

Contra Costa County Board of Education
MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 22, 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

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Mackey, County Superintendent of Schools
Bill Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs
Marsha Tokuyoshi, Senior Director, Educational Services
Marcus Walton, Director, Communications and Special Projects
Natalia Ciccone, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight
Cynthia Schwerin, Assistant County Counsel
Nick Zefeldt, Director, Curriculum and Instruction
Tracy McManus, Coordinator, STEAM

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 The President will call the meeting to order

Board Vice President Mike Maxwell called the Board meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

Four Board Members were present.
Trustee Consuelo Lara was absent.

3.2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Maxwell read the Land Acknowledgement

3.3 Agenda Review and Adoption

Action: Approve agenda as presented
Motion by Sarah Butler, second by Annette Lewis
Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell
No: None
Absent: Consuelo Lara
Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.4 Board Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2023 – ACTION

Action: Adopt the minutes for Board of Education meeting as presented.
Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Sarah Butler
Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell
No: None

Absent: Consuelo Lara
Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 None.

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #21/22-23: Women's History Month – ACTION

Action: Adopt resolution as presented
Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Anamarie Avila Farias
Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell
No: None
Absent: Consuelo Lara
Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.2 Resolution #22/22-23: Juvenile Court and Community Schools – ACTION

Action: Adopt resolution as presented
Motion by Anamarie Avila Farias, second by Annette Lewis
Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell
No: None
Absent: Consuelo Lara
Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.2 Recognition of Education Champion (WALTON)

Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools Lynn Mackey will occasionally recognize an Education Champion to thank our valued partners for their help, collaboration and support of public education. **White Pony Express** has been selected to receive the CCCOE Education Champion award for February 2023.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-022223 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GCCS1-022223 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-022223 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-022223 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM2-022223 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM3-022223 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.8 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM4-022223 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.9 Investment Activities Report (CLARK) - INFORMATION

6.15 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – January 2023 (GONZALES) – ACTION

Action: Approve consent agenda 6.1 through 6.10
Motion by Anamarie Avila Farias, second by Annette Lewis
Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell
No: None
Absent: Consuelo Lara
Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 None.

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESNEY) – INFORMATION

Neil McChesney, Coordinator of Charter School Oversight, presented an update on the County Board authorized charter schools, as well as provided information requested by Board members, which included information on charter revocations, update on Summit Tamalpais and notices of concern that were recently sent.

9.2 Countywide Arts Support (TOKUYOSHI) – INFORMATION

Marsha Tokuyoshi, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, introduced Nicholas Zefeldt, Director, Curriculum & Instruction, and Tracy McManus, STEAM Coordinator, to share with the Board that the Board of Directors of the Dean & Margaret Leshner Foundation approved a \$40,000 CCCOE arts grant proposal for the 2023 calendar year.

9.3 Acceptance of Public Gift (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, recognized the Junior Achievement of Northern California for donating \$1,000 in support of the Students of Excellence Program.

9.4 Comprehensive School Safety Plans for CCCOE (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, updated the Board on the Comprehensive School Safety Plans for CCCOE Programs Golden Gate Community Schools, Mt. McKinley School, Marchus School and the CCCOE Special Education program.

9.5 Presentation of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Holiday Calendars (GONZALES) – INFORMATION

Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, presented the proposed Contra Costa County Office of Education holiday calendars for employees for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Copies of the calendars have been distributed to representatives from both employee organizations.

9.6 County Board Compensation Review (CLARK) – DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Bill Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, presented information to the Board about county board member compensation comparisons across the region as requested by the Board. Clark compared the rate and the benefits offered to county board members, as well as calculated the average cost.

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

Superintendent Lynn Mackey introduced proposed changes for second reading to Board policies recommended by the Policy Standings Committee. The following policies were approved: BP 5131.1 Bus Conduct, BP 5141.4 Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting, BP 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students, BP 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments, BP 0460 Local Control and Accountability, BB 9223 Filling Vacancies, BB 9323 Meeting Conduct, BB 9150 Student Board Members. The Board provided feedback on BB 9220 Governing Boards Elections and the Policy Committee will look at the policy again.

