



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 8.1d

Meeting Date: November 5, 2015

Subject: Approve Minutes of the October 1, 2015, 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 1, 2015, Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Engagement

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the October 1, 2015, Board of Education Regular Meeting

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A</p> <p>Submitted by: José L. Banda, Superintendent</p> <p>Approved by: N/A</p>
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Sacramento City Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

Darrel Woo, President (Trustee Area 6)
Christina Pritchett, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)
Jay Hansen, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 1)
Ellen Cochrane, (Trustee Area 2)
Gustavo Arroyo, (Trustee Area 4)
Diana Rodriguez, (Trustee Area 5)
Jessie Ryan, (Trustee Area 7)
Elizabeth Barry, Student Member

Thursday, October 1, 2015

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:30 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2015/16-7

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Woo, and roll was taken.

Members Present:

President Darrel Woo

Vice President Christina Pritchett

Gustavo Arroyo (left after Closed Session)

Ellen Cochrane

Jessie Ryan

Members Absent:

Second Vice President Jay Hansen (arrived at 4:45 p.m.)

Diana Rodriguez (arrived at 5:00 p.m.)

A quorum was reached.

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

No Public Comment was requested on Closed Session items, and the Board retired to Closed Session.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

While the Brown Act creates broad public access rights to the meetings of the Board of Education, it also recognizes the legitimate need to conduct some of its meetings outside of the public eye. Closed session meetings are specifically defined and limited in scope. They primarily involve personnel issues, pending litigation, labor negotiations, and real property matters.

3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:

a) *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9*

b) *Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9*

3.2 *Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining CSA, SCTA, SEIU, Teamsters, UPE, Unrepresented Management*

3.3 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment*

3.4 *Government Code 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation:
a) Superintendent*

3.5 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Appointment
a) Principal, Washington Elementary School*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:46 p.m. by President Woo.

Members Present:

President Darrel Woo

Vice President Christina Pritchett

Second Vice President Jay Hansen

Ellen Cochrane

Diana Rodriguez

Jessie Ryan

Student Member Elizabeth Barry

Members Absent:

Gustavo Arroyo (left after Closed Session)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dmitri Caladja, a Sophomore from Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Second Vice President Hansen.

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent Banda announced that the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Gema Godina-Martinez as the new principal of Washington Elementary School.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

President Woo asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made to approve by Vice President Pritchett and seconded by Member Ryan. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the

Board. Please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to two (2) minutes with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

Public Comment:

Darlene Anderson spoke about what public education is being an African American living in Sacramento. She feels it is unfortunate that the District focuses on behavior and that it impedes one's ability to participate in the public school system. She feels every child has the right to learn how to transition to task. Therefore if the child does not know how to do the work, it is the District's responsibility to ensure it is learned instead of documenting the child as being dysfunctional.

Kandice Kelly, Director of the National Girls' Self Esteem program and the Natalia Johnson Ballet Conservatory, stated that the organization has run into problems getting their studio up and running at the Fruit Ridge Community Collaborative. They need to convert the classroom into a ballet studio by putting in a floor and mirrors. They moved in in August and had approval from the collaborative. The collaborative was overseeing construction. They recently learned however that construction had been halted, and there is some confusion on what changes they were allowed to make. Ms. Kelly asked if the Board would work with her group and the collaborative to remedy this miscommunication. They provide ballet lessons to underserved children in the Oak Park community.

Member Ryan said that she has a couple of meetings pending to discuss this matter. She acknowledged the great work being done with girls in the community. She will be meeting with Chief Operations Officer Cathy Allen and Green Tech. She wants to make sure that, as we sublease to entities, we are very clear in the guidelines and expectations. Member Ryan told Ms. Kelly to please know that she will be following up with her.

Member Rodriguez thanked Natalia Johnson for working with young ladies in the District.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Generally routine items are approved by one motion without discussion. The Superintendent or a Board member may request an item be pulled from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.

