

Contra Costa County Board of Education
MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 19, 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
Julie Dooley, Coordinator, Educational Services, Co-Coordinator ALP

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 The President will call the meeting to order

Board President Consuelo Lara called the Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

All Board Members were present.

3.2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Lara read the Land Acknowledgement

3.3 Agenda Review and Adoption

Action: Approve agenda as amended with item #11.1 removed

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.4 Board Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2023 and March 15, 2023 Budget/LCAP Meeting – ACTION

Action: Adopt March 15, 2023 Board meeting minutes; bring back Budget/LCAP Meeting minutes to clarify CSBA delegate voting

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 None.

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #28/22-23: Classified Employee Week – ACTION

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.2 Classified School Employees of the Year Nominees (GONZALES) – INFORMATION

Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, announced the 2023 Contra Costa County Office of Education nominees for the 2023 California Department of Education (CDE) Classified School Employee School Program.

- Clerical and Administrative Services: Christopher Raymundo, District Fiscal Advisor, Contra Costa County Office of Education
- Custodial and Maintenance Services: Joe Malley, Maintenance/Craftperson, Lafayette School District
- Food and Nutrition Services: Lauren Buck, Cafeteria Supervisor, Knightsen Elementary school District
- Health and Student Services: Janna Evans, Lead Adult Re-Entry Transition Specialist, Contra Costa County Office of Education
- Transportation Services: Ronald Rivett, School Bus Driver, Mt. Diablo Unified School District
- Paraprofessional Services: Robert Luis, Instructional Assistant, Contra Costa County Office of Education
- Technical Services: Jay Morrow, Network Systems Administrator, Mt. Diablo Unified School District

5.3 Resolution #29-22/23: Day of the Teacher

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.4 Resolution #30-22/23: Asian Pacific American Heritage

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.5 Resolution #31-22/23: Foster Care Awareness Month

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

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

No: None

Absent: none

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.6 Resolution #32-22/23: Promote Development of Education Workforce Housing

Public Comment:

John Zabala, President, United Teachers of Richmond
Francisco Ortiz, San Pablo resident and school teacher
Alexander Walker-Griffin, Mayor, City of Hercules
Jesus Alfredo Galindo, Teacher, Lincoln Elementary

Action: Adopt resolution as presented

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Mike Maxwell

No: Annette Lewis

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – March 2023 (GONZALES) – ACTION

6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS2-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS3-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS4-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS5-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.8 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.9 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

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6.12 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS5-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.13 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS6-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.14 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-041923 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.15 Review of Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (BERGER) – ACTION

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

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

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

A written public comment was submitted prior to the meeting and is available for review upon request.

Vania Silver, Director of College Access, Invictus Academy – Richmond

Lauren Rahlson, Principal, Invictus Academy – Richmond

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 None.

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESENEY) – INFORMATION

Neil McChesney, Coordinator of Charter School Oversight, presented an update on the County Board authorized charter schools. Topics included updates on CCCBOE charter site visits, notices of concern updates, legislative updates and charter data book.

9.2 Presentation on CORE/ROAR (Center for Recovery and Empowerment) (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, introduced Lara Zanzucchi, LCSW, Program Supervisor, CORE/ROAR (Center for Recovery and Empowerment) and Gerold Loenicker, Mental Health Program Chief at Contra Costa Health, to present an overview of the Center for Recovery and Empowerment, an outpatient specialty youth mental health and substance abuse treatment program. Golden Gate Community School and Contra Costa Health have partnered together to support students with this program. The program is a pilot project funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovative Grant and serves youth ages 13-18 who receive MediCAL benefits or who are uninsured. ROAR is a multi-disciplinary team consisting of a Program Manager, Program Supervisor, Therapist, Substance Use Counselor, Peer Specialist and Accredited Teacher. There are three main components of the program: Education, Mental Health and Substance Use.

9.3 Overview of Preliminary Administrative Credential Program (PASC) (TOKUYOSHI) – INFORMATION

In February 2022, the agency launched an administrative credential program. The Administrative Leadership Program (ALP) provides three types of support for educational leaders in Contra Costa County. Marsha Tokuyoshi, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, introduced Julie Dooley, Administrative Leadership Program Coordinator and Coordinator of Education Services, who presented an update about the Preliminary Administrative Credential Program (PASC).

