

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
May 6, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee  
Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee  
Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee  
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee  
Jeff Belle, Area 5 Trustee

**ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Karen Sakata, Superintendent  
Pamela Comfort, Deputy Superintendent  
Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services  
Katie Gaines, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Terry Koehne, Chief Communications Officer  
Mac Carey, Chief Technology Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Gomes called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2. OPENING PROCEDURES**

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

Ayes: Deane, Belle, Mirabella, Maxwell, Gomes

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following spoke in support of Clayton Valley Charter High School: Joe Medrano, Marcia Mason, Kevin King, Elaina Carlson, Olga Brick, Stephanie Nocerino, Sarah Breon and Deanne Carlson.

The following shared concerns about Clayton Valley Charter High School: Allison Snow, Laurie Arbour, and Kipp Penovich.

Mr. Belle said he would like to refer Ms. Brick's concern of a possible conflict of interest regarding law firm Dannis Woliver & Kelley to staff to obtain a legal opinion. Ms. Sakata noted his request.

#### **4. RECOGNITIONS**

4.1 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to High School Student GGCS 1 05-06-15

Mirabella moved, Maxwell seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to grant a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student GGCS 1-05-06-15.

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

4.2 The Contra Costa County Office of Education received a 2013-2014 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Data Management Recognition

Dr. Pamela Comfort, Deputy Superintendent, shared that the County Office of Education received a letter and plaque from the California Department of Education and Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team recognizing the COE for the submission and maintenance of high quality data. Dr. Comfort commended Nora Roa, Student Information System Specialist, for her diligent work on the data management.

**5. CLOSED SESSION** - none

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS** – none

#### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

7.2 Board Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2015

7.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student from Contra Costa Adult School Program CCAS 1- 05/06/15

7.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student from Contra Costa Adult School Program CCAS 2- 05/06/15

7.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student from Contra Costa Adult School Program CCAS- 3 05/06/15

7.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to High School Student MM 1- 05/06/16

#### **8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Superintendent Sakata reported that the Classified Educational Leaders of the Year reception was held at the County Office on April 30. The Teacher of the Year reception took place on May 4. She also shared that Contra Costa County has twenty-six middle and high Gold Ribbon Schools this year, making it the largest number for a single county in Northern California.

## **9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

### 9.1 Presentation of the Special Education Programs and Services Provided by the Contra Costa County Office of Education

Brian Inglesby, Director, Contra Costa SELPA, shared the overall purpose of the SELPA. He gave pamphlets to the Board which outlines the services and support provided. Nick Berger, Director, Student Programs, shared information about the COE Special Education Programs.

### 9.2 First Reading of Board Policy - BP 5200 Interdistrict Attendance Transfer Appeals (Students)

This was presented as information and will be returned for action.

*Mr. Gomes acknowledged the presence of Jerry Dees, Boy Scouts of America, Dan Walden, former Walnut Creek School Board Member, and Cindy Osborne, PTA member, Antioch Unified School District.*

## **10. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES**

Deputy Superintendent Comfort shared there are currently fifteen interdistrict transfer appeals pending. She asked the Board to consider adding additional meetings to accommodate the appeals. Ms. Mirabella asked for an agenda item to talk about the possibility of forming an Administrative Panel to hear the appeals. Board consensus is to hear two appeals on May 20, hold special meetings on May 27 and/or June 10 if necessary and hear more than two at the June 3 Board meeting. Dr. Comfort will share the draft Administrative Regulation on interdistrict transfer appeals with the Board at the May 20 meeting.

Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, said he is looking forward to the Governor's May Revise as it will help the COE with assumptions in preparation for the Budget Workshop on May 20.

Terry Koehne, Chief Communications Officer, thanked the Board members who attended the Teacher of the Year reception on May 4.

## **11. BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Belle has been meeting with community members. He attended the NAACP banquet last week. Mr. Maxwell attended the Teacher of the Year reception. Ms. Mirabella participated in the Cinco de Mayo walk in Richmond. On April 16 she attended the CCBE Legislative platform revision and the CCCSBA/ACSBA event. On April 28 she attended the El Cerrito Democratic Club meeting. She met with Associate Superintendent Bill Clark on April 28. On April 29 she attended a West County Ed Fund event. On May 1 she attended the CCBE/CSBA legislative committee. On May 4 she attended the Teacher of the Year Reception at the COE. She met with West County Literacy volunteer groups on May 5. Ms. Deane attended the Teacher of the Year reception. Mr. Gomes will attend the upcoming LCAP presentation at College Park High School.

## **12. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Ms. Mirabella reported on CCBE's positions on current legislation and shared the list with the Board.

Mr. Gomes announced that due to medical issues he will resign as Board President, but will remain on the Board. He recommended the Board hold an election to determine a new president, vice president and clerk.

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Calendar of Events

June 24, 11:00 a.m., WCDF Graduation Ceremony

June 25, 10:30 a.m., MCDF Graduation Ceremony

September 24, 6:00 p.m., Teacher of the Year Dinner

BOARD MEETING DATES		
Board Meeting	January 14	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	February 4	5:00 p.m.
Board Retreat	February 18	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	March 4	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	March 18	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	April 15	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	May 6	5:00 p.m.
Budget Workshop	May 20	4:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	May 20	6:00 p.m.
Budget Workshop	June 3	4:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	June 3	6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	June 17	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	July 15	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	August 12	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	September 2	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	September 16	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	October 7	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	October 21	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	November 4	5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	December 9	5:00 p.m.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.