

Contra Costa County Board of Education

MINUTES

Board Meeting
August 12, 2020

MEMBERS

Dr. Fatima Alleyne, Area 1 Trustee
Sarah Butler, Area 2 Trustee
Vikki Chavez, Area 3 Trustee
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee
Annette Lewis, Area 5 Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Mackey, Superintendent
Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Cheryl Cotton- Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Cynthia Schwerin- County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Vikki Chavez called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

All Board Members are present

3.2 Agenda Review and Adoption

Maxwell moved, Dr. Alleyne seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 NONE

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #1-20/21 Hispanic Heritage Month

Lewis moved, Maxwell seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the resolution as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Board Meeting Minutes - June 3 & June 17, 2020

6.3 Review of Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (BERGER)

6.4 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) - June & July 2020 (COTTON)

June 17 minutes were not attached, they will be included in next meeting's consent agenda.

Dr. Alleyne moved, Maxwell seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

1 Public Comment form submitted for agenda item 7.1. All Public Comments received before and during this meeting are attached to the minutes and attached to 7.1 on August 12, 2020 BoardDoes agenda.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 NONE

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Oak Park Project (CLARK) ACTION/INFORMATION

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Board with PDFs and concept art regarding the Oak Park Project. Planning for the project started about 1 year ago. The project is taking place outside the north and west sides of the County Office building between Oak Park Blvd. and Santa Barbara Rd. The Oak Park Project will include the tear down and rebuilding of the Pleasant Hill Library, new sports fields and 34 single-family home units. Some trees near the County Office property line will be conserved to create a buffer. The project has offered a passive park space for the use of CCCOE employees. Concept art on this park space was shared by Mr. Clark. The easement on the north side of the County Office property is identified in a Quitclaim Deed. Mr. Clark asked the Board for release of the easement in order for the project to move forward as early as August 2020.

Board Members asked questions regarding property line, liability and construction.

Maxwell moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 4-1-0 to approve the proposal with conditions from Superintendent and County staff.

Ayes: Alleyne, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: Butler

Absent: None

9.2 Grand Jury Report #2008- INFORMATION

Grand Jury report was sent to County Office on June 10, 2020 regarding responses to the topic: Do Our Public Schools Have Adequate Emergency Supplies. Grand Jury requests reply by September 11, 2020.

9.3 Draft Response to Grand Jury Report #2008- ACTION/ DISCUSSION

Superintendent Mackey presented a draft response for Board direction on the response to the Grand Jury Report. Cynthis Schwerin, County Council, outlined the 4 ways to respond to recommendations:

1. The recommendation has been implemented with a summary of implementation action

2. The recommendation has not been implemented but will be implemented in the future, include timeframe for implementation
3. The recommendation requires further analysis with explanation
4. The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable with an explanation included.

Maxwell moved, Dr. Alleyne seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to table the item and bring the item back to the next Board Meeting.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.4 Charter School Update (TOKUYOSHI) INFORMATION

Marsha Tokuyoshi, Senior Director, Educational Services, introduced Jason Murphy, Coordinator, Assessment, Research and Evaluation, as the new charter support oversight staff member. Mr Murphy informed the Board on recent charter updates, including

- On July 9, 2020 John Henry High School was approved for a term of 5 years by the state of California State Board of Education. The State Board of Education will be authorizer and conduct oversight of JHHS.
- AB1505 introduced new performance categories for charter schools to determine performance. And on June 23, 2020 County staff participated on a CDE overview of the performance categories.
- On July 9, charter staff attended a training hosted by FCMAT (Fiscal Crisis Management Team) on fiscal impacts of Covid-19. Provided tools to charters to navigate multiyear budgets.
- On Aug. 6, 2020 County staff attended a training for charter authorizers on Advancing Equity and Access for Equality Webinar to give authorizers tools for charter reviews under AB 1505.
- The 6th Annual Charter School Authorizers conference was postponed until Spring 2021.

June 11, CCCOE held a webinar for local charters on re-opening, full, hybrid and distance learning. County Office has received Opening Plans for all of our charters.

