

**County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
June 4, 2014**

ROLL CALL: Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee; Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee; Richard Asadoorian, Area 4 Trustee; and Cynthia Ruehlig, Area 5 Trustee.

Absent: Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee

Others: Joseph Ovick, Pamela Comfort, Bill Clark, Peggy Marshburn, Mac Carey, Loreen Joseph and County Office staff.

Presiding: The regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Gomes at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION Ms. Mirabella moved, Mr. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Mirabella pulled the May 21, 2014 minutes from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Ruehlig pulled Item 9.2, Board member absence.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Asadoorian, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Items on the Agenda

The following spoke regarding bargaining issues between the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) and the Contra Costa County Schools Education Association (CCCSEA): Steve Repetto, Joanne Lindevald, Eileen Baar, Sally Mills, and Diana Perkovich.

Items of Interest to the Public

RECOGNITIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing on the proposed final Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Contra Costa County Office of Education for fiscal year 2014-15

The public hearing was opened by Vice President Gomes at 6:18 p.m. Ms. Mirabella asked that the PowerPoint presentation they received be given to union leadership.

Sally Mills commented that there are other sources, besides LCAP, that affect the budget. She would like clarification in that area.

The public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Public Hearing on the proposed Contra Costa County Office of Education Budget for fiscal year 2014-15

The public hearing was opened by Vice President Gomes at 6:23 p.m. Eileen Baar said she looked at the budget which shows the carryover will be more than \$12 million. She would like the teachers to be in the pool of employees receiving raises.

The public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Joseph Ovick, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools, reported that the negotiations team will go over the LCAP with CTA during negotiations scheduled for Thursday. He hopes an agreement with the teachers union will happen soon. He announced that a tentative agreement has been reached with Local One. Dr. Ovick congratulated Karen Sakata, Deputy Superintendent, for winning the election to become the new Superintendent of Schools. He gave the Board a list of legislative items provided by School Services. He said there are bills that will impact the County Office of Education. One is a bill that speaks to comprehensive school safety plans and tactical response plans. Also, a bill on certificated school employees as it relates to ROP. He asked the Board to let him know of any other bills they see that need attention, so he can work with the various groups he is involved with and they can move forward together.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Consider adoption of Board Resolution No. 14-13/14 in the matter of Ordering Consolidation of County Board of Education Trustee Area Elections on November 4, 2014, otherwise known as Specifications of Election Order

Ms. Mirabella moved, Ms. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to adopt resolution 14-13/14 as presented.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Asadoorian, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

Consider Adoption of Resolution 15-13/14 authorizing the spending of Education Protection Account Funds for fiscal year 2014-15

Ms. Ruehlig asked for clarification on the Education Protection Account funds. Bill Clark explained that the state calculates each agency's funding through Proposition 98 or K-12 funding model. Then it was determined how much funding would be available to the school district. The state then determined how they would fund that level of funding. Part of it was general fund, part of it locally collected property tax, and part coming out of the Education Protection Account (EPA). Of that pool of dollars the COE received about \$2 million out of the Education Protection Account (EPA) funds which provided for COE revenues. The public wanted a guarantee that those funds would only be spent for those instructional purposes, not administrative purposes. He explained that Proposition 30 is a temporary tax increase. The first leg of the tax increase expires in 2016-17.

Mr. Asadoorian moved, Ms. Mirabella seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to adopt resolution 15-13/14 as presented.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Asadoorian, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

Consider adoption of revised Local Plan for Special Education developed by Contra Costa Special Education Local Plan Area (CCSELPA)

Dr. Ovick said there are no changes to the plan with the exception of removing the County Office of Education as the administrative unit and placing Byron School District as the administrative unit. There is no additional cost.

Ms. Mirabella moved, Ms. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the Local Plan for Special Education developed by Contra Costa Special Education Local Plan Area (CCSELPA) as presented.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Asadoorian, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

Consider approval of Master Schedule of Lease Agreements for Special Education/Court and Community Schools/Regional Occupational Programs for the 2014-15 School Year

Ms. Mirabella moved, Ms. Ruehlig seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the master schedule of lease agreements for Special Education/Court and Community schools/Regional Occupational Programs for the 2014-15 school year.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Asadoorian, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

Staff Report

Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, addressed Ms. Ruehlig's question about the settlement. Typically, settlement costs aren't budgeted in the assumptions. Some financial resources have been identified in the adopted budget to address some of the concerns raised. As Dr. Ovick mentioned, the organization has worked very hard on a number of different fronts to bring the budget into a position where we can offer any kind of settlement as far as our teachers request. Dr. Ovick made that a priority at the beginning of year.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Staff Report

Dr. Pamela Comfort, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, reported that the \$8 million Career Pathways Grant includes partnership with four different community colleges. There are three counties involved and many industry people as well. She also reported that in Section One of the LCAP there is detail about how stakeholders, which include teachers, were included in its development. She explained that when the public hearing on the LCAP is held, responding to the comments and questions made at the hearing are part of the requirements of the LCAP development and adoption process.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

Karen Sakata, Deputy Superintendent, announced that a tentative agreement was reached with Local One. The tentative offer is 2% effective July 1, 2013. The negotiating team will meet with CTA Thursday, June 5. She hopes they will settle then, but if negotiations are not completed they will continue to meet.

