

**Contra Costa County Board of Education**  
**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**May 31, 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  
Daniella Parasidis, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Bill Clark, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs  
Marsha Tokuyoshi, Senior Director, Educational Services  
Natalia Ciccone, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board  
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board  
Cynthia Schwerin, Assistant County Counsel  
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight

**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 5:30 p.m.

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**3. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**3.1 Roll Call**

Trustee Butler was present via Zoom link.

**3.2 Land Acknowledgement**

Trustee Lara read the Land Acknowledgement.

**3.3 Agenda Review and Adoption**

Action: Approve agenda as amended with item #9.1 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 – May 17, 2023 – ACTION**

Action: Adopt minutes as amended.

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**

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **6.1 Consent Agenda**

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of a member of the Board or Superintendent and acted upon separately.

##### **6.2 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-053123 (BERGER) – ACTION**

##### **6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-053123 (BERGER) – ACTION**

##### **6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-053123 (BERGER) – ACTION**

##### **6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS3-053123 (BERGER) – ACTION**

##### **6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS4-053123 (BERGER) – ACTION**

Action: Adopt consent agenda 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

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **7.1 Public Comment**

Sarah Parker, Head of People, Invictus Academy of Richmond

#### **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **8.1 Public Hearing on Proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Golden Gate Community Charter School for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year (BERGER) – INFORMATION**

Public hearing opened at 5:40 p.m.

California Education Code provides that prior to adoption of the County Office of Education LCAP, the County Board of Education shall hold a public hearing. At the hearing, any taxpayer may appear and speak on the proposed LCAP or any item therein. Berger responded to questions asked by the Board members.

Public hearing closed at 5:46 p.m.

##### **8.2 Public Hearing on Proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Contra Costa County Court School for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year (BERGER) – Information**

Public hearing opened at 5:46 p.m.

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, presented for public hearing the LCAP for the Contra Costa County Court School for the 2023-24 fiscal year. California Education Code provides that prior to adoption of the LCAP, the County Board of Education shall hold a public hearing to answer questions from any taxpayer, and allow them to speak, and Board members on the proposed LCAP or any item therein.

Public hearing closed at 5:49 p.m.

##### **8.3 Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Contra Costa County Office of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (PARASIDIS/CLARK) – INFORMATION**

Public hearing opened at 5:49 p.m.

On or before July 1 of each fiscal year, the county board of education shall adopt an annual budget for the budget year and hold a public hearing before the approval of the county office of education budget. At the hearing, any taxpayer directly affected by the budget may appear before the Board and speak on the budget, and Board members may ask questions. Public hearing closed at 5:51 p.m.

#### **8.4 Labor Agreement Proposals – CCCSEA (MACKEY) – INFORMATION**

Public hearing opened at 5:52 p.m.

Labor Agreement proposals from CCCSEA/CTA/NEA for Reopener Agreement and initial management Proposal for Reopener Agreement with Representatives of the Certificated Unit were presented in accordance with Administrative Regulation (AR) 4143.1 regarding the public noticing of collective bargaining proposals. AR 4143.1 provides that initial collective bargaining proposals shall be presented to the Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools in public during the May 17, 2023, regularly-scheduled Board meeting. Following initial presentation of the proposals, the public hearing was scheduled in order to receive public input.

Public hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.

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

#### **9.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESEY) – INFORMATION**

Neil McChesney, Coordinator of Charter Schools Oversight, presented an updated on the County Board authorized charter schools. Topics covered were updates on Notices of Concern, legislative update on SB 739, charter MOU extensions and Charter Data Book update.

#### **9.2 Policy Standing Committee: Second Reading and 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 presented for approval by the full Board: BP 5131 Conduct, BP 6173 Education for Homeless Children, BP 0420 School Plans/Site Councils, BP 0420.4 Authorization of County Charter Schools, BP 0420.41 Oversight of County Charter Schools, EX 0420.41 Oversight of County Charter Schools, BB 9150 Student Board Members, BB 9270 Conflict of Interest and BB 9320 Meetings and Notices.

Action: Consider approval of lease agreement.

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

#### **9.3 Charter School Board Appointments (LARA) – DISCUSSION**

Board President Lara introduced the topic of appointing members to CCCOE-authorized charter school boards.

