

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
September 16, 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 Mirabella called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. OPENING PROCEDURES

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

3. CLOSED SESSION – none

4. RECOGNITIONS- none

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Arbour commented on the investigation of Clayton Valley Charter High School (CVCHS) and asked the Board to not approve the Rocketship Charter. Allison Snow shared concerns regarding Clayton Valley Charter High School. Denise Pursche commented on Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium testing. Liza Rios Dinoffer shared concerns regarding Rocketship Charter. Holly Tillman encouraged a forensic audit of Clayton Valley Charter High School's finances. Suleyma Moss said she hopes parents will question what they hear and not just accept what they are being told. Denise Lambert requested transcripts of the last two board meetings. Willie Mims said Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP)s should not be rubberstamped.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Public Hearing on the Petition to Establish Rocketship Mt. Diablo (RSMD) Charter School

President Mirabella opened the public hearing at 5:36 p.m. Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Bill Clark stated the CCCOE charter review committee will conduct a review of the petition based on the criteria set forth in state law. Mr. Clark introduced David Kuizenga who shared a PowerPoint presentation on RSMD.

Ms. Mirabella asked to have the PowerPoint be sent to all Board members. The Board asked clarifying questions of the petitioners.

Following a brief break the Board reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Public Comment

The following shared concerns regarding the Rocketship Charter School petition: Nellie Meyer, Mary Louise Newling, Allison Snow, Linda Mayo, Simon Santana, Sue Talarico, Denise Pursche, Tom Blanks, Liza Rios Dinoffer, Anita Johnson, Susan Seeley, Blanca Vega, Sandra Wilbanks, Natalia Sifuentes, Amelia Rueds, Cindy Novello, Julie Kennedy, Katie Koontz, Kimberly Leydon, Isabel Lara, Teresa Torres, Guy Moore, Kenneth Kent, Denise Lambert, Steve Elster, Wendy Stark, Willie Mims, Kipp Penovich, Marta Flores, and Dorothy Weisenberger.

The following spoke in support of the Rocketship Charter School petition: Hilary Harmssen, Alison Blair, Silvia Barajas, Cristina Gutierrez, Teshoni Jones, Barrett Burkett, Shannon Bryant, and Brad Kavanaugh.

President Mirabella closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Maxwell moved, Gomes seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

7.2 Board Meeting Minutes - September 2, 2015

7.3 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs)- August 2015

7.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to High School Student MM 1-09/16/15

7.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to High School Student MM 2-09/16/15

7.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to High School Student MM 3-09/16/15

7.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS 1-09/16/15

7.8 Consider Acceptance of Public Gift

Donation from Mrs. Lynda Williams and matched funds from The Clorox Company to be used for East County LMC Transition Program, in the amount of \$162.44

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Karen Sakata, Superintendent of Schools, thanked everyone that helped facilitate Institute Day. She recently attended the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) conference. She also visited ROP programs in the San Ramon Valley and Mt. Diablo school districts with State Superintendent of Schools, Tom Torlakson and others.

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Contra Costa County Office of Education 2014-15 Unaudited Actuals Reports

Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Bill Clark summarized the schedule changes. At Ms. Mirabella's request he will provide the summary of savings realized from the recent early retirement incentive.

9.2 Call for Nominations for Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian, and County

No motion made.

9.3 Labor Agreement Proposals

Katie Gaines, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, shared the initial proposal from Contra Costa County Schools Education Association/CTA/NEA for Reopener Agreement and the Initial Management Proposal for Reopener Agreement with Representatives of the Certificated Unit. This was presented as information.

10. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

Deputy Superintendent, Pamela Comfort, shared SBAC scores have been released. The reports are available online. The Attorney General has released the report on California Elementary School Truancy and Absenteeism Crisis. She will send the link to Ms. Joseph to forward to Board members. Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Bill Clark, shared he has received information regarding CSBA policies for County Boards. Chief Information Officer, Terry Koehne, reminded the Board the Teacher of the Year Dinner will take place on Thursday, September 24.

11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

President Mirabella shared the positions taken by CCBE with the Board. She expressed disappointment in the failure of the Reserve Cap.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - None

13. EVENTS CALENDAR

September 24, 6:00 p.m., Teacher of the Year Dinner, Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord
December 3 - 5, CSBA Annual Conference, San Diego

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. BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Belle, Ms. Deane, and Ms. Mirabella attended the CCBE conference. President Mirabella spoke recently at a Contra Costa Community College Board meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.