

Contra Costa County Board of Education
MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 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
Daphne Milich, Student Trustee
Sophia Nguyen, Student Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Mackey, County Superintendent of Schools
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
Brian Murtagh, Principal, Mt. McKinley

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

Six 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, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Daphne Milich – Preferential Vote, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.4 Board Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2023 – ACTION

Action: Adopt minutes as amended.

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, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None
Absent: None
Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 None.

5. RECOGNITIONS

None.

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 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-111523 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-111523 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-111523 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.5 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – October 2023 – (GONZALES)

Action: Adopt consent agenda 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, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

9.1 Reading Intervention and Support at Mt. McKinley Update (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, introduced principal Brian Murtagh to provide an update on reading intervention and support at Mt. McKinley. Provided data and systems being put in place to continue the work into the future, including trainings for teachers and tracking mechanisms.

9.2 Superintendent’s Update

- Developing strong partnership with the Contra Costa County Library system. Launched their Early Literacy Outreach, distributing books in book deserts. CCCOE will be partnering to help distribute books.
- One of the Courage students spoke at Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan’s forum in San Ramon supporting the student discussing what every adult should know about cannabis
- Part of the early learning education group for the 0-3rd grade, met with First 5 Resource and Referral to talk about access to childcare and early education
- Looking at ways to partner with our local planning council that we facilitate to create a pipeline to get people introduce people to working with early learners and doing plenty of advocacy

- Attended PTA Advocacy Day
- Met with County Chief of Police to discuss how to have a county-wide collaborative effort with school districts and first responders and for a more uniform emergency response and protocols
- Visited Crossroads programs for parenting and pregnant minors in Mt. Diablo Unified School District to talk about their needs and future endeavors
- Along with TUPE team, participating in fentanyl town halls organized by MDUSD throughout the district. TUPE team presents on the early signs of addiction to vaping and cannabis use.

10. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESNEY) – INFORMATION

Neil McChesney, Charter Schools Oversight Coordinator, presented an update to the Board members, including an overview of the 2023-24 Annual Oversight Process; planning of charter renewals that are coming up beginning in 2024-25; and addressing MOU term gaps. McChesney introduced representative from Summit K2 and Contra Costa School of Performing Arts 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.

Middle school Executive Director Kacy Robinson and high school Executive Director Megan Lee presented the 2023-24 LCAP for Summit K2. Executive Director Catherin Foster, and Chief Business Officer Candice Phillips presented the 2023-24 LCAP for the Contra Costa School of Performing Arts.

10.2 Charter Committee: Charter Board Appointments (BUTLER) – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Charter Committee presented the recommendation from the Nov. 1 Charter Committee meeting for board approval of four documents for the process of appointing a Board member to a CCCBOE-authorized charter school’s governing board. The documents included the announcement, application, interview rubric and appointment process.

Motion by Sarah Butler, second by Consuelo Lara

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

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 6163.4 Student Use of Technology; BP 6159.2 Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education; and BP 6179 Supplemental Instruction. Superintendent Mackey also presented policies for elimination as recommended by the Policy Committee: BP 5300 Student Use of Technology.

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, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Superintendent Lynn Mackey introduced proposed changes for first reading to the Board policies recommended by the Policy Committee. The following policies were presented for first reading by the full Board: BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities; SP/EX(1)/EX(2) 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures; BP/AR 3580 County Office Records; SP/EX 4040 Acceptable Use of Technology; BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment; BP/AR 6143 Courses of Study; BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements; BP 6146.11 Alternative Credits

Towards Graduation. Superintendent Mackey also presented policies for elimination as recommended by the Policy Committee: AR 7250 Access to County Special Centers; AT 7430 Limitation on Use of Facilities; AR 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures; BP 2000 Concept and Roles in Administration; BP 2120 Organization Chart(s); BP 2231 Policy/Regulation/Bylaw Development; AR 2232 Distributing Revised Pages to Manual Holders; AR 2326 Function of Superintendent in Selection of Member Commission on Professional Compliance; BP 2400 Care of County Office Records; AR 2434 Records Management Program; BP 2435.1 Function of County Superintendent Destruction of Records; BP 2435.2 Function of County Superintendent in Relation and Disposal of Records; BP 2435.5 Function of County Superintendent in Classification of Records; BP 2435.6 Function of County Superintendent: Permanent Records (Class I); BP 2435.7 Function of County Superintendent: Optional Records (Class II); BP 2435.8 Function of County Superintendent: Disposable Records (Class III); BP 2435.9 Function of County Superintendent: Retention Period of Disposable Records (Class III); BP 2435.10 Function of County Superintendent: Transfer of Records; and BP 2435.11 Procedure to be Followed in the Destruction of Records.

11. BOARD UPDATES

11.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – Presented policies for first and second reading.

Charter Committee (BUTLER) – nothing to report

Budget Committee (LEWIS) – nothing to report

Legislative Committee (MAXWELL) – Monitoring legislation being considered by California state representative.

11.2 Comments from Board Members

Mike Maxwell:

- Visited Clayton Valley Charter High School and saw the new weight room for the student body.
- Attended events and visited schools in his area, including Friday football games.
- Made the Board aware of a parent who attended the most recent Policy Committee meeting to make public comment about an issue he was having at his school at another school district, and the CCCOE staff and Superintendent Mackey were very responsive to his concern and directed him to the correct channels.

Annette Lewis:

- Attended invocation of the new president of Los Medanos College
- Visited Summit K2 and Golden Gate Charter School
- Attended CCCSBA meeting on technology and security

Anamarie Avila Farias:

- Commented on public comment practices throughout the county and and continue to remain open and accessible in order to foster parent engagement as much as possible.

Sarah Butler:

- Attended charter school visits at Manzanita (Oct. 19) and Summit K2 (Oct. 24)
- Attended San Ramon Valley PTA Advocacy Day (Oct. 27)
- Visited Golden Gate Community School (Oct. 30) and attended School Site Council (Nov. 1)
- Attended Mt. McKinley Site Council Meeting

Consuelo Lara:

- Visited Manzanita School
- Visited Clayton Valley High School
- Attended Richmond High School Site Council meeting
- Meeting of the CTA NEA Retired Teachers of West County

11.3 Comments from Student Board members

Sophia Nguyen:

- El Cerrito High School has a student climate committee which is represented of various student committees, and she represents the Sexual Assault Awareness Club. The committee addressed various topics that are of concern to students including safety, connectedness and cleanliness.

- The Sexual Awareness Club won an \$800 art grant from the Ed Fund’s Bradley Grant to fund a school-wide project. The club intends to create a sexual assault mural at El Cerrito High entitled, “Believe Survivors” as both an expression of art and a testament to sexual awareness empowerment.

Daphne Millich:

- At the SRVUSD Student Senate meeting, speaker Dr. Debra Pettish, SRVUSD Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, who addressed the changes in curriculum and how it is evolving as technology does. Discussion included how California is working to improve math skills, as well as how the district is working on a new law that requires schools to teach ethnic studies to all students starting in 2024; and the use of AI in schools and how it could help with literacy.

11.3 Future Agenda Items

Email agenda items requested

12. EVENTS CALENDAR

12.1 Calendar of Events 2023

12.2 Board Meeting Dates 2023

Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.