



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.1d

Meeting Date: January 7, 2016

Subject: Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2015, Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda Conference/Action

- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2015, Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Engagement

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the November 19, 2015, Board of Education Regular Meeting

Approved by: N/A

**Sacramento City Unified School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING AND WORKSHOP**

Board of Education Members

Darrel Woo, President (Trustee Area 6)

Christina Pritchett, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)

Jay Hansen, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 1)

Ellen Cochrane, (Trustee Area 2)

Gustavo Arroyo, (Trustee Area 4)

Diana Rodriguez, (Trustee Area 5)

Jessie Ryan, (Trustee Area 7)

Elizabeth Barry, Student Member

Thursday, November 19, 2015

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:30 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2015/16-10

- 3.1 *Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:*
 - a) *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9*
 - b) *Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9*
- 3.2 *Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining CSA, SCTA, SEIU, Teamsters, UPE, Unrepresented Management*
- 3.3 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Woo.

Members Present:

President Darrel Woo

Vice President Christina Pritchett

Second Vice President Jay Hansen

Gustavo Arroyo

Ellen Cochrane

Board. Please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to two (2) minutes with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

Public Comment:

Brian Nelson spoke regarding C. K. McClatchy boosters' club, Restore the Roar. Mr. Nelson asked the Board for help with some needs of the campus and gave the Board some printed information.

Grace Trujillo spoke on the importance of training regarding bullying.

Member Ryan thanked Adrian Moreno for his statements. She spoke of an effort she launched last year around this time called “No Child Eats Alone Day” as part of a statewide non-profit called “Beyond Differences”. It was piloted at a middle school. She told Adrian Moreno that his suggestion to start a club at his school that would teach students about students with disabilities is phenomenal. Beyond Differences has a tool kit for such a club, and this year she has talked to the District about expanding No Child Eats Alone Day to all middle schools. She would like to work with him to put a Beyond Differences club at the school sites.

Darlene Anderson spoke on the importance of parent involvement.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Generally routine items are approved by one motion without discussion. The Superintendent or a Board member may request an item be pulled from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.

8.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

- 8.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreements, Ratification of Other Agreements, Approval of Bid Awards, Change Notices and Notices of Completion (Gerardo Castillo, CPA)
- 8.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)
- 8.1c Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks, and Electronic Transfers Issued for the Period of October 2015 (Gerardo Castillo, CPA)
- 8.1d Approve Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting Date – December 10, 2015 (General Counsel)
- 8.1e Approve State of California Department of General Services Application for Donation of Computer Equipment for Sutter Middle School (Olga Simms)
- 8.1f Approve Resolution No. 2860: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends (José L. Banda)
- 8.1g Approve Minutes of the October 15, 2015, Board of Education Meeting (José L. Banda)

Public Comment:

Karen Swett noted that on the Consent Agenda the Board is approving an expenditure of 2.8 million dollars for after school programs. She said this is made up of state and federal pots of money, identified in an Escape period 4 summary report, with a current total amount posted of 11 million dollars. She said there is probably a logical explanation for the 8 million dollar difference, maybe due to carry over funds. She said the agenda item does not identify tdn180.96 Tmsources (r)-1(e)4(nt)-2(t10(n t)-2()-1((r)-1(e)dd t10(n t)--2(d

Perhaps it should be clear in the LCAP how each of these individual departments is supporting a specific LCAP goal.

President Woo asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. A motion was made to approve by Vice President Pritchett and seconded by Member Ryan. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

9.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

9.1 Approve Resolution No. 2861: Renewal of the Charter for Capitol Collegiate Academy (Jack Kraemer)

Charter Oversight Coordinator Jack Kraemer gave the presentation on behalf of the District's charter review team of the findings and recommendations for the renewal petition of Capitol Collegiate Academy. Principal Fiorelli and counsel from Lozano Smith joined him. The presentation included an overview of the school, a listing of members of the District charter

(LCAP) selection and the process that leads up to it. He went over requirements of establishing an advisory committee using a democratic process. He explained that each Board member and the Superintendent

Member Cochrane: Carl Pinkston and Dr. Pia Wong
Member Hansen: Ray Green and Kate Woolley-Van Buren
Member Arroyo: Jonathan Tran and Edward Camargo
Vice President Pritchett: Veronica Guzman and Gabriela Cruz
President Woo: Camica Edwards and Christina Martinez
Superintendent Banda: Roy Alexander and Juanita Saldana

President Woo asked Dr. Rogers to reach out to the new committee members immediately.

