

**County Board of Education
Ronald L. Stewart Center
77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California
December 10, 2014**

- ROLL CALL:** Pamela Mirabella, Area 1 Trustee; Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee; Daniel Gomes, Area 3 Trustee; and Jeff Belle, Area 5 Trustee.
- Absent:** Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee
- Others:** Joseph Ovick, Pamela Comfort, Terry Koehne, Bill Clark, Katie Gaines, 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 5:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Oaths of Office** Joseph Ovick, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools, administered the Oath of Office to Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee and Jeff Belle, Area 5 Trustee. Dr. Ovick administered the Oath of Office to Mike Maxwell at the Pleasant Hill Rotary meeting on December 4, 2014.
- Reorganization of the Board** Jeff Belle said he was honored for being elected as a Board member and thanked his family for their support.
- Mirabella moved, Gomes seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to appoint Mr. Gomes as President, Ms. Mirabella as Vice President, and Ms. Deane as Clerk.
- Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None
- AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION** Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the agenda as presented. The graduation recognition was moved before Public Comment.
- Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None
- RECOGNITIONS**
- Consider granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school student DVHS 1-12/10/2014** Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve granting of a high school diploma to high school student DVHS 1-12/10/14.
- Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None
- President Gomes and Dr. Ovick, County Superintendent of Schools presented the graduate with his diploma and offered their congratulations.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Nellie Meyers, Superintendent, Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD), stated that MDUSD does not support the approval of the Contra Costa School of Performing Arts.
- Willie Mims, East County NAACP/PBPA, congratulated Jeff Belle and Christine Deane on their successful elections. He stated the Brown Act allows the public to speak on any agenda item. He also said the NAACP opposes the emergence of charter schools unless they have a valid purpose.

Ms. Mirabella presented Mr. Gomes with the centerpiece from the Teacher of the Year Dinner. She offered her personal thanks as well as thanks from outgoing and current Board members for his leadership in 2014.

CLOSED SESSION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the Petition to Establish the Contra Costa School of Performing Arts (the Charter School)

President Gomes opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, introduced the petition to establish the charter school and stated the COE has no specific comments at this time.

Comments from the Petitioners

Neil McChesney, lead petitioner, shared a PowerPoint presentation and provided information regarding the petition. He said there is widespread support in the area. In answer to a question from Ms. Mirabella he stated that Education Code provides for additional factors in terms of what the county board needs to look at when deciding whether or not to approve a countywide charter. He expressed disappointment that MDUSD Superintendent Meyers doesn't embrace the project, but understands her position. He said his team looked at all districts in the county and what their arts programs offer. The Contra Costa School of Performing Arts (CCSPA) would differ by offering pre-professional training that cannot be mirrored in the traditional elective arts program. The student's entire academic experience at CCSPA would be imbued with some level of performing arts. Ms. Mirabella expressed concern about the enrollment process and the requirement for auditioning. She asked how the acceptance of Special Education and English learner students will work. Mr. McChesney explained that those students would be admitted and served. The charter speaks to that issue at length. Ms. Mirabella expressed interest in visiting the proposed site.

In answer to a question from Mr. Belle regarding support from the community, Mr. McChesney responded that there are one-hundred signatures on their website. They continue to have meetings across the county to help get the word out. He further explained that it is not the burden of the petitioners to prove that the charter would not have a negative impact on Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Additionally, they are not trying to serve a population that would have a great impact on enrollment or ADA.

Ms. Mirabella asked staff to review the funding for the facilities costs. Mr. McChesney explained that they will apply for grants and are thus far guaranteed a \$250,000 loan from the state.

Mr. Gomes inquired about the admission process. It was explained by Mr. McChesney that a diverse and vetted panel will be used to make sure there is an objective process structured.

Comments from the Public

The following spoke in favor of approving the charter petition: David Shuey, Scott DeVenney, Noelle Arms, Richard Asadoorian, Colleen Cull, Melissa Kirmsse, Stacey Wickware, Lisa Kingsbury, Janet Gower, Tom Nichols, Rob Seitelman, Jason Miller, Alison Bacigalupo, Betty Lou Moglen, Barbara Goldsmith, Kristyn Pullen, Michelle Lopez, Brianna Shahvar, and Guy Moore.

The following spoke in opposition of approving the charter petition: Mary Vinciguerra, Linda Delgado, Dr. Mara Lockowandt, Patrick Martin, Dorothy Weisenberger, and Denise Lambert.

Toni Taylor said she is neither pro nor con and explained programs offered by San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Jennifer Krnich expressed concern with charter school oversight.

A brief break took place during public comment.

