

**County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
June 18, 2014**

ROLL CALL: Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee; Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee; Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee; Richard Asadoorian, Area 4 Trustee; and Cynthia Ruehlig, Area 5 Trustee.

Absent: None

Others: Karen Sakata, Bill Clark, Peggy Marshburn, Mac Carey, Lindy Khan, Jane Shamieh, 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 5:01 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION Ms. Mirabella moved, Mr. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
Items on the Agenda

Items of Interest to the Public The following spoke regarding bargaining issues between the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) and the Contra Costa County Schools Education Association (CCCSEA): Sandy Travagli, Steve Repetto, Diana Perkovich, and Eileen Baar,

RECOGNITIONS The Board recognized the 2014 Distinguished Schools. Certificates will be sent to the following schools.

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| Lafayette Elementary | Lafayette Elementary |
| Mt. Diablo Unified | Mt. Diablo Elementary |
| Mt. Diablo Unified | Sequoia Elementary |
| Mt. Diablo Unified | Silverwood Elementary |
| Mt. Diablo Unified | Strandwood Elementary |
| Mt. Diablo Unified | Valle Verde Elementary |
| Mt. Diablo Unified | Walnut Acres Elementary |
| Orinda Union Elementary | Del Rey Elementary |
| Orinda Union Elementary | Glorietta Elementary |
| Orinda Union Elementary | Sleepy Hollow Elementary |
| Orinda Union Elementary | Wagner Ranch Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Bollinger Canyon Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Coyote Creek Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Golden View Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Greenbrook Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Hidden Hills Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | John Baldwin Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Live Oak Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Neil A. Armstrong Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Rancho Romero Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Sycamore Valley Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Tassajara Hills Elementary |
| San Ramon Valley Unified | Vista Grande Elementary |
| Walnut Creek Elementary | Walnut Heights Elementary |

CLOSED SESSION

Consider the interdistrict transfer appeal of Student A-06/18/14 from the Antioch Unified School District to the Liberty Union High School District

The Board convened in closed hearing at 5:20 p.m. to consider the interdistrict attendance transfer appeal of parents for a child from the Antioch Unified School District to the Liberty Union High School District. The Board convened to closed deliberation at 5:52 p.m. The Board reconvened to closed session hearing at 6:01 p.m. and immediately to open session. On behalf of the Board, Hearing Facilitator, Lindy Khan, announced that the Contra Costa Board of Education voted 5-0-0 to deny the interdistrict transfer appeal of Student A-06/18/14 based upon Contra Costa County Board of Education Administrative Regulations 5200(E) 3.7, there could be a financial hardship to both school districts.

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

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Khan offered to assist the parent with the transportation issues.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

BUSINESS SERVICES

Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 16-13/14 to approve the Material Revision for the Caliber: Beta Academy Charter School

Jane Shamieh, Controller, County Office of Education, said that the charter has decided not to choose the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) option. She explained that charter schools are not required, like regular public schools, to offer STRS. Tracy Hanna, Operating Officer, Caliber Schools, explained that using a private retirement fund instead of STRS will give the teachers more flexibility in the amount they contribute. Social Security plus a 401K will be offered. In answer to a question from Ms. Mirabella, she informed the Board that the school site will be at Stege Elementary. Mr. Asadoorian asked that a progress report be given to the Board during the school year.

Ms. Mirabella moved, Mr. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt resolution 16-13/14 as presented.

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

Consider adoption of the 2014-15 Contra Costa County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Lindy Khan, Director of Innovation and Support, explained that this is the first year, because of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), that the County Office of Education (COE) is required to have a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). She explained that the COE is only required to address court and community schools in the LCAP. The plan is primarily monitored by the principals and directors.

Ms. Mirabella said she would like to be part of the parent workshop next year.

Mr. Asadoorian moved, Ms. Ruehlig seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the 2014-15 Contra Costa County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan as presented.

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

**Consider adoption of the 2014-15
Contra Costa County Office of
Education Final Budget**

Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, explained that the report consists of state mandated forms required to be submitted as part of the adoption process. Ms. Mirabella said she is voting against the adoption of the final budget because she has many concerns.

Mr. Asadoorian moved, Ms. Ruehlig seconded, and the Board voted 4-1-0 to adopt the 2014-15 Contra Costa County Office of Educational Final Budget.

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

**Update on the County School Service
Fund (CSSF) Investment Activities**

Mr. Clark explained that the report reflects the cash balances within the agency's various funds as of March 31, 2014 and how those funds are invested. Presented as information.

Staff Report

Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, shared that he believes the Board should plan to attend conferences because they will benefit from the trainings offered. He said that at this date not all conference funds have been expended. If a revision becomes necessary during the year, it would be prepared, with Board direction, to increase the travel expense fund.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Request to review and approve two
ROP/CTE curricula**

Principal Lindi Hunstman presented the new curricula and explained the new courses. Ms. Mirabella moved, Mr. Asadoorian seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the courses as presented.

