

Contra Costa County Board of Education

MINUTES

Board Meeting
June 3, 2020

MEMBERS

Fatima Alleyne, Area 1 Trustee- absent
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- Deputy County Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Chavez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

Dr. Fatima Alleyne- absent
Sarah Butler- present
Vikki Chavez- present
Mike Maxwell- present
Annette Lewis- present

3.2 Agenda Review and Adoption

Superintendent Mackey requested that agenda item 9.3 and 9.4 be moved before 9.1.

Lewis moved, Maxwell seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 to adopt the agenda as amended.

Ayes: Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell
Noes: None
Absent: Dr. Alleyne

4. CLOSED SESSION- NONE

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #13-19/20 LGBTQ+ Pride Month June 2020

Maxwell moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 to adopt the resolution.

Ayes: Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: Dr. Alleyne

5.2 CCCOE Classified School Employees of the Year Nomination Recognition (COTTON)

Cheryl Cotton, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, presented bios on the 4 Classified School Employee of the Year Nominees for Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE).

- Danielle Davies- School Administrative Assistant
- Julie Everhart- Administrative Assistant II
- Erica Hosch- Student Information System Specialist
- Desiree Lopez- Human Resources Specialist/ DHH Instructional Assistant

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Board Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2020

6.3 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) - April & May 2020 (COTTON)

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS3-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS4-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.8 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS5-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.9 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS6-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.10 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS7-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.11 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS8-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.12 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS9-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.13 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS10-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.14 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS11-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.15 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS12-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

6.16 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS13-060320 (KHAN) - ACTION

Lewis moved, Butler seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: Dr. Alleyne

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

No Public Comment for 7.1

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Renewal Petition Appeal for Manzanita Charter School (CLARK)

Deputy Superintendent, Bill Clark, introduced Manzanita Charter Principal, Chantel Caldwell. Chantel Caldwell shared a PowerPoint presentation on Manzanita Charter renewal petition. Ms. Caldwell shared comparison data with other local middle schools, student test results and progress, student attendance, dashboard indicators, the governing board, student programs and programs offered at Manzanita Charter.

Ms. Caldwell answered questions from the Board of Education regarding assessment plans, governance structure, parent involvement, student enrollment changes, WCCUSD denial and student diversity.

3 Public Comment forms submitted for agenda item 8.1. All Public Comments received before and during this meeting are attached to the minutes and attached to 7.1 on June 3, 2020 BoardDocs agenda.

Live Public Comment:

Titania Buckhold

Katie Ott

Robin Rivera

Karen Romeo

Amy Bingham

Ericka Doan

Lynn Tran

Erica Dominguez

Arlene Carreal

Shalin Thompson

Ms. Hom

Bob Capoon

David DelReal

Please see audio file on BoardDocs for full details.

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.2 Preliminary Administrative Credential Program submission to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) (TOKUYOSHI) - ACTION

Marsha Tokuyoshi, Senior Director, Educational Services presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program. Ms. Tokuyoshi described the tiers of credential programs. CCCOE has a strong Clear Admin Credential Program, it has become necessary to build a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program, which gives us the opportunity to grow our credential program. Ms. Tokuyoshi introduced Julie Dooley, who proceeded to present the Board with information on CCCOE's Administrative Leadership Program (ALP). By adding the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program to our current credential program, it adds a necessary building block for those looking to clear their administrative credential. This program was developed according to state guidelines designed to support and prepare participants

for work as educational leaders. Ms. Dooley outlines the core texts for the courses, gave the Board a program overview and course timeline.

Ms. Dooley answered questions from the Board regarding what credential program we already have and what we are adding, tuition, program standards, approval prerequisites and county student recruitment,

Maxwell moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 1-1-1 to approve the program as presented.

Ayes: Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: Butler

Absent: Dr. Alleyne

9.4 Approval of new curriculum (Edgenuity and StemScopes) for Court and Community Schools (KHAN) - ACTION

Lindy Khan, Senior Director, Student Programs introduced Becky Vichiquis, Director, Student Programs who presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation on a pilot curriculum program that has been used in the Court/Community Schools (CCS). Edgenuity was the program that was piloted. Previous curriculum used in the CCS was Odysseyware, which was bought out by Edgenuity. Ms. Vichiquis highlighted the courses that were piloted, including Math, Science and English and the teacher feedback given on the program.

