

Contra Costa County Board of Education
MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 18, 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

Daphne Milich, Student Trustee
Sophia Nguyen, Student Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Mackey, County Superintendent of Schools
Daniella Parasidis, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Marsha Tokuyoshi, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services
Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs
Marcus Walton, Director, Communications and Special Events
Natalia Ciccone, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Cynthia Schwerin, Assistant County Counsel
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight
Nikki Pitcher, Director, Student Programs, Court & Community Schools
Ricky Mendoza, Principal, Golden Gate Community School
Lilia Tsui, Coordinator, English Learner Specialist
Emily Justice, Manager, TUPE

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 5:01 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

Six Board Members were present; Student Board member Sophia Nguyen was.

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 Anamarie Avila Farias

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Daphne Milich – Preferential
Vote

No: None

Absent: Sophia Nguyen

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.4 Board Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2023 – ACTION

Action: Adopt minutes as amended.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Daphne Milich – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: Sophia Nguyen

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 None.

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #11-23/24: Native American History Month

Action: Approve resolution as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Daphne Milich – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: Sophia Nguyen

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.2 Resolution #12-23/24: Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Action: Approve resolution as presented.

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Daphne Milich – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.3 Recognition of Education Champion (WALTON)

Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools Lynn Mackey will occasionally recognize an Education Champion to thank our valued partners for their help, collaboration and support of public education. The Village Community Resource Center was selected to receive the CCCOE Education Champion award for October 2023 for supporting students and families in East County schools and districts.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of a member of the Board or Superintendent and acted upon separately.

6.2 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – August 2023 – (GONZALES)

6.3 Resolution 03-23/24 – Availability of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Pursuant to EC Section 60119 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-101823 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS2-101823 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-101823 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.7 Resolution 10-23/24 to Establish the Appropriations Limit on Proceeds of Taxes, Gann Limit, for 2022-23 and for the Estimated 2023-24 (PARASIDIS)

6.8 Consider Adoption of Resolution #08-23/24 Authorizing the Spending of Education Protection Account Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for Court Schools (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

6.9 Consider Adoption of Resolution #09-23/24 Authorizing Spending of Education Protection Account Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for Golden Gate Charter School (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

6.10 Review of Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (BERGER)

Action: Adopt consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Daphne Milich – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: Sophia Nguyen

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

9.1 Two County Office Experiences with Workforce Housing (MACKEY) – INFORMATION

Superintendent Lynn Mackey introduced Steve Herrington, current Sonoma County Board of Education member and former Sonoma County Superintendent, and San Mateo County Office of Education Deputy Superintendent Kevin Bultema who shared with the Board their experiences with workforce housing from two different county offices of education perspectives.

9.2 Multilingual Learner Support (TOKUYOSHI) – INFORMATION

Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Marsha Tokuyoshi introduced Lilia Tsui, Coordinator and English Learner Specialist, who gave an update on Multilingual Learner Support. The presentation included a review of California’s English Learner Roadmap and the state’s vision for all English Learners, the progress of English Learners in Contra Costa County, and also identified how CCCOE supports districts at the regional and county level.

9.3 2022/2023 Student Data Summary for Mt. McKinley (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, presented the annual student data report for Mt. McKinley School. The report includes a three-year comparison of student demographics, academics, enrollment and discipline data. Berger also shared how this data is used, including in the SARC, SPSA, LCAP and others.

9.3 Presentation on Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Program (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Director, Student Programs, introduced Emily Justice, Manager of the TUPE program who presented an overview of the services provided to school districts in the county through the Tobacco Use Prevention Education program. The goal of the tobacco use prevention education is to prevent or reduce the use of tobacco and nicotine addiction among the student population through tobacco-specific, evidence-informed educational instruction and activities. The program is funded through the California Department of Education – Prop 99 and Prop 56.

9.5 Update on Arborist Report (MACKEY) – INFORMATION

Superintendent Mackey gave an update on the Pleasant Oak passive park project located next to the Stewart Building on Santa Barbara Road. She presented the arborist report from 2021 indicating the health of trees. This was a follow up discussion from the September 13, 2023, Board meeting.

9.6 Superintendent’s Update

- The quarterly usage report of the electric car charging stations will be pulled after the first quarter but everything is running smoothly and the stations are being used.

- California governor signed a law that said county offices will be distributing Narcan to support districts. All of our schools already have Narcan on campus and staff is trained, and the districts in the county have also been trained in the use of Narcan.
- The governor signed a bill that allows giving a stipend to Student Board members. The policy committee will need to revisit the policy to update and present to the Board for approval.
- Teacher of the Year was a great event and it is a busy and productive time for our staff

10. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESNEY) – INFORMATION

Neil McChesney, Charter Schools Oversight Coordinator, introduced representative from Making Waves Academy and Golden Gate Community School for their annual LCAP presentations. These presentations are an opportunity for the charter schools to inform the Board members of their current performance and progress with focus on their most recent LCAPS and their goals, actions and expenditures associated with it.

Principals Dr. Tameka Jackson and Alton Nelson presented the 2023-24 LCAP for Making Waves Academy. Principal Ricky Mendoza, and Nikki Pitcher, Director, Court & Community Schools, presented the 2023-24 LCAP for the Golden Gate Community School.