#### **9.4 Consider Increase in County Board of Education Compensation (PARASIDIS/CLARK) – ACTION**

In accordance with Education Code 1090(g) and the Board Bylaw 9250, annually the Board may increase the compensation of Board members in an amount not to exceed (5) five percent based on the present monthly rate of compensation. Any increase made pursuant to these sections shall be effective upon approval of the Board. Historically, Board compensation has been increased to keep pace with inflation. These annual increases have been presented and recommended to the Board based on the increase given to all employees. The Board has the authority to consider an alternative rate not to exceed (5) five percent.

The Board's current monthly rate of compensation is \$597.52. To be consistent with the practices of the agency, it is recommended to increase the Board's monthly rate by the same percentage increase given to all employees of the agency. If approved, the monthly rate would increase by (5) five percent bringing the revised monthly amount to \$627.40 effective immediately.

Action: Approve staff recommendation of a five percent increase to the monthly stipend paid to members of the Board of Education..

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 County Superintendent, Compensation (PARASIDIS/CLARK) – ACTION**

In accordance with County Board Bylaw 9500, the Contra Costa County Board of Education believes that the County Superintendent of Schools renders services that promote the success of students and of the educational programs of the county office of education, and that anyone occupying the position should be fairly compensated for their service.

Compensation for the County Superintendent is intended to be reasonably competitive with the compensation provided to superintendents occupying comparable-level positions in other county offices of education, and school districts.

Compensation is to include all benefits afforded to the management personnel in order to fulfill the duties of the elected position of the County Superintendent of Schools.

To assist the Board when making a determination regarding “reasonably competitive,” staff prepared a review of comparative data comprised of the total compensation provided to the superintendents of the four largest school districts in Contra Costa County and a list of the total compensation received by all Class 2 county superintendents in California. Based on the evaluation, total compensation for the Contra Costa County Superintendent is among the lowest of her peers while residing in one of the highest cost-of-living areas.

To be consistent with the 2022-23 salary settlement provided to management and all employees of the agency, staff recommended that the CCCBOE adjust the compensation of the County Superintendent in accordance with the recently approved agency settlement of 8.5 percent increase effective January 1, 2022.

Action: Approve the adjusted compensation of the County Superintendent in accordance with recently approved agency settlement of 8.5 percent increase, effective January 1, 2023.

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Mike Maxwell

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

No: Sarah Butler

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

### **9.6 Board Retreat (LARA) – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

Board President Lara provided Board members with to the June 12, 2023, Board Retreat and presented the agenda for the meeting. Board members were asked for feedback.

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

### **10.1 Superintendent's Update**

- Announced that Bill Clark’s interim position is ending and his service to the CCCOE is appreciated
- Attended graduations and celebrations, and worked on the final budget which the Board will receive updates about throughout the year
- Closing out the school year celebrating goals achieved and starting work on our goals for next year.

## **14. BOARD UPDATES**

### **11.1 Board Standing Committee Reports**

Charter Committee (BUTLER) – nothing to report

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – Presented policies for second reading and will meeting again on June 5

Budget Committee (LEWIS) – nothing to report

Legislative Committee (MAXWELL) – next meeting is June 5

### **12.2 Comments from Board Members**

Sarah Butler –

Attended graduations

Attended site council meetings

Met with board members from school districts to learn about what is going on in their districts

Mike Maxwell –

Attended Mauzy School graduation

Looking forward to more upcoming graduations

Annette Lewis –

May 20-21 – attended the CCBE Executive Committee meeting

May 22 – attended CCCSBA meeting where Dennis Meyer gave an update on the California State budget

Elected to be CCCSBA secretary for the upcoming term

May 23 – visited Invictus Academy in Richmond

May 25 – attended Special Olympics field day for Liberty High School

May 31 – attended the Marchus School and Mauzy School graduations

Attended part of the CSBA webinar about the CSBA can do for county boards

Anamarie Avila Farias –

Thanked staff for help with calendaring the graduations and events

Looking forward to the Clayton Valley Charter High School graduation

Consuelo Lara –

Mentoring program with at-risk high school girls came to an end after six years

Working on Education Workforce Housing

### **12.3 Future Agenda Items**

Charter appointment discussion

## **13. EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **13.1 Calendar of Events 2023**

### **13.2 Board Meeting Dates 2023**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

### **14.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting**

President Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.