President Gomes closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

A brief break took place after the public hearing was closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Joseph Ovick, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools, invited the Board of Education to the January 5 dedication of the COE Student Services area, which will become the Ellen Elster

Student Services area. Deputy Superintendent Karen Sakata will be sworn in as the County Superintendent of Schools the same day. He commended staff for the good work they continue to do and thanked the Board for working well together.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Consider Approval of the 2014-15 First Period Interim Report of the Contra Costa County Office of Education Budget

Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services presented the first interim report. He recognized Jane Lin, Manager, Budget and Accounting, who compiles the projections by program and consolidates them into the interim report. He shared that the audit of last year's financial statement was completed without exception. He gave a copy of the Board's budget to Board members.

Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the First Interim Report as presented.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

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

Bill Clark, said the cash flow projection through September is approximately \$6.4 million. This amount is lower than last year at this time. The reason being the change in the billing cycle for special education. The report also gives a breakdown of how cash is invested. COE is in compliance with government code and has secure investments which are handled through the County Auditor and County Treasurer's Office.

Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 06-14/15 to verify Certificate of Signatures of person or persons authorized to sign orders drawn on funds of the county office and Notice of Employment as defined on the Certificate

Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to adopt resolution 6-14/15 as presented.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

School districts are required to hold an annual organizational meeting in December and need to adopt a new Certificate of Signatures Resolution. Effective December 10, 2014 – January 5, 2015.

Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 07-14/15 to verify Certificate of Signatures of person or persons authorized to sign orders drawn on funds of the county office and Notice of Employment as defined on the Certificate

Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to adopt resolution 7-14/15 as presented.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

School districts are required to hold an annual organizational meeting in December and need to adopt a new Certificate of Signatures Resolution. Effective January 5, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Consider Approval of a Lease Agreement between the Contra Costa County Board of Education and the Antioch Unified School District for a 960 sq. ft. portable building at John

Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the lease agreement as presented.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None

Muir Elementary School

Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

Staff Report

None

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Staff Report

Dr. Pamela Comfort, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, speaking on behalf of administrators and staff, recognized Dr. Ovick for his service to the County Office of Education and students of Contra Costa County. He was presented with an engraved gift.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff Report

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Report

Terry Koehne, Chief Communications Officer, reported that West Contra Costa Unified School District will be closed Wednesday in anticipation of the upcoming storm. Several districts in neighboring counties will be closed as well.

TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Staff Report

None

BOARD

Legislative Update

Ms. Deane will be attending the upcoming CSBA conference as a delegate.

**Adoption of the 2015 Proposed
Schedule of Regular Meetings of the
County Board of Education**

Ms. Mirabella requested that any additional meetings be scheduled on Wednesdays.

Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to approve the calendar of Board meetings for 2015.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

**Policy Committee Members and
Possible Meeting Dates**

Mirabella moved, Gomes seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to appoint Jeff Belle and Christine Deane to serve on the Policy Committee. The meeting dates will be set at a later date.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

**Appoint Christine Deane to Serve as the
county board representative to vote at
the CCBE General Breakfast
Membership meeting**

Mirabella moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to appoint Christine Deane as the county board representative to vote at the CCBE General Breakfast Membership meeting.

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carmen Belle said she would like Board meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m. so it would be more convenient for the public and parents to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consider approval of minutes of November 5, 2014

Ayes: Gomes, Deane, Belle, Mirabella
Noes: None
Absent: Maxwell
Abstain: None

Consider Temporary County Certificates (TCCs)

Granting of Contra Costa County High School Diploma to high school students MM 1-12/10/2014, MM 2-12/10/2014, MM 3-12/10/2014, and DVHS 1-12/10/2014

Granting of Contra Costa County High School Diploma to adult school students CCAS 1-12/10/2014 and CCAS 2-12/10/2014

CORRESPONDENCE/EVENTS CALENDAR

Correspondence: None

Calendar of Events:

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

December 17, Qtly Awards Ceremony, WCDF, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

December 18, Qtly Awards Ceremony, MCDF, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 5, Swearing In Ceremony – Superintendent, CCCOE, 11:30 a.m.

January 14, Regular Board Meeting, CCCOE, 5:00 p.m.

January 21, Board Workshop, CCCOE, 3:30 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES

Ms. Mirabella attended the Marchus Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 20. On December 3 she attended the West County League of Women Voters Holiday event. She attended Tony Thurman’s swearing in for the 15th District Assembly. Mr. Belle attended the DLAC meeting at Antioch Middle School. Ms. Deane met with Vicki Gordon of the Community College Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Joseph A. Owick, 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 December 10, 2014, and are subject to amendments and/or correction prior to the approval of the County Board of Education.

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