10.2 Contra Costa County Office of Education 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals Reports (PARASIDIS) - INFORMATION

Daniela Parasidis, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, gave the Board an update on the 2022-23 Unaudited actuals Financial Report for the Contra Costa County Office of Education. The budget cycle is ongoing beginning with the Board approval of the budget in June, then it is reviewed periodically throughout the year based on new assumptions.

10.3 Policy Standing Committee: Second Reading & Review (MACKEY) – INFORMATION

Superintendent Lynn Mackey introduced proposed changes for second reading to Board policies recommended by the Policy Committee. The following policies were presented for second reading by the full Board: BP/EX 0420.41 Oversight of County Charter Schools; BP 1330 Use of County Office Facilities; BP 13301. Joint Use Agreements; 5141.33 Head Lice; BP 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities; BP 6145.5 Student Organizations and Equal Access; BP 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials; and BP 6158 Independent Study. Superintendent Mackey also presented policies for elimination as recommended by the Policy Committee: BP 6145.1 Interscholastic Competition; BP 614538 Social Events/Meetings; BP 6151 Class Size; BP 6160 Instructional Services; BP 6161 Equipment, Books and Materials; and BP 6145.6 Travel and Exchange Programs.

Action: Approve policies as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Daphne Milich – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: Sophia Nguyen

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

10.5 Policy Standing Committee: First Reading & Review (MACKEY) – INFORMATION

Superintendent Lynn Mackey introduced proposed changes for first reading to Board policies recommended by the Policy Committee. The following policies were presented for first reading AR/SP 6159 Individualized Education Program; AR/SP 6159.1 Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education; SP 6159.2 Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education; AR/SP 6159.3 Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students; AR/SP 6163.2 Animals at School; BP/EX 6163.4 Student Use of Technology; SP/AR 6171 Title I Programs And BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction. Superintendent Mackey also presented policies to be eliminated as recommended by the Policy Committee: Ar 7150 Prohibition of Alcohol; AR 7250 Access to County Special Centers; AR 7430 Limitation on Use of Facilities; and BP/AR 6300 Student Use of Technology.

11. BOARD UPDATES

11.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – Presented policies for first and second reading and will meeting again on Oct. 30.
Charter Committee (BUTLER) – nothing to report
Budget Committee (LEWIS) – nothing to report
Legislative Committee (MAXWELL) – Monitoring legislation being considered by California state representative. Next meeting is Oct. 30.

11.2 Comments from Board Members

Mike Maxwell –

- Wanted to show appreciation for the Teacher of the Year event to Marcus Walton and communications team
- Attended Monte Vista Homecoming, and San Ramon High School and De La Salle High School football games
- Visited Invictus Academy for the CCC BOE Charter school visit on Sept. 28 with Trustee Butler

Sarah Butler –

- Visited Invictus Academy for the CCC BOE Charter school visit on Sept. 28
- Attended CSBA Roadshow for East Bay school board districts and county board members on Oct. 2
- Attended Northgate for the presentation of the Harvey Milk plaque on Oct. 16
- Attended the Golden Gate and Mt. McKinley schools School Site Council meetings
- Will be visiting Manzanita School on Oct. 19
- Will be attending EBMUD annual briefing

Annette Lewis –

- Attended Making Waves Academy and Caliber Beta Academy as part of the charter board visits
- Attended Teacher of the Year celebration
- Attended virtual presentation on AB 1078
- Attended interdistrict transfer appeals

Anamarie Avila Farias

- Heard a lot of feedback about the success of the Teacher of the Year celebration

Consuelo Lara –

- Attended Making Waves Academy on Sept. 26
- School Site Councils for charter schools
- Richmond High School SSC meetings
- Part of a group of retired teachers who are going to form a local chapter CTA/NEA in West County to volunteer and substitute in the classroom

11.3 Comments from Student Board members

Daphne Millich –

- Met with San Ramon Valley Unified Student Senate, composed of student representatives from middle and high schools from around the district
- The following topics are from peers that have asked her to mention as a means to create better understanding of how students are feeling and what they want to work towards changing:
 - Inclusivity/Awareness: Drug Awareness committee was happy to hear about the new Narcan laws that was recently passed.; The Monte Vista High School Student Diversity and Equity Leadership Council is making presentations against racism and homophobia and given to athletic directors and coaches to prevent team bullying; students discussed statements of recognition or neutrality pertaining to recent conflicts; more diverse hiring in faculty
 - School Environment/Safety: Students feel awareness and representation of the LGBTQIA community is good at the high school level; it was noted that there is bullying at the middle school level towards the LGBTQIA community and not all students are feeling safe; noted academic stress among students related to the lack of consistency in grading among teachers who teach the same classes.
 - Accessibility/Resources: Music/art programs tend to be based on wealth/income but all students should have access; More stress management for teachers; San Ramon Valley and Cal High are starting a teaching program where students have the opportunity to be teaching assistants at middle and high schools.

11.3 Future Agenda Items

Email agenda items requested

Changes to school safety report and information

12. EVENTS CALENDAR

12.1 Calendar of Events 2023

12.2 Board Meeting Dates 2023

Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lara adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.