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

**Consider Approval of the 2014 Spring
Collection of the Consolidated
Application**

Mr. Asadoorian moved, Ms. Mirabella seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the 2014 Spring Collection of the Consolidated Application.

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

Staff Report

None

**HUMAN RESOURCES
Presentation of Labor Agreement
Proposals:
Initial Proposal from Public
Employees' Union, Local One for
Reopener Agreement; Initial
Management Proposal for Reopener
Agreement with Representatives of the
Classified Units**

Karen Sakata, Deputy Superintendent presented the Labor Agreement Proposals. The Labor Agreements will be brought back on a future agenda for the Board's vote.

Staff Report

Karen Sakata, Deputy Superintendent, reported that Local One ratified their contract. The salary agreement is for 2% ongoing, effective July 1, 2013. The negotiations team will be meeting with the teachers soon and she is hopeful they will come to an agreement with them as well.

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Report

Peggy Marshburn, Chief Communications Officer, reported that this is her last board meeting. She commented that she enjoyed her many years working at the County Office of Education.

TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Staff Report

Mac Carey, Chief Technology Officer, reported that the financial system which supports West Contra Costa Unified School District has been upgraded and went "live" on June 13. COE hosts their software and hardware.

**BOARD
Legislative Update**

Ms. Mirabella said she is concerned about the Governor's suggestion to limit the local control reserves. She recommended that the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools send a letter to the Governor expressing it as unacceptable. The Board agreed that a resolution should be brought to the Board to be voted on.

**Consider membership to the National
School Boards Association (NSBA)**

Mr. Asadoorian moved, Ms. Mirabella seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the membership to the NSBA membership for 2014-15.

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

**Board Member Gomes is presenting to
the Contra Costa County Board of
Education (CCCBOE) Resolution 11-
13/14 ordering an election that would
give the voters of Contra Costa County
the opportunity to vote on whether the
CCCBOE should appoint the county
superintendent of schools or the
electorate should continue to elect the
county superintendent of schools**

Mr. Gomes shared that he authored the resolution. He also stated that comments have been received from County Counsel and a private law firm that are in opposition to it. Material supplied by Pam Mirabella gives the pros and cons of continuing to elect the superintendent or change to appointing. He explained that it has been rejected four times in the past. He said he believes appointing is preferable because it provides power and direction from a county board and echoes the system that is used in private industry and school districts. He said that because of the horrendous costs involved to pursue this, he will vote against the resolution.

Ms. Mirabella distributed copies of her report to the Board, which she also read aloud. In it she cited attorney Lance Olson's research that concludes there are two options which are: to ask County Supervisors to place it on the ballot or use the initiative process to collect voter's signatures to place it on the ballot. She suggested a third alternative which would be to have the County Board ask local legislators and Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to sponsor a bill that would give the voters an opportunity to vote on whether a county board should appoint or continue to have voters elect the county superintendent of schools. She proposed that a letter be drafted and sent to Mr. Torlakson and the local legislators. She commended Dan Gomes for putting the resolution together. She suggested not going through the County Supervisors because outside sources have told her there is potential for being sued.

Mr. Asadoorian said in theory he is in favor of appointing the superintendent. However, when the amount is discussed, it would be such a tremendous surge from the budget. More than \$600,000. He is in favor of the suggestion from Ms. Mirabella.

Ms. Ruehlig stated the Board has spent \$9000 to receive information that was already given to them twice before by County Counsel. She said she doesn't believe a problem exists that needs to be solved. Also, it would be too expensive to put it on the ballot and there is no reason to believe it would be approved. She said there should be a separation of the roles and responsibilities of the Board and the County Office of Education. The Board's focus should be on policy and procedures and the responsibilities given to them by the Education Code.

Ms. Deane said she thinks it would be hard to persuade the electorate to give up their right to choose the school superintendent. Going forward, as more and more power is taken away from local school boards; parents will want to hold onto whatever they can.

Mr. Asadoorian moved, Ms. Mirabella seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to reject the resolution.

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

Ms. Mirabella said she will bring it back as an agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Asadoorian moved, Ms. Mirabella seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Consider approval of minutes of May 19, 2014, May 28, 2014 and June 4, 2014

Ayes: Mirabella, Gomes, Asadoorian, Deane, Ruehlig

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Consider granting of a High School Diploma to high school student MM 1-06/18/2014

Consider granting of a High School Diploma to adult school student CCAS 1-06/18/2014

Consider granting of a High School Diploma to adult school student CCAS 2-06/18/2014

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 Marchus graduation on June 6. On June 25 she will attend the West County Detention Facilities Awards Ceremony. Ms. Deane will attend the WCDF ceremony as well. Mr. Asadoorian attended the graduation luncheon in Brentwood, the College Bound Brotherhood in Oakland, the Youth Intervention Network and the Showcase Schools in Antioch.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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 18, 2014, and are subject to amendments and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.

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