Dr. Murphy introduced Neil McChesney, Executive Director of Contra Costa School of Performing Arts. Mr. McChesney provided the Board with a PowerPoint overview of CoCoSPA's re-opening strategy along with CoCoSPA principal, Dr. Chalwell.

Please see audio file on BoardDocs for full details.

9.5 Consider Approval of the 2020/2021 Spring Release of the Consolidated Application for the CCCOE (BERGER) – ACTION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, presented the Board with information on the annual consolidation application. Mr. Berger introduced Becky Vichiquis, Director, Student Programs, who provided details about the application.

Board Members asked questions regarding the demographics of the Golden Gate and Mt. McKinley programs, financial expenditures, protective prayer, current LCAP, academic performances and re-enrollment timeframe

Lewis moved, Dr. Alleyne seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the application as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.6 Consider Increase in County Board of Education Compensation (CLARK)- ACTION

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, provided information on a 2% increase for Board members stipend.

Maxwell moved, Chavez seconded and the Board voted 3-2-0 to approve Board compensation increase.

Ayes: Butler, Chavez, Maxwell
Noes: Alleyne, Lewis
Absent: None

9.7 County Superintendent, Compensation (CLARK) – ACTION

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, provided information on a 2% increase to County Superintendent compensation.

Maxwell moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-2-0 to approve Superintendent compensation increase.

Ayes: Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell
Noes: Alleyne, Butler
Absent: None

9.8 First Reading and Review: Board Policy 0410- Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities

Board Policy 0410- Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities was reviewed and discussed in the Policy Standing Committee meeting and brought to the Board for first reading. The changes that were made to the policy were the name of the ADA Coordinator, delete paragraph 3 and delete the end of paragraph 2.

9.9 First Reading and Review: Board Policy 0415- Equity- INFORMATION

Board Policy 0415- Equity was reviewed and discussed in the Policy Standing Committee meeting and brought to the Board for first reading. Changes in various words are highlighted and bolded in the attached proposal. Feedback from the Board included removing all descriptors in paragraph 3 and replacing them with “under-served” and being sure that Board is held accountable to the policy.

9.10 First Reading and Review: Board Policy 5117.1- Interdistrict Attendance Appeals- INFORMATION

Board Policy 5117.1- Interdistrict Attendance Appeals was reviewed and discussed in the Policy Standing Committee meeting and brought to the Board for first reading. A mistake appears in the policy, “2.” On page 1 was deleted, when it was supposed to be OPTION 2 on page 2 and the word OPTION 1 should be deleted. Corrections will be made and brought to next meeting.

9.11 Administrative Regulation 5200 Interdistrict Attendance Appeals- INFORMATION

Changes to AR 5200 to coincide with changes made to BP 5117.1 and to make Interdistrict District Transfer Appeal process more efficient. Changes include renumbering AR 5200 to AR 5117.1, removed “Recording of hearing”, due to hearings not being recorded, Added G.3, 8 and 13.

This policy will go into effect immediately following the meeting.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Lynn Mackey updated the Board our stabilization rate, we are unable to open in person right now. County staff members from Educational Services have been hard at work on the Learning Continuity Plan, providing trainings to districts on distance learning, providing instruction to the public on EdTV for parents and young children. State has provided guidance on elementary waivers, where elementary schools can open on a waiver if they comply with a variety of items on the current checklist that will be reviewed by the County Office, Contra Costa Public Health (CCH) and the State Public Health. Last Friday, CCH and CCCOE collaborated in a training on Covid-19 questions for all local schools, public and private. Our Facilities Department have taken on the task of collecting and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to the local districts for use at their schools. State

has partnered with companies offering low cost options for internet access to decrease the digital divide. Boys Ranch conversation is continuing with advisory juvenile justice committee. Updates will be provided to the Board as they come in.

11. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

11.1 Cabinet Member Updates

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Board on the budget. The quarterly investment report will be coming to the Board soon. Business Dept. is closing the books for fiscal year with a deficit of \$1million. Severance plan reduced our structural cost. Working on budget estimates for Learning Continuity Plan.