9.4 Transportation Service Plan (CLARK) – ACTION

Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement was implemented by Assembly Bill (AB) 181 (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2022) and amended by AB 185 (Chapter 571, Statutes of 2022). It provides reimbursement funding for our school districts and county offices of education based on the prior year eligible transportation expenditures and prior year Local Control Funding Formula transportation related add-on funding. In accordance with the requirements of HTS, a Transportation Service Plan was adopted by the County Superintendent of Schools on April 1, 2023.

Action: Approve Transportation Service Plan

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

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

No: None

Absent: none

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.5 Board Retreat Discussion (LARA) – DISCUSSION

The Board agreed to meet for a second time at the March 3, 2023, workshop. Some topics that were suggested for discussion at the next meeting were the handbook, shared governance, creating a shared missions/vision/governance, the role of the committees and marketing. It was also suggested to discuss shared vision on housing and resolutions.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

Surprise classroom visits to the four Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year finalists

Attended a composting/recycling webinar as CCCOE hosted Earth Week activities

Attended Juvenile Justice realignment committee

Met with Trustee Maxwell as part of the 1-on-1s with Board members

Final county superintendents meeting on COVID-19

Visited Marchus school and classroom visits with the 21 Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year nominees

Attended Mt. Diablo Unified School Districts' Art and Digital Media exhibition

11. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

11.1 Cabinet Member Updates

Removed from the agenda during the agenda approval (Item 3.3).

12. BOARD UPDATES

12.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

Charter Committee (LARA) – nothing to report

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – Next meeting is May 8. Still working on 9220 Governing Boards Elections and get clarification on county election laws, as well as other policies. Continue to work on the process and timeline for the Student Board member.

Budget Committee (LEWIS) – Met on April 10 to discuss the agenda for the Budget Training session on May 1.

Legislative Committee (MAXWELL) – nothing to report

12.2 Comments from Board Members

Mike Maxwell reported he has received strong reactions from teachers from San Ramon and Walnut Creek about the school shooting in Nashville, Tenn. He believes teachers need a voice to express themselves. He wants to start a conversation that allows the teachers to express themselves.

Annette Lewis reports:

- CCBE work; continue to serve as Assistant Treasurer Executive Committee meeting Zoom March 23. Over the weekend of April 14-16 attended the CCBE Board Retreat in Sacramento where the goals for the organization were developed. The conference will be September 8-10. Workshops were selected but are not ready for release. Some very timely and interesting workshops will be presented. There is a free preconference workshop on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. where Lauren Ball and Scott Winter will present on leadership collaboration. These two presenters are very dynamic and have facilitated the CCBE board retreats for several years. Registration for the CCBE Conference opens May 19. The theme is Putting Students First – Rebuilding Trust in Public Education. Early Rate is \$462.

- Regarding CCBE, there was some sort of issue with the election of the Region 7 Delegate from Alameda County who also represents us. Trying to assist the CCBE president on this to ensure our region is properly represented at CSBA and CCBE. Angela Normand was the write in and it is hoped this will be resolved before the May CSBA Delegate Assembly.

- On March 27, Met with Maribel Gonzalez regarding a new coalition Contra Costa County Charter Coalition. This organization is working to educate parent leaders in the local charter community by building knowledge and skills in advocacy.

- In early April, met with local East County Electeds, including local school board members to discuss current concerns in East County

- Visited Caliber Beta's new campus on April 18

Sarah Butler reports:

- April 10, attended Budget Committee meeting

- April 12, charter visit to Making Waves

- April 12, participated CCBE Policy Platform Committee meeting as a member of the committee

Consuelo Lara reports:

- Concerned about teacher and substitute shortage and is an urgent concern, and believes that teacher housing and changes in rules for retired teachers can help alleviate that

- Contra Costa County Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Kerby Lynch will participate in Concilio Latino meeting and share research on April 21

- Podcasting on "Between Two Teachers"

- Looking forward to CSBA Coast2Coast Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C.

12.3 Future Agenda Items

- Workforce Housing next steps

13. EVENTS CALENDAR

13.1 Calendar of Events 2023

13.2 Board Meeting Dates 2023

Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.