Ms. Vichiquis answered questions from the Board regarding student access to courses and staff satisfaction with Edgenuity program.

Ms Vichiquis also presented the Board with information on a science curriculum that was piloted in CCS, StemScopes. Program focuses on engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration, and evaluation. Program gives students hands-on exploration and use of scientific thinking. CCS teachers, Ken Maffeo, Tara Uppstad and Wendee Weiss gave their feedback regarding the value of these piloted programs.

Ms. Vichiquis answered questions from the Board regarding distance learning and flexibility with StemScopes program.

Maxwell moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the new curriculum as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: Dr. Alleyne

9.1 Clayton Valley Charter High School Petition (CLARK) ACTION

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, presented a document to the Board of proposed wording for Clayton Valley Charter High School Charter (CVCHS) petition. The County Board's Charter Committee met on May 21, 2020 to discuss the CVCHS petition. In Element 1, removed "if appropriate" regarding parents/ guardians included in IEP meetings. In Element 3, included original language from 2015-20 petition regarding annual parent and stakeholder surveys. In Element 14, clarifying language regarding the dispute resolution process. In Element 15, language added regarding the charter school closure and assets being returned to MDUSD. Legal requirements met and updated CalPERS requirements met.

Mr. Clark answered questions from the Board regarding clarification on surveys, internal disputes and parent complaints.

Maxwell moved, Lewis seconded and the Board voted 4-1-1 to approve the material revision as presented.

Ayes: Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: Dr. Alleyne

9.3 Uniform Complaint Procedure Policy- BP 1312.3 (COTTON) - ACTION

Cheryl Cotton, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources presented a document to the Board regarding the update of Board Policy 1312.3- Uniform Complaint Procedures. CCCOE has been involved in a Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) audit and the reviewer from California Department of Education (CDE) has recommended the policy updates reflected in the attachment. Review period for FPM concludes June 10, 2020. CCCOE's Policy Committee met on May 27 to discuss this Board Policy and the auditor's findings.

Butler moved, Maxwell seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve changes to BP 1312.3, as presented.

Ayes: Butler, Chavez, Lewis, Maxwell

Noes: None

Absent: Dr. Alleyne

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mackey reported on Covid-19 issues, specifically reopening of schools and central office building. The reopening of office building postponed 1 week to June 15 to prepare protocols set in place by state and local health officials. Lynn Mackey continues to meet weekly with state and local superintendents on the complexities of reopening. Mr. Clark continues to work with CBOs and Charter Schools on reopening. Educational Services Department has been supporting districts on reopening plans. Court and Community School graduations are coming up, Board members will be receiving invitations.

11. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

11.1 Cabinet Member Updates

Bill Clark mentioned to keep an eye out for a joint Assembly/ Senate Budget proposal including federal stimulus.

Cheryl Cotton had nothing to report.

Terry Koehne had nothing to report.

12. BOARD REPORTS

12.1 Board Reports of Activities

Trustee Butler attended the following:

CSBA Executive Committee Meeting on May 8

Listened to WCCUSD Board Meeting on May 13

Listened to CSBA May Revise Webinar on May 14

Listened to WCCUSD Board Meeting on May 20

Zoom Meeting for School Members in Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's district area on May 22

Met with Chief of Staff from Congressman Mark DeSaulnier's office regarding federal funding on May 27

Trustee Lewis attended the following:

CVCHS Graduation on June 2

Trustee Maxwell attended the following:

Monte Vista HS and Iron Horse School visits

CVCHS Graduation on June 2

Trustee Chavez attended the following:

CVCHS Graduation on June 2

13. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No legislative update.

14. EVENTS CALENDAR

14.1 Calendar of Events

CCCOE's graduations will be added to the Calendar of Events.

14.2 Board Meeting Dates

Next Board Meeting is June 17 via Zoom.

CSBA Conference in December is virtual.

CCBE Conference in September is virtual.