8.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

8.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreements, Ratification of Other Agreements, Approval of Bid Awards, Change Notices and Notices of Completion (Gerardo Castillo, CPA)

8.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

8.1c Approve Resolution No. 2854: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends (José L. Banda)

8.1d Approve Minutes of the September 3, 2015, Board of Education Meeting (José L. Banda)

8.1e Approve Minutes of the September 15, 2015, Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes (José L. Banda)

8.1f Approve C. K. McClatchy Field Trip to Dallas, Texas from October 15 to October 18, 2015 (Lisa Allen and Mary Hardin Young)

President Woo said that there is a requested amendment to Item 8.1b, Approve Personnel Transactions. Joseph Farinias, listed on the last page and as the first name under SEP/RESIGN/RETIRE, claims that he is owed a meeting with the Human Resources Department and asks that his name be pulled from the listing. President Woo asked if there was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the change to Item 8.1b. Vice President Pritchett so moved and Ellen Cochrane seconded.

Public Comment:

Darlene Anderson noted that the Board approved the single plans for student achievement. She read over several of those plans and asked how Special Education is written into those plans. She said that the Special Education students are not written into the plans.

President Woo noted that he has a motion and a second to approve the Consent Agenda. He asked if there was any further discussion. There was not, and the motion was approved unanimously.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

Information

- CSA – No report given.
- SCTA – Nikki Milevsky, President of SCTA, reported on behalf of SCTA.
- SEIU – No report given.
- Teamsters – No report given.
- UPE – Peter Lambert, President of UPE, reported on behalf of UPE.

9.2 District Parent Advisory Committees:

Information

- Community Advisory Committee – Angel Garcia and Grace Trujillo reported on behalf of CAC.
- District Advisory Council – No report given.
- District English Learner Advisory Committee – No report given.
- Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee – No report given.
- Sacramento Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – No report given.

9.3 Superintendent's Report (José L. Banda)

Information

Superintendent Banda reported that he participated in the year's Green Apple Day of Service which was held last Saturday at Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School. The annual event is sponsored by the US Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools. We have been working with the Center for Green Schools for years on innovations that make our campuses more sustainable and healthier for staff and students. The day of service is a great way to bring parents, teachers, students, companies, and local organizations together to focus on

projects that make a difference in our schools. Teacher Kim Williams, who won a Center for Green Schools sponsored trip to Antarctica a few years ago, is now leading aquaponics work at the school. Aquaponics is a method of raising plants and aquatic animals together in a system that benefits both. There was also a Green Apple Day of Service event at Camellia. Volunteers came together to ready the soil in the garden for fall planting. Superintendent Banda thanked the Camellia community for coming out for the event. There will be more information on school gardens at our Project Green 2016 Orientation on Tuesday, October 13th at Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School. Orientation will begin at 4:00 p.m. and is open to principals, teachers, parents, and community members interested in learning about Project Green. Our District remains one of very few in the country to have an initiative like Project Green. Because of the drought and climate change, this year Project Green will focus on water conservation. Superintendent Banda said he is very proud of our Facilities Department and our Project Green Specialist Rachel King. They are working hard to address this issue. The District has been a leader among big organizations in the city in the area of water conservation, and we have cut back our water use by more than 30 percent.

9.4 President's Report (Darrel Woo)

Information

President Woo thanked Members Arroyo and Ryan for joining him at the Tenth Annual La Familia Hispanic Parade. He told Second Vice President Hansen that he had an opportunity to go to Leataata Floyd Elementary School to visit the food literacy program. He commended the District for participating last Friday in the Sacramento My Brother's Keeper Community Convention. The District, along with the City of Sacramento, the Mayor, and Sierra Health Foundation, convened a meeting at California State University, Sacramento, with men of color from our District schools. Their hope was to convene a meeting with 250 men from our schools; they had in excess of 500. President Woo said it was a tremendous day, and he thanked the Superintendent, Doug Huscher, and Stacey Bell for their participation. He hopes they can come forward to give an update on District efforts to meet our commitment pledged to the President of the United States to be part of the My Brother's Keeper program. President Woo also reported that he and Superintendent Banda met with Mr. Lamb of the California School Board Association to think about and identify days for the next Board retreat. The Board has wanted to have them quarterly, so some possible dates have been identified as October 31st or November 21st. Member Rodriguez stated that she is not available on either date. President Woo asked her to share when she is free.

