



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1d

Meeting Date: November 5, 2020

Subject: Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2020, Special Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2020, Special Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the October 21, 2020, Special Board of Education Regular Meeting

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A Submitted by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent Approved by: N/A</p>



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Education Members

Jessie Ryan, President (Trustee Area 7)
Christina Pritchett, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)
Michael Minnick, 2nd Vice President (Trustee Area 4)
Lisa Murawski (Trustee Area 1)
Leticia Garcia (Trustee Area 2)
Mai Vang (Trustee Area 5)
Darrel Woo (Trustee Area 6)
Student Board Member, Isa Sheikh

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Washington Conference Room

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

(See Notice to the Public Below)

MINUTES

2020/21-10

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Vice President Pritchett, and roll was taken.

Members Present:

Vice President Christina Pritchett
Second Vice President Michael Minnick
Leticia Garcia
Lisa Murawski
Mai Vang
Darrel Woo

Members Absent:

President Jessie Ryan
Student Member Isa Sheikh (arrived at 6:13 p.m.)

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED AND OPEN SESSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@scusd.edu; (2) submitted in writing, identifying the matter number and the name of the public member at the URL <https://tinyurl.com/SCUSDcommentOctober21> or (3) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment. Regardless of the method by which public comment is submitted, the submission deadline for closed and open session items shall be no later than noon, October 21. Individual written public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda or nonagenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each agenda or nonagenda item, including communications and organizational reports, to 15 minutes in length. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the length of time allowed for public comment, depending on the topic and the number of written public comments.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining TCS, SCTA Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA, SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (District Representative Pam Manwiller)

3.2 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Appointment
a) Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

3.3 Government Code 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators:
Property: 2718 G Street, Sacramento, CA
Agency Negotiator: Superintendent or designee
Negotiating Parties: SCUSD and Mogavero/Bardis Homes
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Public Comment: Amanda Connolly and Rebecca Cunningham

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent Aguilar announced the appointment of Adrian Vargas as Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, by unanimous vote of 6-0 with President Ryan absent.

5.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

5.1 Youth Development 2020/21 Expanded Learning Contracts **Action**
(Rose Ramos) **(Roll Call Vote)**

Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos introduced Youth Development Director Manpreet Kaur. Ms. Kaur gave an overview of the department, CBO selection process, and asked for approval of the expanded learning contracts.

*Public Comment:
Amanda Connolly*

Board Comments:

Second Vice President Minnick said he appreciates the work being done for the learning hubs.

Member Murawski asked for clarification on how these contracts overlap or interact with the learning hubs that have been opened already. She also asked for the process of how the department modified the scope of work for the contracts due to the different environment we have because of COVID and for the funding that was provided through each site. Ms. Kaur first answered how the work is modified. She explained that in August the department asks all agencies to give their proposals on how they will be providing the services. They also ask the agencies to contact the individual school sites and principals to find out how they will be collaborating. She noted that the agency's proposal can be seen after each contract. Regarding overlap she reminded the Board that, when the contracts were being written, learning hubs were not planned. Therefore, she contacted the agencies connected to the sites selected for learning hubs and asked them for a budget to increase the usual time of service from four to seven hours and to give us extra staff.

Member Vang thanked Ms. Kaur and the Youth Development Department. She gave a shout out to community partners as well. She made a motion to remove the Fathers and Families contract so that it can be voted on separately. She asked if the District has a selection process in place that ensures there is no conflict of interest when selecting contracts. Ms. Kaur said there are processes and procedures in place to make sure that we work with integrity and that student interests are at the forefront. The procedures described in the presentation are under the guidance of the Contracts Office. School site proposals are always with direction of the principal and selection of the panel. She deferred any additional questions to in-house counsel. Member Vang said she is not asking legal counsel because legal counsel sits on the board of one of the non-profits.

Vice President Pritchett asked for confirmation that Member Vang is asking for a motion to remove the one contract. Member Vang clarified that her motion is that the one contract be removed to be voted on separately.

Member Garcia asked if the contracts are generally for one year. Ms. Kaur said that is correct. Member Garcia asked how we evaluate the value of our contracts in terms of the services that are being provided to students and how do we know that certain vendors or CBOs are the right fit for our District. Ms. Kaur said we do that quantitatively and qualitatively. She said we have always worked very closely with our evaluation and assessment team and all CBOs are required to use our student attendance system so that we have easy access to all the information. She described some studies done in the past and how observations are routinely done by a team of four specialists. Member Garcia asked, because of the difference environment we are in due to the pandemic, how costs are affected and are CARE dollars that need to be spent by end of December being utilized. Ms. Kaur replied that we never let the cost go up. She also said that there has only been one year within her knowledge that the department lost their funding. The District pitched in to make sure that services continued. Regarding CARES dollars, they are only asking for CARES dollars because they are opening learning hubs for longer hours and needing more staff. Member Garcia asked what the calendar looks like for contract renewal. Ms. Kaur described the process of checking in with the principals in

the spring and subsequent negotiations and submission to the Board for approval. All grants require services to start from day one at the school site which often causes approval to go to the Board after services have started. Member Garcia asked legal to speak to the issue of conflict of interest. In-House Counsel Raoul Bozio said he believes that the assertion that was made was that counsel we retain, Jerry Behrens of Lozano Smith, sits on (as an unpaid, volunteer member) the non-profit board of Centers for Fathers and Families, which is one of the agreements here (to run an expanded learning program). He said it has been analyzed, and it is not even a close question; there is no conflict of interest present. Mr. Behrens had no involvement in the making of or advising on this contract. In order for a conflict of interest to be present that is recognizable under the Government Code Section 1090 or the Political Reform Act, first and foremost there must be a material financial interest on the part of the individual, and Mr. Behrens only connection to the center is to sit on their board as an unpaid, volunteer member of that non-profit entity. Secondly, the government codes prevent one with a financial interest in participating in making a contract, and he did not have any participation in making this contract at all. Therefore, it is a pretty clear case that there is not any sort of prohibited conflict of interest in this matter. Member Garcia asked if this is a new vendor or CBO to the District. Ms. Kaur said she knows that this agency has been working with the District for over ten years. Superintendent Aguilar added that the learning hubs are going through an internal evaluation process. Mr. Harris expounded on this.

Vice President Ryan asked for a second on the motion to pull the Fathers and Families contract to be voted on separately. Member Garcia seconded and a roll call vote was taken. The motion did not pass, 2 to 4, with President Ryan absent. Member Minnick motioned to approve the item, and Member Woo seconded. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Member Vang abstaining and President Ryan absent.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Pritchett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Member Vang and seconded by Member Woo. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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