

Contra Costa County Board of Education

MINUTES

Board Meeting
April 22, 2020

MEMBERS

Fatima Alleyne, Area 1 Trustee
Sarah Butler, Area 2 Trustee
Vikki Chavez, Area 3 Trustee
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee
Annette Lewis, Area 5 Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Mackey, Superintendent
Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Cheryl Cotton- Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Terry Koehne, Chief Communications Officer

Cynthia Schwerin- County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Chavez called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

All Board members present.

3.2 Agenda Review and Adoption

Alleyne moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 NONE

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution 9-19/20- Teacher Appreciation Week

Maxwell moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the resolution as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

5.2 Resolution 10-19/20- Classified School Employees' Week

Alleyne moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the resolution as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Board Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2019, October 2, 2019, October 16, 2019, February 12, 2020, March 11, 2020

6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-042220 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-042220 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS3-042220 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS4-042220 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS5-042220 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.8 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-042220 (KHAN) - ACTION

Lewis, Alleyne and Butler removed March 11, 2020 minutes for corrections.

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

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

Trustee Lewis requested correction to March 11, 2020 minutes, item 10.1. Currently minutes state that motion was made by Butler, Lewis seconded. Change to seconded by Chavez.

Dr. Alleyne requested correction to March 11, 2020 minutes 10.1, end of first paragraph currently states "unanimous decision for the committee take no action". Change to "unanimous decision for the Board to take no action".

Butler's change was same as Lewis.

Alleyne moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve March 11, 2020 minutes as amended.

Ayes: Alleyne, Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

28 Public Comment emails submitted for agenda item 7.1. All Public Comments received before and during this meeting are attached to the minutes and attached to 7.1 on April 22, 2020 BoardDocs agenda.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 NONE

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

9.1 Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mackey updated the Board and public on CCCOE's (Contra Costa County Office of Education) response to Covid-19. Superintendent Mackey reported current stats in Contra Costa County, according to Contra Costa Health Services and Office of Emergency Services.

Superintendent Mackey gave an overview on emergency childcare efforts in Contra Costa County, develop emergency childcare for first responders, healthcare workers and essential workers in Contra Costa County through CoCo Kids, First 5, CCCOE, Office of Emergency Service and other county agencies.

Superintendent Mackey reported on CCCOE's efforts to provide distance learning for our students in court and community schools (Mt. McKinley and Golden Gate Community Schools). Superintendent Mackey reported on our Special Ed services including IEP support, behavior support and distance learning in our special education programs (Marchus, Mauzy, Far East, Early Start). Superintendent Mackey also shared state and local resources for parents and educators during this time. Please see audio/ video file on BoardDocs for full details.

Trustee Butler requested an update on distance learning at our next meeting, in order for Board Members to be able to read the information and ask more questions. Trustee Butler wanted clarification about the release of students from Juvenile Hall or the adult jail. Superintendent Mackey reported that probation has released adult and juvenile inmates that could be released. Current information on Juvenile Hall residents is 54 students at Mt. McKinley and 23 students at Boys Ranch, which is an all-time low. Trustee Butler inquired about steps for reopening, summer classes and deep cleaning. Superintendent Mackey indicated that the deep cleaning is going on right now.

Trustee Lewis inquired about qualification for emergency childcare volunteers. Superintendent Mackey said that all volunteers would need to be fingerprinted and we will keep the Board informed of any needs. Trustee Lewis inquired about the participation rate of distance learning in the Golden Gate Community schools. Superintendent Mackey will look into that, since students are just coming off of their spring breaks.

Trustee Maxwell inquired who the final decision maker is in reopening the schools. Superintendent Mackey replied that the local Health Orders take precedence over governor's recommendations. Some districts may make their own decisions but have to comply with health orders.

Trustee Dr. Alleyne inquired about the process of reopening. Superintendent Mackey reported that the Governor's Roadmap to Reopening is a guide and a framework may be coming soon. Dr. Alleyne also asked about the class sizes when we reopen. Superintendent Mackey brought up the recent talk about class sizes, staggering students in classrooms and at lunchtime. Dr. Alleyne asked about the Federal reimbursement rate and how is this distribution going to be funded? Superintendent Mackey's most recent information is that we will be reimbursed. Superintendent Mackey will continue to update the Board and the public throughout the Covid-19 crisis.

10. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Budget and LCAP Update

Deputy Superintendent Clark started off with some bleak financial headlines. K-12 budget reported a 20% reduction in current year budget. Unemployment numbers are unprecedented. Economic conditions are something we have not seen in the last 150 years. Underlined the severity of this economic situation. We are taking every opportunity we can to apply for federal stimulus money. There is concern on how far the stimulus for k-12 is going to go. FEMA application for 75% reimbursement, but timeline is long. For example, districts and counties still waiting for federal reimbursement from Camp Fire. Concern over recovery from "shut-down". Zero COLA projection. FCMAT concerned about the survival of many districts. Districts and counties should prepare for reductions necessary. A bare-bones budget is what we need to prepare for. The May Revise is expected to be a place holder budget, expect more accurate projection in August- September. LCAP flexibility may be coming at a later date. Please see audio/

video file on BoardDocs for full details. Stepping up our support of districts to get all of us through this. May need to reduce CCCOE budget by \$6 million, including significant staff reductions, contracts and operating expenses.