9.5 Student Member Report (Elizabeth Barry)

Information

Student Member Barry reported on the Student Advisory Committee. She said they finalized their three initiatives for the school year. They will be continuing Ethnic Studies from last year to make sure it becomes a class in all high schools. They will also be continuing dress code from last year so that training can happen for hall monitors. The third and new initiative is to fix the problem of food waste.

9.6 Information Sharing By Board Members

Information

Second Vice President Hansen announced that he went on a school garden and local central kitchen tour with Member Ryan and Cathy Allen a few days ago. This was arranged by U. C. Davis. They met at a local farm in West Sacramento and saw a central kitchen in Elk Grove. They then went to Oak Park Elementary School to see a project on which Member Ryan will report. At the Facilities ad hoc Committee meeting a few days

ago, they asked the food staff and Ms. Allen's office to provide parameters of the creation of a central kitchen task force. He wants to make sure that we move forward with that. He has had a lot of requests from people in the community that really want to see the central kitchen happen. With Sacramento as the Farm to Fork Capitol he feels that a central kitchen will fit right in with what is happening here. On Monday, October 12th we will have a meeting on the school calendar and are looking for input from the community. It will be at C. K. McClatchy High School. He will join Principal Lambert next Friday at the C. K. McClatchy parade after school at 3:00 p.m.

Vice President Pritchett reported that she attended a couple back to school nights, including her daughter's who is a Senior at Rosemont High School. She reflected on how lucky our students are to be part of such a rising district. She said there are great things happening. She invited the Board and community to attend Rosemont High School's homecoming parade down Kiefer Boulevard. It will be Friday, October 23rd at 3:30 p.m. She asked that President Woo consult with the Governance Committee regarding the retreat. She believes it was said in a previous meeting that the Committee would be included in arranging this and coming up with topics for discussion.

Member Rodriguez reported that she has been working with Susan B. Anthony Elementary School. A group of parents, teachers, and community members have been advertising their Hmong immersion program and have seen an increase of students and families coming to the school, some from as far away as San Diego. A marketing, strategic, communications, and planning meeting will be held at the school site in order to plan for future growth. The school serves not only the dual immersion program, but an English only program also. Member Rodriguez thanked Lisa Allen for her help and due diligence in taking an extraordinary amount of time to help with that community. Member Rodriguez also reported that she went to back to school night at Parkway Elementary School. She also went to Cesar Chavez School with Councilmember Carr, Assemblymember Cooper, and our new Mexican Consulate Alejandra Garcia Williams. Member Rodriguez asked all to put on their calendar The Steps to College Fair, which takes place every year now at the Mexican Consulate office. This year it will be held February 6th. She said she also attended the Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fair held at Sacramento Charter High School. She thanked Lisa Allen for her help. Some Sacramento City Unified School District students were accepted and given scholarships immediately on the spot. Member Rodriguez also thanked Eric Chapman for bringing students from Leataata Floyd Elementary School to this fair. She will be a key note speaker at a graduation on October 8th. Member Rodriguez also reported that on October 28th the Chicas Latinas of Sacramento will be distributing shoes from their shoe drive at Woodbine Elementary School. She hopes the Board will attend to show their appreciation for this 100% volunteer effort. She was not able to attend the last Board meeting as she was attending a training with the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) organization in Washington D.C. This year's agenda for the education summit was about developing a Latino college completion policy. She highlighted a few of the trainings given and guest speakers, focusing on problems with remedial education. She will be e-mailing additional data to the Board.