Member Rodriguez added that last year committee members asked for data information which they did not

Public Comment:

Karen Swett, from Making Cents Work, said that as a retired C. K. McClatchy High School teacher she is happy about this renovation. However she feels the Board should be looking at actuals and not just titles of pots of money. She brought expenditure reports of the budgets managed by the Facilities Department and provided them to the Board. She spoke about these budgets.

Bob Hammes, of Making Cents Work, addressed class size reduction and noted that it has never been included in any Facilities reports presented to the Board. He asked that the Board require the Facilities Department to include in their evaluations of sites to include what sort of studies or analysis is being done to answer how the District is going to meet class size reduction with the existing structures. He would like to see public reports on how the District is addressing this concern.

Board Member Comment:

Member Rodriguez noted that she has asked several times about getting a needed pool pump at Luther Burbank High School. She asked Ms. Allen about this. Ms. Allen said that it has been included in a Prop 39 application. She is not sure if it is part of year two or three, but she will check. Member Rodriguez said that she was just at the school and looked at the pool, and they definitely need help with the pool. She also said congratulations to C. K. McClatchy High School as the planned renovation looks beautiful. However she hears too often that there are two schools going on there, the HISP program and then everyone else. She asked if there was any thought of integrating HISP and some of the classes along with this discussion. Mr. Lambert said yes, the Visual and Performing Arts program (VAPA) will serve all students at the high school. They are looking forward to every student, as a graduation requirement, taking an arts class. Also, quite often the community is served with the school's facilities by outside groups. Therefore they feel it will be a community hub.

Member Hansen said he wanted to recognize the team as he has been watching this development for some time now. It has been a teacher-led program, and he thinks it is very exciting. His only concern is that the school is already at capacity and this will make the school even more desirable. He noted the difficulty of maintaining a school that is beautiful and ninety years old. He looks forward to seeing the work move along.

9.4 Adopting School Attendance Area for McKinley Village at Theodore Judah Elementary School (Mary Hardin Young and Jim Dobson) **Conference/Action**

Area Assistant Superintendent Mary Hardin Young began the presentation by stating that she and Facilities Director Jim Dobson are bringing forward staff's recommendation to adopt the school attendance area for McKinley Village at Theodore Judah Elementary School. She gave some brief background information. Mr. Dobson then went over goals, the current attendance area, the McKinley Village area and location, and proposed attendance area. Ms. Hardin Young then recommended that the Board identify Theodore Judah Elementary School as the school that elementary students would be attending from McKinley Village. She said they would like to publish the new attendance area map as quickly as possible and add McKinley Village addresses to the District school locator. Folders were provided to the Board that contain additional and more detailed maps as well as a letter that was sent to the District as a response to some safety concerns from the city traffic engineer.

Public Comment:

Avenue is such a dangerous street, wants to make sure that the crossing coming from McKinley Way is going to be safe enough for the children to not be in danger when they cross the street. The city has put a double cross walk which adheres to rules and regulations, and she understands the explanation for having it, but Member Cochrane said that it is problematic when you have a double stop crosswalk as cars will come towards the first crossing, stop, and then proceed. However there is no second stop at the second crosswalk. On a normal street, this would be good enough; however you must remember that cars are coming around Elvas Avenue very fast. You have school children walking across the crosswalk and potentially could have someone not coming to a stop if a child is in the second crosswalk. Member Cochrane pointed out, for the record, that this is not a good situation. Another concern she has is with a statement from Mr. Hector Barron of the City of Sacramento, Department of Public Works Transportation Division. He stated that there is no advance pedestrian or school crossing; it is a stop controlled intersection and as such does not warrant advance warning for pedestrian and school crossings. The statement goes on to say that additionally, these warning treatments are not permitted by the California Vehicle Code, Section 21368. Member Cochrane asked about this Code and for him to explain why it is not possible to actually put up a school crossing warning. David Edrosolan with the City of Sacramento, Department of Public Works answered. He said that basically the vehicle code states that one cannot stripe specifically for schools, as in changing the crosswalks from white color to yellow for example, unless the crosswalk is within 600 feet of the school. Member Cochrane asked about signage. Mr. Edrosolan said that this is for signage and stripping. Member Cochrane said that we have to adhere to the rules; they have their set of rules, and she understands that. There might be possibilities, however, that they could look at for providing more safety. She would appreciate it if staff would look into this more thoroughly. She does not believe this crossing is as safe as it can be. She does not believe that it has proper signage for Elvas Avenue and C Street. She does know that cars go 50 plus miles an hour even though it is zoned for 35 miles an hour, and believes that this is a potential disaster. We should do everything we can to make sure a disaster does not happen; if that means additional signage that comes close to but does not violate the Code, then she thinks we should do it. She wants staff to look into this, hopes that we can do it, and that the City will assist. Whatever we find that will increase the safety of the children going to 40th Street across C Street and Elvas Avenue that is not paid for by the City or the District should be paid by the developer.