In response to a question from Mr. Gomes, Ms. Sakata explained that a mediator from the State Board of Mediation is used when negotiating with Local One. COE uses legal counsel and CTA uses their business agent during their negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Report

Peggy Marshburn, Chief Communications Officer, reported that the recent reception held for the Teachers of the Year was very successful. Many superintendents and principals attended, along with COE leadership. The next step will be judging the speeches of the four finalists, which will take place in August. Dr. Ovick and Ms. Sakata have been visiting the classrooms of the teachers of the year nominees.

TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Staff Report

Mac Carey, Chief Technology Officer, reported that the Agency has completed its online field testing of the California Assessment of Student Performance (CASP) (originally SBAC). Lindy Khan, Director of Innovation and Support, has led the effort for the Agency and done a wonderful job. Laptops and carts are now being used in the classroom to aid instruction.

BOARD

Legislative Update

Legal opinion regarding the authority of Contra Costa County Board of Education to call election and submit ballot measure to voters that would allow voters to determine whether the Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools should be elected or appointed by the Board of Education

Mr. Gomes said he believes the opinion presents two ways to bring the ballot measure to the voters. One way is requesting the County Board of Supervisors sponsor the ballot measure. Another is for the County Board of Supervisors, on its own initiative, to place this measure before the voters. According to the Olson opinion, there is good precedence for it. Ms. Mirabella said that in her research she sees another alternative which is to give the voters an option to put it on the ballot. One way of doing that is going back to legislation and asking them, like they did in 1978, and give any county office the opportunity to have it on the ballot again. There are pros and cons that will be on the next agenda. In her point of view the third alternative might be the best. She would like to wait and hear the response from all board members. Mr. Gomes said that at the next board meeting it will be presented and a vote taken. He has some reservations about it, mainly on the cost item involved. He said he believes the resolution is sound and well laid out. Ms. Ruehlig thanked Ms. Marshburn for sending her the legal opinion. She said the good thing that came out of this is the clarification that the legal opinion, ordered by the Board, belongs to the Board, not just to one person. Ms. Marshburn said she sent it to all Board members and that it had already been sent to the newspaper that had requested it under the Public Records Act. Ms. Mirabella said she is still searching for the election cost. She sent an email to the elections department who wants to wait to give her an answer after the election. In her point of view the \$650,000 would be saved by having an appointed superintendent. Mr. Clark said the cost is estimated at \$650,000, but thinks it will come in lower.

Change November 12, 2014 Board meeting to November 5, 2014

Ms. Mirabella moved, Mr. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve changing the November 12, 2014 Board meeting to November 5, 2014.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Mirabella, Asadoorian
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Mirabella moved, Mr. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the minutes as amended by Ms. Mirabella.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Mirabella, Asadoorian
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

Board Member Absence

Item tabled. The policy on board member absences will be discussed at the Board Policy Committee meeting on June 18, 2014.

Ms. Mirabella moved, Ms. Ruehlig seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items as presented.

Ayes: Ruehlig, Gomes, Mirabella, Asadoorian
Noes: None
Absent: Deane
Abstain: None

Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student
MM 1-06/04/2014.

**CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS
CALENDAR**

Correspondence: None

Calendar of Events:

June 25, Qtly Awards Ceremony, WCDF 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; **June 26**, Qtly Awards Ceremony, MCDF 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

September 11, Teacher of the Year Dinner

September 12 – 14, CCBE Fall Conference, Monterey

December 14 – 16, CSBA Annual Conference, Moscone Center, San Francisco

BOARD REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

Ms. Mirabella attended the WCCUSD Best Practices Conference. On May 28 she attended the MDUSD Bridge Program and the CCCOE Secondary Transition commencement. Ms. Ruehlig attended the ROP graduation, the East/West graduation. She also attended Knightsen's Open House. Mr. Asadoorian will send the highlights from the Delegate Assembly he attended recently to Ms. Joseph who will forward them to the Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of Merle Hauser, retired COE Human Resources Director.

Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D., Ex Officio Secretary
County Board of Education

Copies of all resolutions adopted by the Board are on file in the Office of the Superintendent, Ex Officio Secretary of the Board of Education.

These unadopted minutes are summaries and excerpts from the regular meeting of June 4, 2014, and are subject to amendments and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.

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