Action: Approve policies as amended. 9220 Governing Boards elections will be removed and will be reviewed by the policy committee.

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell

No: None

Absent: Consuelo Lara

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Action: Approve eliminating Board policies proposed

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell

No: None

Absent: Consuelo Lara

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.8 Review of Brown Act Requirements and AB 2449 (MACKEY) – INFORMATION

Cynthia Schwerin, Assistant County Counsel, reviewed the Brown Act requirements for Board meetings and Committee meetings beginning March 1. The California State of Emergency ended Feb. 28 and AB 361 will no longer be able to be invoked. AB 2449 was passed last year and went into effect on Jan. 1.

9.9 Board Retreat (MACKEY) – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Superintendent Lynn Mackey reviewed the agenda that will be used for the Board Retreat scheduled for March 3.

President Lara worked with Sally Frazier, Leadership Associates. The Board had an opportunity to review the agenda and provide feedback.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

- CCCOE hosted the county-wide Poetry Out Loud competition for the first time at Acalanes High School with Marcus Walton and the communications team leading the organizing efforts. 1,200 students participated county-wide and six students were finalists. Harper Iles from Pinole Valley High School won the competition and will compete at the state-wide level.

- Held the Contra Costa County Mock Trials competition, first in-person event since the pandemic. Cal High won for the sixth year in a row.

- Attended with Trustee Lewis and Trustee Butler the 32nd District PTA Gala for Founder's Day

- Visited CTE classrooms in San Ramon with Trustee Butler and Nick Berger, Senior Director

- Attended the final Alliance for Safe Schools meeting

- Attended Special Olympics at Concord High

- Attended a luncheon with State Attorney General Rob Bonta in conjunction with the East Bay Workforce Coalition

- Visited CCCOE school sites

11. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

11.1 Cabinet Member Updates

Bill Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent – Participated in the Budget Committee meeting Feb. 6 and will prepare for a Budget Study session in early April.

Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent – Hosting the Certificated Job Fair on Feb. 25 at Alhambra High School. 17 school districts are participating, as well as charter schools and universities to answer questions about obtaining a teaching credential. Yvonne Nelson is joining CCCOE in the Educational Services as the new coordinator of Preschool-3rd grade.

Marsha Tokuyoshi, Assistant Superintendent – 1) Attended the California Distinguished Schools ceremony in Anaheim. 28 schools from eight districts in Contra Costa County were recognized. 2) CCCOE is partnering with Commonsense Media to host a virtual parent town hall night on April 26, 5-6 p.m., on Digital Citizenship. 3) Hosting a distinguished speaker series in support of quality mathematics, featuring Graham Fletcher who is a nationally recognized on the subject of conceptual development in the area of mathematics on March 8 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. The event is open to all TK-6 educators in Contra Costa County. 4) Our learning acceleration coordinators in math and English/language arts are participating in an inaugural summit titled, Learning Acceleration and Students First, Learning Forward Together. The summit is sponsored by the Santa Clara Office of Education, the statewide lead.

12. BOARD UPDATES

12.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

Charter Committee (BUTLER) – Meeting scheduled for March 1.

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – nothing to report

Budget Committee (LEWIS) – Met on Feb. 9 and reviewed the CCCOE budget

Legislative Committee (MAXWELL) – nothing to report

12.2 Board Member Updates

Anamarie Avila Farias – Requested master list of all school board meetings.

Sarah Butler – Is on the CCBE Policy Platform Committee and will be meeting every month.

Annette Lewis – Attended several budget workshops. Serving as the CBE Assistant Treasurer. Serving on the planning committee for the annual CCBE Conference.

12.3 Future Agenda Items

Agenda items can be emailed.

13. EVENTS CALENDAR

13.1 Calendar of Events 2023

13.2 Board Meeting Dates 2023

Next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.