Member Ryan said that at her day job she got funded a budget proposal for 60 million dollars to change the way we do remedial education across community colleges in California so that black and brown students are not being lost at multiple exits points on the path to college level course work. Member Ryan then reported that October is the Farm to School month. As a result, she has been doing quite a bit of work around food and security issues, education, and ensuring that we have strong school gardens and commitment to expand the work that we are doing. A few weeks ago she participated in a food literacy event with Oak Park Neighborhood Association. She participated with President Woo and Second Vice President Hansen on the Farm to School tour. The focal point of the tour was the work being done by Oak Park and Oak Ridge Elementary School on their school garden movement. They started with a very small school garden, and teacher of the year Stephanie Smith is leading much of that work. They started with five classes accessing the school garden and this year they are expanding to ten classes. They will be doing a community garden

alongside the school garden that is accessible to parents and families. She also participated this week in Healthy Foods Task Force. The conversation was around the central kitchen, and Cathy Allen did a great job presenting on some of the challenges to date. There is a real movement from community members to press forward. Today she was at Pacific Elementary School where the school garden project continues to grow. The teachers all asked to receive teacher training so that they can integrate school garden curriculum as part of their Common Core. She had a chance to see Superintendent Banda at the Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School day of service where she spent a half day cleaning up their school garden and helping get the school ready for the year. There was great parent participation and commitment to integrating Common Core into the school garden. Member Ryan also said the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair at Sacramento High School was remarkable for many reasons, and more than 2,000 young people came representing all of our schools. Buses came from as far away as Stockton and Modesto to participate. She also sat with people from College Track who were sitting with students one on one to make sure that those from low-income, first generation communities are having an opportunity to be put on the path to college. She also participated in the tenth anniversary for the Hispanic Latino Parade which culminated in a stop at Maple Elementary School. The school is reopening under La Familia's leadership. Member Ryan finished by mentioning two events. She has been working with Member Cochrane to hold a community event for David Lubin Elementary School at Sacramento High School. This will be an opportunity to encourage more community members to choose David Lubin Elementary School as their neighborhood school. The event will be held on October 27th at 6:00 p.m. and will feature free food, raffle prizes, and an opportunity to meet David Lubin Elementary School educators. On the following night, October 28th, she will be hosting a community meeting at Hollywood Park Elementary School for the Area 7 community.

Member Cochrane spoke about the ten students that were killed today at a community college in Oregon by a shooter. President Obama came on television three hours later to say that we need to act by asking our elected officials to make a change in the nation's gun laws. Member Cochran said it has a direct effect on us because we work with students, schools, and their safety. She will personally take action through writing and speaking. She recommended that the Second Amendment be recalled and changed; the right to bear arms should be gone, and it should be the right to apply to bear arms.

Member Ryan said that she has been looking at a school policy that was passed in San Francisco to help encourage communities around the schools to give away their guns in an effort to build safe schools. She would love to look at the applications for our District and how we might be able to bring that policy here.

10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

10.1 Approve Resolution No. 2855: Recognition of the Week of the School Administrator (Darrel Woo) **Action**

President Woo read the resolution and then moved, on his own motion, to approve. The motion was seconded by all Board members present.

Public Comments:

Darlene Anderson said that it is important to have employees committed to the work. She said there should be an expectation that we have data, are providing information regarding student achievement, and that all children matter. Services should be the same for all children, and administrators should ensure that all children are making progress.

Board Member Comments:

(Board Minutes October 1, 2015)

President Woo asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There was not, and the motion passed unanimously. President Woo then asked C. K. McClatchy High School Principal, and President of United Public Employees (UPE), Peter Lambert to come up. Mr. Lambert said they humbly accept the resolution and noted that administrators within the Sacramento City Unified School District work hard to provide the highest level of education to all students. He thanked the Board for their acknowledgement on behalf of all school administrators within the Sacramento City Unified School District.

Member Cochrane noted that she had an excellent administrator when she was working full time at James Rudder approximately ten years ago. His name was Peter Lambert.

11.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *October 15, 2015, 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *November 5, 2015, 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop Meeting*

President Woo noted that he will miss the October 15, 2015, Board meeting as he will be out of the country.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Woo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Before making a motion, Student Member Barry asked for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon today. A moment of silence was held. Student Member Barry then motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by President Woo. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

José L. Banda, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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