

Contra Costa County Board of Education

MINUTES

Board Meeting
January 13, 2021

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, Superintendent
Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Cheryl Cotton- Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Nick Berger- Senior Director, Student Programs
Marcus Walton- Director, Communications
Rebecca Vichiquis- Director, Student Programs

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

All Board members are present

3.2 Agenda Review and Adoption

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes, Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the agenda as presented.

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Sarah Butler, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara

No: None

Absent: None

4. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Recognize Outgoing Cabinet Member

Cheryl Cotton, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources will be leaving CCCOE for an HR position with the State Department of Education. Board members thanks Ms. Cotton for her service.

5.2 Resolution 13-20/21 Recognition of Black History Month

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes. Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the resolution as presented.

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Sarah Butler, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara

No: None

Absent: None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

6.2 Board Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2020

6.3 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) - December 2020 (COTTON)

6.4 Review of Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (BERGER)

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes. Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Sarah Butler, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara

No: None

Absent: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Labor Agreement Proposal - CCCSEA (COTTON)

Cheryl Cotton, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, presented the Board and public on the initial labor agreement proposals for CCCOE's certificated unit, CCCSEA. This proposal is being presented in accordance with Board Policy 4135.31 regarding the public noticing of collective bargaining proposals. Administrative Regulation 4135.31(a) provides that initial collective bargaining proposals shall be presented to the Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools in public during a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Following initial presentation of this proposal, the Board schedules this item at the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to receive public input.

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Consider approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Mt. McKinley School (BERGER) - ACTION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs introduced Director Rebecca Vichiquis who presented the Board with information on Mt. McKinley School Accountability Report Card. All public schools in California are required annually to prepare SARCs and disseminate them to the public. SARCs are intended to provide the public with important information about each public school and to communicate a school's progress in achieving its goals.

Board members asked questions regarding student reading assessment and progress tracking, student demographics, CTE course availability, facility maintenance and online curriculum.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes. Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the SARC as presented.

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Sarah Butler, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara

No: None

Absent: None

9.2 Consider approval of the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for our Special Education Schools (BERGER) - ACTION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs introduced Director Rebecca Vichiquis who presented the Board with information on Special Education School Accountability Report Card.

Board members asked questions regarding the ageing textbooks.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Consuelo Lara.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes. Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the SARC as presented.

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Sarah Butler, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara

No: None

Absent: None

9.3 Review of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Golden Gate Community School (BERGER) - INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs introduced Director Rebecca Vichiquis who presented the Board with information on Golden Gate Community School Accountability Report Card.

Board members asked questions regarding approval oversight.

9.4 Consider approval of the Mt. McKinley School Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the federal funding that the school receives through the Consolidated Application (BERGER) - ACTION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs introduced Director Rebecca Vichiquis who presented the Board with information on Mt. McKinley School Single Plan for Student Achievement. The California Education Code (EC 64001 a) requires that each school receiving funds through the Consolidated Application to develop a Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Each school must have a school site council involved in the creation and approval of these plans. The stated purpose of the SPSA is to improve the academic performance of all pupils. These plans are created with input at School Site Council meetings.

Board members asked questions regarding funding allocations, barriers information and special funding information.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Anamarie Farias.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes. Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the SPSA as presented.

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Sarah Butler, Anamarie Farias, Consuelo Lara

No: None

Absent: None

9.5 Review of Golden Gate Community Charter School Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the federal funding that the school receives through the Consolidated Application (BERGER) - INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs introduced Director Rebecca Vichiquis who presented the Board with information on Golden Gate CS School Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Board members asked questions regarding administrative costs, site coaches collaboration and coordination of services, attendance improvements and digital arts program.

9.6 School of Performing Arts (SPA) Memorandum of Understanding (CLARK)- ACTION

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Board with information on the Contra Costa School of Performing Arts MOU. On November 18, 2020, the County board of Education took action to approve the charter renewal for the Contra Costa School of Performing Arts (SPA). The approval included the requirement to submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Board based on an approved MOU template developed by the County Board. Staffed worked with legal counsel and with the SPA Petitioner to prepare the MOU in accordance with the approved template.

Board members asked questions regarding parent complaint process, make up of Board of Directors, accessibility of public meetings, material revision request timeline, opening additional sites, dispute resolutions and other communications sent to entire Board, regulations referenced in MOU, expulsion appeals and next steps.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes. Board voted 4-1-0 to approve the MOU as presented.

Yes: Mike Maxwell, Annette Lewis, Sarah Butler, Anamarie Farias

No: Consuelo Lara

Absent: None

9.7 Proposed Northgate Unified School District Update (CLARK)

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Board with information on the previous proposed Northgate district organization. On August 28, 2017, the Contra Costa Committee on School District Organization took action to Deny the Petition to Form the Northgate Unified School District. A copy of the County Committee's action is included with this item. The denial was appealed to the State Board of Education. Staff has included their presentation on the proposed school district creation to assist the Committee with the history of this matter.

In December 2020, the California Department of Education (CDE) opened its file on the Northgate Unification proposal with the hopes of presenting to the State Board of Education (SBE) sometime during the summer of 2021. The first step is to send a letter to the County Superintendent (with copies to all affected parties) requesting the information that will be needed to complete CDE analyses and recommendation to the SBE. There is no action required by the County Board or County Committee. Mr. Clark will keep the Board posted as more information becomes available.

Board members asked questions regarding our role if the state approves, facilities inquiries.

Public Comment:

Janine Payne- speaking against Northgate district reorganization

Meg Honey- speaking against Northgate district reorganization

Jessica Clark- speaking against Northgate district reorganization

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Lynn Mackey provided the Board with an update regarding the Black History Month Resolution. Superintendent Mackey introduced Julie Dooley, Coordinator, Educational Services, who provided the Board with a document that Educational Services provides to teachers and administrators in the districts with resources and materials on Black History Month for use in the classrooms and in the community. Superintendent Mackey also updated the Board on the status of vaccines in our community. Superintendent Mackey met with the County Health officials, Kaiser and John Muir Health regarding vaccinating educators. Prioritization within the educational community remains a topic of conversation. The stay at home order is still in effect until the case rates decline. All CCCOE programs are still in distance learning.

Board members asked questions regarding vaccine prioritization and making the attached social unrest document available on the county website.

11. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES

11.1 Cabinet Member Updates

Bill Clark, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Board with information on budget projections, the Manzanita MOU will be coming to the Board at the February Board Meeting. Clayton Valley Charter will start in-person learning soon and may have to lease space to make room for their current students in the social distancing requirements.

Cheryl Cotton, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources updated the Board with a new hire in Student Programs, Michael Allum will be the new Assistant Principal, Denise Clark was promoted to Manager in Educational Services. Ms. Cotton thanked the Board.

12. BOARD REPORTS

12.1 Board Reports

Trustee Lara will be submitting a resolution to Trustee Lewis and Superintendent Mackey regarding the events of January 6 at the Capitol

Trustee Maxwell attended meetings with parent groups in the San Ramon Valley regarding election recall process.

Trustee Butler attended the CSBA webinar on Governor's Budget and will be attending the BOE Workshop on Feb. 4

Trustee Lewis will be meeting with other Board members in her local districts to discuss support and collaboration

13. EVENTS CALENDAR

13.1 Calendar of Events

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.