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Chavez adjourned the meeting 8:12 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT 8.1

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Dear Board Members and Superintendent Mackey, Please renew the Manzanita Middle School's (Manzanita) charter. At the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) board decision meeting. District staff recommended renewal. The WCCUSD board chose to ignore or disregard this recommendation. A board member made a recommendation to deny renewal with no reason. When told that a reason had to be given. The board member said that it should be denied because it has always had poor test scores. No findings of fact were given to support this statement. This was false, unfair, unethical, and illegal. Manzanita was a distinguished school in 2005. No middle school in WCCUSD has ever received this honor. The WCCUSD website shows Manzanita as the safest school in the district as measured by the California Dashboard and it shows Manzanita's test scores better than several district middle schools such as Pinole, Crespi, Hercules Middle, as well as DeJean. Helms Middle School was not listed. The test scores posted are for the 2016-2017 school year. We are living very difficult times. A global pandemic, millions out of work, civic unrest, protests both peaceful and violent. Contra Costa County under curfew. The students deserve a safe and secure environment. Please put the students' needs first and foremost in your decision on the renewal of the Manzanita Charter Middle School charter. Thank you for your time and consideration. Stay safe and stay healthy. Martin Coyne

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

****THIS COMMENT IS FOR AGENDA ITEM 8.1, MANZANITA PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WAS NO DROP-DOWN BOX FOR THAT ITEM**** Good evening. I am an attorney with the Law Offices of Young, Minney and Corr. We are in strong support of Manzanita Middle School's charter renewal appeal. We appreciate the County Board's careful attention to this matter. As you review the materials, we are confident that you will conclude that the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board's denial of this 20-year-old charter school was unfair, irregular, and done with dubious legal support. Closing down a school that is a safe haven for its students, a home away from home, during a pandemic and national civil unrest, would add tragedy to these already fearful times. Briefly, Manzanita's renewal charter petition was recommended for *approval* by District staff. The District concluded that Manzanita's students were performing academically at least as well as they would if they had attended resident schools in the District and schools in the District that are demographically comparable. District staff also gave high marks to Manzanita's new leadership. Ninety percent of Manzanita's students would otherwise be required to attend just two schools in the District: Helms and DeJean. Manzanita well out-performed both of these schools on both the English Language Arts and Math CAASPP tests for 2019. The District staff report also documented cohort growth year-for-year at Manzanita, in both ELA and Math. We are certain that County staff will recognize these trends, as well. Despite Manzanita's remarkable performance in relation to the schools where 90% of its students would attend, the District Board disregarded the staff report and instead tried to take action to deny the renewal. However, the action to deny was unlawful because the Board did not adopt written, factual findings to support the denial. The Board was advised of the questionable nature of its action, and proceeded nonetheless. Then, realizing that the action was unlawful, the District hastily called a special meeting on the last day of the legal timeline, and relied on legal counsel to invent findings for denial. Because the staff report was positive, the District had to cast about for something to shield its unlawful decision. They settled on the untrue theory that the District is an "open enrollment" school district, and, therefore, students could attend any school in the District, which, in turn, meant that Manzanita's performance must be compared to all District schools. Not only is the comparison unlawful, it is simply not true that WCCUSD is an open enrollment district. At best, the District allows for a limited number of transfers for existing students, during a limited window of time, who meet strenuous requirements. We are confident that the County will see through the unlawful denial and save Manzanita's students from being sentenced to attend lower performing schools with much larger student populations. Thank you. Janelle Ruley

PUBLIC COMMENT #3

Good evening Superintendent Mackey, President Chavez and members of the Board. My name is Jason Miller from the Law Offices of Young Minney and Corr, speaking in strong support of Manzanita Charter School. We have thoroughly reviewed their charter renewal petition and academic data for the previous term and have determined Manzy meets all criteria for renewal. Manzy offers a strong educational program serving the needs of a very particular community - those families in Richmond and San Pablo that are enjoying an alternative to their traditional District schools. The school leaders and teachers have created a safe and caring environment where kids love to go to school and, thus, outperform the schools they would otherwise attend. The District had no legitimate grounds to try to close this beloved neighborhood school, and we ask the County Board to carefully review the materials provided so you will see that is the case and prevent sending these kids into new and unfamiliar schools during this troubling time of trauma and chaos. Thank you. Jason Miller