Cheryl Cotton, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reported new managers hired recently:

Nick Berger- Senior Director, Student Programs

Douglas Corbin- promoted to Principal, Student Programs

John Moon- Coordinator, CPIN

Nick Morgan- Manager, College and Career Readiness

Brian Murtagh- Administrator, Student Programs

Nick Zefeldt- Director, Educational Services

Glenn Pena- Director, External District Business Services

Marcus Walton- Director, Communications and Special Projects

Ms. Cotton is focusing on implicit bias in hiring, ensuring a fair and non-bias process for applicants.

Dr. Alleyne requested the list of new employees via email.

12. BOARD REPORTS

12.1 Board Reports of Activities

Dr. Alleyne-

Will send in her list of activities ranging from June 22- present. List provided by Dr. Alleyne:

On June 22 and 29, I volunteered at Kennedy High School in WCCUSD to distribute food to members of the community,

Every Tuesday to Thursday from June 23 to July 15, I distributed food to community members in WCCUSD

On June 25, 2020 I met with CCSA's Director of Special Education to discuss Manzanita Charter School

Effective July 1 I was appointed to the WCCUSD Board's CTE Committee and I attended CSBA's Region 7 budget meeting.

July 7, I attended Contra Costa COE Budget Perspectives Workshop Budget

On July 9, I met with Robert Bunce of EdFund and Malcolm McFarland from Lyft to discuss opportunities to serve families in Contra Costa County

On July 10, I met with Kathleen Sullivan of GRIP and Malcolm from LYFT to discuss how we can serve homeless families in Contra Costa County and I met with Stephanie Medley of the RYSE Center to co-organize a community conversation event on transforming schools to be healing centered. We also met again on July 20 and 28. On July 20, I also met with the superintendent to obtain a state of the Contra Costa County schools update.

July 16, I met with Healthy Richmond to discuss services for West County students.

On July 23, I met with the principal of Juan Crespi to discuss how to better serve students at his school site and later that day met with DeSaulnier's office about the current state of schools and our needs.

On July 28, I met with CCCOE's Director Nick Berger to discuss special education and the opportunity to collaborate to host an event.

July 29 I met with the executive director and board chair of My New Red Shoes to discuss strategies to better serve families in WCCUSD and East County.

On July 30 I met with Tamisha Walker and Chala Bonner of Safe Return Project and Superintendent Mackey to discuss how to better serve our court enrolled and transitional students during the pandemic. Later that day, I co-hosted an event with the RSYE Center titled Reimagining Safety: Creating Healing Centered Schools and had ~60 people in attendance.

On July 31, I met with Sheraden Nicholau of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and special education advocate Joanne Guouax to discuss a special education meeting for families impacted by COVID-19.

August 4, I was invited to serve as a member of the COVID Outdoor Learning Working Group.

August 4, I spoke with Steve and Helen from White Pony Express to collaborate and bring resources to West Contra Costa County.

August 11, I met with Jasmine Jones, Robert Bunce, and other staff of EdFund, Minh Ngo and Becca of My New Red Shoes to discuss the Boutique event for families we intend to hold at DeJean Middle School in WCCUSD in September.

This afternoon I attended the CCBE Conference Planning Meeting to discuss the upcoming conference in September.

Sarah Butler-

Attended Interdistrict Transfer and Board Meetings on July 21 and July 29

Policy Committee Meetings July 14 and July 30

CSBA Region 7 Meeting on July 1

Capitol Advisors Budget Perspectives Workshop on July 8

Tony Thurmond's Townhall on July 15

CSBA Reopening and Reclosing Schools Webinar on July 15

CCCSBA Executive Committee Meeting on July 23

CSBA Reopening and Reclosing Schools Webinar on July 29

Interview with Samantha Williams

Board of Supervisors Meeting on August 4

CSBA Distance Learning and Reopening Meeting on August 4

Congressman Desaulnier Townhall Meeting on August 10

Mike Maxwell-

Meeting with various parent groups in San Ramon

Skype meeting with Congressman Desaulnier

Annette Lewis-

Attended CDE, SIP Facebook Lives

CBSA Webinars

Will provide a list upon request

13. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

13.1 Review of current legislation regarding educational matters

14. EVENTS CALENDAR

14.1 Calendar of Events

Correction- CSBA Conference on December 3-5 is virtual

14.2 Board Meeting Dates

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

Board President, Vikki Chavez adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.