

Contra Costa County Board of Education

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING- JOINT MEETING –
Board of Education and County Committee on School District Organization
September 14, 2021

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
Marsha Tokuyoshi, Senior Director, Educational Services
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs and Services
Marcus Walton, Director, Communications and Special Projects
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. To the Superintendent and Board
Alex Birdsell, Exec. Asst. To the Superintendent and Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Annette Lewis called the Board meeting to order at 5:03 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

Action: Adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion by Anamarie Farias, second by Sarah Butler

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Public Comment Prior to Closed Session

None

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Adjourn to Closed Session

Board adjourned to closed session at 5:10 PM

5.2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2): One potential case.

6. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

6.1 Report Out: Closed Session

Board reconvened at 5:24 PM

Nothing to report out of closed session

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consent Agenda

7.2 Board Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2021

7.3 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) - August 2021 (GONZALES)

7.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-091421 (BERGER) - ACTION

Action: Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Consuelo Lara

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

8.1 Public Comment

Kipp Penovich

Ryan Ross

Grecia Davila

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

President Lewis opened the public hearing at 5:36 PM

9.1 Public Hearing Regarding Availability of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Pursuant to EC Section 60119 (BERGER)

Nick Berger, Senior Director of Student Programs and Services presented this public hearing to the Board.

The governing boards of school districts and county offices of education are required to duly notice and hold an annual public hearing to determine whether each pupil in the district/county has sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials in specified subjects that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education.

Board member comments included:

Lack of textbooks for social studies and history at Golden Gate Community School and Mt. McKinley School.

Request to supplement Edgenuity with textbooks.

Lack of science textbooks for a high school level.

Concerns with age of some textbooks.

There was no public comment during the public hearing.

President Lewis closed the public hearing at 5:54 PM

10. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Charter School Update (MCCHESNEY) – INFORMATION

Neil McChesney, Coordinator of Charter School Oversight, gave an update on the County board authorized Charter schools.

Administration from Caliber School gave a presentation to the Board regarding their LCAP goals and other information about their programs.

Gautam Thapar from Invictus Academy of Richmond gave a presentation to the Board regarding their LCAP goals and other information about their programs.

10.2 Contra Costa County Office of Education 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals Reports (PORTERFIELD) – INFORMATION

Denise Porterfield, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, gave an update on the 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Contra Costa County Office of Education.

10.3 Local Planning Council and Quality Matters Program Updates (TOKUYOSHI) – INFORMATION

Early Childcare and Education Manager, Denise Clarke, gave a presentation about the two programs - Local Planning Council and Quality Matters.

The Contra Costa County Office of Education's Early Care and Education (ECE) coordinates two programs—One: Contra Costa County Local Planning and Advisory Council, with the goal of promoting quality childcare through community assessment, advocacy, workforce development, resource development, and collaboration with other organizations. And Two: Quality Matters, a collaborative effort between the Contra Costa County Office of Education, First 5 Contra Costa and CoCoKids, the Quality Matters (QM) campaign supports and promotes quality early care and education for children age 5 and under in Contra Costa County.

10.4 Redistricting Trustee Area Based on 2020 Census (PORTERFIELD) – ACTION

Deputy Superintendent, Denise Porterfield, presented information regarding the timeline for the redistricting of trustee areas based on 2020 Census data.

President Lewis appointed Trustee Maxwell and Trustee Butler to be on the subcommittee for the redistricting of trustee areas based on 2020 Census data.

Action: Ratify appointment of committee

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Action: Staff recommends that the County Committee, through COE staff, work with CCCCDC in the development of the boundaries with the proposed timeline being a guide with input from the subcommittee.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Consuelo Lara

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

No: Sarah Butler

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

10.5 Consider whether approval of the Petition to Transfer Territory submitted jointly by the Antioch Unified School District, Brentwood Union Elementary School District, and Liberty Union High School District would be a project that is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (COUNTY COUNSEL) – ACTION

Assistant County Counsel, Cynthia Schwerin and Deputy County Counsel, Stephen Siproth, presented information to the Board to consider whether approval of the Petition to Transfer Territory submitted jointly by the Antioch Unified School District, Brentwood Union Elementary School District, and Liberty Union High School District would be a project that is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

1. Consider whether Petition to Transfer Territory is a project under CEQA;
2. If Petition is a project, consider whether the project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA;

3. Provide direction to staff on proposed CEQA determination for inclusion in staff report for meeting on October 13, 2021, to consider approval or denial of Petition to Transfer Territory

Action: Identify this as a project under CEQA

Motion by Sarah Butler, second by Anamarie Farias

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Action: The County Committee determines that the Petition is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the petition may have a significant effect on the environment, and staff is directed to file a CEQA notice of exemption in the event the petition is approved.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Farias

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

10.6 Receive update on next steps in consideration of Joint Petition for territory transfer by Antioch Unified School District, Brentwood Union Elementary School District, and Liberty Union High School District - INFORMATION

Superintendent Mackey and County Counsel gave an update on next steps in the process for the County Committee to consider the Joint Petition for territory transfer by Antioch Unified School District, Brentwood Union Elementary School District, and Liberty Union High School District.

There will be a staff report to the County Committee along with other information to consider for approval at the next board meeting on October 13, 2021.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

11.1 Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mackey gave an update to the Board on the following topics:

We are in the middle of our WASC accreditation at Golden Gate Community School and it is going very well and looking forward to a positive accreditation.

Attended the CCBE conference this past weekend with colleagues on the board and it was a good experience

Attended the Pittsburg Kiwanis Celebration.

Is on the CCSESA strategic planning committee

We continue to have our daily and weekly meetings with County Health and state groups regarding COVID.

12. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

12.1 Cabinet Member Updates

Denise Porterfield- Held her first CBO meeting and getting to know all of the CBO's in the county.

Assisted in a training on the ESSER III template with Marsha and her team.

Continue to meet with the CBO's at their offices throughout the county

Met with the Treasures office, very informative meeting

Norma Gonzales- HR is busy planning for the 2021 open enrollment for employee benefits, we are hosting 3 benefit fairs for employees throughout the county and busy with putting protocols and testing for staff in place for COVID-19.

13. BOARD UPDATES

13.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

Charter Standing Committee- had our first charter meeting with Neil McChesney

Policy Standing Committee – no report
Budget Standing Committee – no report
Legislative Standing Committee – trying to schedule something soon

13.2 Board Updates

Trustee Lara- attended the CCBE conference, great conference, lots of information on technology

Trustee Farias- attending local school board meetings in her district and also attended the CCBE conference

Trustee Butler- September 7th was the CCCSBA meeting and attended the CCBE conference virtually September 10th-12th

Trustee Maxwell- attended a few board meetings locally with San Ramon and met with Neil McChesney to talk about some of the charter schools

Trustee Lewis- attended the CCCSBA meeting, attended the CCBE annual meeting, the CCBE board of directors meeting and the conference.

14. EVENTS CALENDAR

14.1 Calendar of Events 2021

14.2 Board Meeting Dates 2021

No new dates to report.

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

Board President, Annette Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.