Trustee Dr. Alleyne asked about Federal reimbursements for school lunches. How responsive will federal government be? Clark admitted some concern of not receiving full reimbursement. Dr. Alleyne also inquired about the staff under contract, for example, Special Ed, how are districts and CCCOE dealing with this staff? Clark answered that we were told to continue to pay the contractors, but it is a point of conversation and concern. Dr. Alleyne inquired about refunds for hotspots and ChromeBooks. Will the districts be reimbursed for these expenses? Clark responded that some items have been donated but the fiscal magnitude of what is going out vs. the reimbursements makes it clear that some of those expenses will have to be absorbed. Dr Alleyne also asked about loaning district funds to maintain budget, will we still be able to do that? Clark confirmed that letting districts borrow money is under the Board's authority. We may be able to use a "line of credit". Clark has a conference call regarding this topic tomorrow.

Trustee Butler asked many questions about the Budget & LCAP Update, including regarding: LCAP timeline, Stakeholder Meetings, our reserve levels, PERS/STRS obligations, reductions, revenues for 2019-20 vs. 2020-20 and BASC vs. School Services? Bill Clark responded by explaining that BASC is a committee that meets with DOF & CDE, and FCMAT to develop guidance to advise districts and districts are expected to comply. The budget on the current year is built on the assumption of cash coming in between now and the end of the fiscal year. The cash is no longer coming in, so the budget allocated for current year is affected. Trustee Butler asked about how we would lend smaller districts monies? Clark answered by explaining that we have a 6% reserve and need to pay close attention to our own cash reserve. Instead, this would be an account set up through a bank and the districts would apply for a line of credit.

5 Public Comment emails submitted for agenda item 10.1. All Public Comments received before and during this meeting are attached to the minutes and attached to 7.1 on April 22, 2020 BoardDocs agenda.

10.2 Charter School Update

Deputy Superintendent Clark updated the Board and public on the Clayton Valley Charter MOU. We will try to get the MOU on the May 6 Board Meeting, if possible.

Caliber Charter applied for and received a federal award to assist in salary expenditures for the next 2 months. Making Waves Material Revision will come to the May 6 Board Meeting.

CCCOE has transferred John Henry Charter's appeal to the state. Nothing more is required from us regarding this charter. Golden Gate Community School charter may be re-locating to another facility. More information will be available on this at the May 6 Board Meeting. Mr. Clark has been participating in weekly charter update meetings. Trustee Dr. Alleyne had a question regarding Caliber's federal award, are charters available to LEA's? Clark explained that charters are categorized as non-profits and non-profits are eligible for applications. School districts do not qualify to apply. Dr. Alleyne received an email regarding school lunches in the districts and if charters were providing meals or alleviating some of the expenses for the districts. Dr. Alleyne would like an update on how charters are contributing to the students and districts. Clark reported that Making Waves is providing meals to students, some smaller charters are sending students to districts for meal distribution. Superintendent Mackey and Bill Clark will update the Board on what charters are doing regarding meals.

Trustee Butler inquired about CVCHS MOU and if it was going to come back to the Board for final wording, indicating concerns about the facilities. Clark confirmed that the MOU will come back to the Board. Trustee Butler would like more information on the Making Waves Material Revision. Trustee Butler inquired about the cost savings for Golden Gate Community School moving locations and where is that cost savings coming from. Clark clarified that there is a lease savings and there will be a staff savings.

Trustee Lewis has seen that CVCHS has been providing meals to the community, Rocketship has been doing the same.

2 Public Comment emails submitted for agenda item 10.2. All Public Comments received before and during this meeting are attached to the minutes and attached to 7.1 on April 22, 2020 BoardDocs agenda.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Future Agenda Items

Trustee Dr. Alleyne would like to see the Attorney Policy on an upcoming Board Meeting, understanding that only urgent topics will be addressed in upcoming Board Meetings.

Trustee Butler would like to get another Budget Update, another Superintendent Update. Butler would also like to schedule a Policy Committee Meeting and informed Board that new 9000 Board Policies are on the CCCOE website.

12. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

12.1 Cabinet Member Updates

Deputy Superintendent Bill Clark reported that he is looking at electronic processes to get work done in this era. Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Cotton reported that Human Resources is putting out weekly newsletters regarding wellness and health.

Communications Officer, Terry Koehne reported that his department has been collaborating with local health departments and keeping districts informed, also spoke about district resources, learning resources and Covid-19 dashboard on the CCCOE website.

13. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

13.1 Review of current legislation regarding educational matters

NONE

14. EVENTS CALENDAR

14.1 Calendar of Events

Trustee Dr. Alleyne inquired about the LCAP timelines and stakeholder engagement. Superintendent Mackey said that Lindy Khan will update the Board at our next Board meeting regarding the LCAP information we have received thus far. Any updates on LCAP timelines will be shared with the Board.

All events schedule between March- June have been canceled.

14.2 Board Meeting Dates

Next Board Meeting is May 6 via Zoom.

15. BOARD REPORTS

15.1 Board Reports of Activities

Trustee Dr. Alleyne has met with constituents, delivered food for local school district and local churches. Dr. Alleyne has been engaging with the community via social media.

Trustee Butler has attended Sen. Glazer Town Halls on Covid-19. Participated on Zoom calls with CSBA about meeting with assembly members.

Trustee Lewis has been attending Town Halls online and has been sharing Emergency Childcare materials in her community and distributing learning tools.

Trustee Maxwell visited SPA, visited Creekside School and answered questions about school closures.

2 additional Public Comments emails submitted for agenda item. All Public Comments received before and during this meeting are attached to the minutes and attached to 7.1 on April 22, 2020 BoardDocs agenda.

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Chavez adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.