

**County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
February 4, 2015**

ROLL CALL: Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee; Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee; Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee; Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee; and Jeff Belle Area 5 Trustee.

Absent: None

Others: Karen Sakata, Pamela Comfort, Terry Koehne, Bill Clark, Katie Gaines, Mac Carey, Loreen Joseph and County Office staff.

Presiding: The regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Board of Education was called to order by President Gomes at 5:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION Maxwell moved, Deane seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Maxwell, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT Kipp Penovich said he wanted to bring to the attention of the County Board a mistake made on the Clayton Valley Charter High School first interim budget.

Willie Mims expressed concern that staff reports are not posted on the website. He said he has heard a rumor that a city wants to secede from Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

RECOGNITIONS

Consider granting of a Contra Costa High School Diploma to high school student GGCS 1-02/04/15

Mirabella moved, Maxwell seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student GGCS 1-02/04/15. President Gomes and Karen Sakata, County Superintendent of Schools, presented the student with her diploma and offered their congratulations.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Maxwell, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CLOSED SESSION - none

PUBLIC HEARING

Presentation of Labor Agreement Proposals

Public Hearing Relative to Initial Proposal from the Contra Costa County Schools Education Association/CTA/NEA for Full Agreement

The public hearing was opened by President Gomes at 5:16 p.m. There were no speakers. President Gomes closed the public hearing closed at 5:17 p.m.

Public Hearing Relative to Initial Management Proposal for Full Agreement with Representatives from the Certificated Unit

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Karen Sakata, County Superintendent of School, reported she spoke at the Retired Teachers

Association meeting, Delta Kappa Gamma (education sorority), and Leadership Contra Costa. She invited Board members to the Academic Decathlon Superquiz which will take place at Los Medanos College.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Staff Report

Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, shared letters received regarding the Clayton Valley Charter High School. Ms. Mirabella shared her concern that the Caliber Charter School location will move several times. Mr. Clark said it is his understanding that the charter is pleased that the West Contra Costa Unified School District will provide a site that will ultimately become permanent. In answer to a question from Ms. Mirabella about Williams visits, he explained that charter schools do not have the same standards as traditional public schools and are covered under the general construction code. Ms. Mirabella mentioned that former Board member Cynthia Ruehlig had shared a legal opinion stating that auditioning can be a criterion of admission to a charter school. Mr. Clark said he will respond to the Board after reading the opinion. He stated there are allowable preferences provided they don't violate any laws. He said he believes the School of Performing Arts (SPA) petition tended to be exclusionary. Ms. Deane suggested training be provided to the Board on charter school petitions.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Williams Uniform Complaint Second Quarterly Report

Dr. Pamela Comfort, Deputy Superintendent, shared there were no complaints for the second quarter ending December 31, 2014. Presented as information only.

Public Comment: Willie Mims asked if the County Office of Education is aware of complaints filed in the Antioch Unified School District in October 2014.

Staff Report

Dr. Comfort provided a list of programs and services that fall under the purview of the Educational Services Department, as well as a tentative schedule of reports that will be presented at upcoming Board meetings. Dr. Comfort shared that the fifth annual STEAM Colloquium took place recently and announced that the Dress for Success spring fashion show, which is put on by the East County student programs, will be held on February 13.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

Katie Gaines, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reported that preparations are underway for the 2015 Teacher/Certificated Staff Recruitment Fair. The Fair will take place February 21 at Pittsburg High School.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Report

Terry Koehne, Chief Communications Officer, invited the Board to the Academic Decathlon on Saturday, February 7 at Los Medanos College. The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, February 11 at the County Office of Education. Mock trials are currently underway.

TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Staff Report

Mac Carey, Chief Technology Officer, encouraged Board members to keep their personal and county email addresses separate from one another. He informed the Board that the COE has filed its ERate application and a Request for Proposal has been issued. A vendor will be selected based on the rubric suggested by ERate. This will be an item on the March 4 Board agenda.

BOARD

Legislative Update

Ms. Mirabella asked that the CSBA Lobby Day in Sacramento on March 10 be added to the Board calendar. Superintendent Sakata shared that School Services of California will be at the COE on May 19 to share information on the Governor's May Revise.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Willie Mims said he is concerned that staff reports aren't included in Board agendas. Kassie Wenzell, Northgate CAPS, shared they are beginning the process of developing a new school district.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mirabella moved, Maxwell seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Consider approval of minutes of January 14, 2015

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Maxwell, Mirabella
Noes: None

**Consider Temporary County
Certificates (TCCs)**

Absent: None
Abstain: None

Consider Acceptance of Public Gift

*Donation of \$5,000 by
Mr. & Mrs. J. Cochran of Pittsburg, to be
used for the Contra Costa County Office
of Education's East County Student
Programs at Liberty Transition*

**Consider granting of a Contra Costa
County High School Diploma to the
following students:**

**MM 1-02/04/15; CCAS 1-02/04/15; and
CCAS 2-02/04/15**

**CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS
CALENDAR**

Correspondence: None

Calendar of Events:

Academic Decathlon Schedule

Objective tests and superquiz, February 7, 2:35 p.m., Los Medanos College
Academic Decathlon Awards, February 11, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., COE Board Room

Mock Trials (all trials take place in the A.F. Bray Courthouse, 1020 Ward Street, Martinez)

Preliminary Trials: February 3, 5, 10, & 12, 5:00 p.m.

Quarter Finals: February 17, 5:00 p.m.

Semi-finals: February 19, 5:00 p.m.

Finals & Consolation Trial: February 24, 5:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation: February 26, 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room

BOARD REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Belle attended events in Pittsburg and Antioch to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. On separate occasions he met with the Superintendent of Knightsen Elementary School District, a Tufts University Professor, and the CSBA Executive Director. He attended the Winter Concert at Deer Valley High School. He participated in reading and scoring essays for the COE Academic Decathlon. Ms. Mirabella attended the swearing in ceremony for WCCUSD board member Valerie Cuevas. She also attended the retirement reception for Dr. Ovick. On February 22 she met with WCCUSD Board member Liz Block, parent Scottie Smith, and retired Special Education teacher and administrator Susan Keeffe. On January 27 she met with Neil McChesney. She attended the Alameda County Office of Education discussion on LCFF rubrics. Mr. Maxwell met with Superintendent Sakata. Ms. Deane served as a judge at the Academic Decathlon writing competition. She attended the West Ed meeting at the Alameda County Office of Education. On separate occasions she met with Dr. Pamela Comfort, Neil McChesney, and Attorney Panagotacos.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Karen Sakata., Ex Officio Secretary
County Board of Education

Copies of all resolutions adopted by the Board are on file in the Office of the Superintendent, Ex Officio Secretary of the Board of Education.

These unadopted minutes are summaries and excerpts from the regular meeting of February 4, 2015, and are subject to amendments and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.

For further information, contact Loreen Joseph, (925) 942-3380, ljoseph@cccoe.k12.ca.us.