

Contra Costa County Board of Education
Legislative Committee Meeting
MINUTES
April 8, 2024

MEMBERS

Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee

Annette Lewis, Area 5 Trustee, Committee Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 The Committee Chairperson will Call the Meeting to Order

Annette Lewis called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m.

1.2 Roll Call

All Committee members present.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

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2.3 General Information

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

3.1 Public Comment

None.

4. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2024

Minutes approved as presented.

4.2 SB-1380, as introduced, Dodd. Charter schools: establishment - DISCUSSION

The Legislative Committee discussed SB-1380 Charter Schools: establishment. Existing law prohibits the governing board of a school district from denying a petition to establish a charter school unless it makes written factual findings in support of one or more specific findings including, among others, a finding that the school district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school. Existing law identifies specific conditions that subject a proposed charter school to a rebuttable presumption of denial for this reason, including, among others, the school district being under state receivership. The committee will continue to monitor the bill.

4.3 AB-2181, Juvenile court school pupils: graduation requirements and continued education option - DISCUSSION

The Legislative Committee discussed AB-2181 Juvenile court school pupils: graduation requirements and continued education options. This bill would act to amend Sections 48645.5 and 48645.7 of the Education Code, relating to juvenile court school pupils. The committee will continue to monitor the bill.

4.4 AB-1939 Pupil attendance: county school attendance review boards: pupil member

The Legislative Committee discussed AB-1939 Pupil attendance: county school attendance review boards: pupil member. Existing law requires county boards of education, school district governing boards, and the governing body of a charter

school or of an entity managing multiple charter schools to appoint at least one high school pupil as a pupil member of the board or body, as applicable, in response to a petition from high school pupils requesting the appointment of one or more pupil members, as provided. This bill would additionally require, on an established county school attendance review board, a pupil representative who is also a pupil member of a county board of education or a pupil member of the governing board of a school district. The bill had been amended prior to this meeting to exclude the requirement of student board members to be included in the SARB and the committee agreed with this change.

4.5 AB-2254 Charter schools: renewal criteria

The Legislative Committee discussed AB-2254 Charter schools: renewal criteria. This bill would extend the operation indefinitely of the performance standards and procedures for the renewal of charter schools that would otherwise be inoperative on January 1, 2026. The bill would also revise those standards and procedures to change the circumstances that require the submission and the consideration of verified data for charter renewal. By imposing new duties on local educational agencies acting as chartering authorities, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The committee will continue to monitor the bill.

4.6 SB-1477 School accountability: independent study, educational enrichment activities, oversight, and audit requirements

Legislative Committee discussed SB-1477 School accountability: independent study, educational enrichment activities, oversight, and audit requirements, as amended, Ashby. Under existing law, once the Controller or county superintendent of schools makes a final determination that specified audits performed by a certified public accountant or public accountant were not performed in substantial conformity with provisions of an audit guide, or that the audit reports do not conform to the provisions of an audit guide, the certified public accountant or public accountant is ineligible to conduct specified audits for three years. Existing law requires the Controller to notify each school district and county office of education of those certified public accountants or public accountants determined to be ineligible pursuant to these provisions. This bill would extend the above-described rules related to the ineligibility of the certified public accountant or public accountant to audits of a nonclassroom-based charter school, as provided, and would additionally require the Controller to notify charter schools of those certified public accountants or public accountants determined to be ineligible to conduct these audits, as provided. The committee will continue to monitor the bill.

4.8 Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting is May 6, 2024.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjournment

Committee Chair Annette Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.