

12.3 Future Agenda Items

Update on Juvenile Hall Building Trade MC3 program

Presentation on teacher support programs

Discussion on Education Workforce Housing

13. EVENTS CALENDAR

13.1 Calendar of Events 2023

13.2 Board Meeting Dates 2023

Next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2023.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.