President Woo moved the Item from Conference to Action. It was seconded by Member Arroyo.

Member Ryan said that we have had an intense level of scrutiny on this process with an eye toward safety for our students. She had previously reached out for independent recommendations with city staff and went through the list of questions and concerns that she was hearing from her fellow colleagues. She feels like those concerns had been more than sufficiently met. Member Ryan agrees that we always have to work hard to ensure that our students have safe, walkable, bikeable paths to school, but she does want to recognize that some schools in her area do not even have a speed bump or crosswalks in front. She earlier supported the 6
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grandfathered in, as well as siblings. Also, Open Enrollment has not been established yet because we have to wait until the boundary is set for Washington Elementary School. Therefore this is an important measure on which to move forward. He said we will certainly make sure that clear outreach is done to any of the affected families so that they will know their rights. Second Vice President Hansen asked for the Board's support in moving this along.

Member Cochrane said that she was in the meeting that discussed these boundaries. At that time the number of affected families was estimated to be from 15 to 18. She thought this was a good idea, and she thinks it is a good idea to not cross students over the railroad tracks. After the meeting it was pointed out to her that when we talk about boundaries, we engage the community, and they are fully involved in the decision making process. This is the piece that was missing; we did not fully do that. She agrees with Second Vice President Hansen. She feels it is a safety issue to go across railroad tracks. She thinks one of the reasons the process was not followed was because of enrollment; that there was concern that we would not be able to take enrollments on time. Ms. Moua said we would like to give our families as much notification as possible. Member Cochrane went on to say that it is her understanding that if we bring this forward to a vote tonight that we will give assurances that due process is given to those parents and the Theodore Judah Elementary School community, including administration, that the Parent Teacher Group (PTG), the entire school population, and residents can weigh in. This will be tricky; if there is a ground swell of disagreement, how will we handle that? Perhaps this is a President Woo question. Member Cochrane went on to say she agrees that we need to make this change, but we have to have due process.

Second Vice President Hansen said that if there is a ground swell then the Board member who represents that area will have to work through that with the community. He said he has talked to a lot of folks in the area of the Washington Elementary School community and, because we are grandfathering in the families, everyone there is protected. This is the key point he heard, i.e., that we were not asking students to move. a(on E)-2(f)

Member Cochrane asked Second Vice President Hansen if he were willing to engage the community.

Second Vice President Hansen said that he engages in community every single day. He noted that Theodore Judah Elementary School is in Member Cochrane's area, and he wishes that the Principal had reached out to him before making comments this evening. He feels he represents his constituents very well, and he thinks he understands what folks know what is important in the community. The reopening of Washington Elementary School is something that they have been working on for two years. He is quite accessible and always willing to revisit something if he thinks that he has made an error. He also feels we have done a very fair process by allowing everyone to stay at the school of choice. Were we supposed to go through a whole process of contacting all the people affected by the re-established boundaries? He does not know; all the Board is doing the best they can, and he hopes this will be satisfactory. If it is not and there is a ground swell of people in his area that come to him, he will be happy to revisit this.

Member Cochrane said that she appreciates his comments. She is trying to get clarity around this important boundary issue. Member Cochrane asked if we can separate out the two blocks of land. This would put the capitol mall area into the Washington district and not move the Theodore Judah Elementary School boundary at this time.

Second Vice President Hansen said that if we want to reopen the whole boundaries of Theodore Judah Elementary School we can do that. He sees that it is underneath the Highway 50 freeway and way down in Curtis Park, so we are talking about mileage and area. This opens another whole can of worms, and who knows how those boundaries were drawn many years ago? Some do not make much sense to him.

Member Cochrane thanked Second Vice President Hansen for his point of view and said she is in agreement with him. What she is trying to ensure is that we do not disengage a part of the population from having a discussion on this issue. She stated that we did make an error in not reaching out to Theodore Judah Elementary School; the clarity she is trying to get is can we have this discussion and revisit this if necessary. If the answer is yes, then let us move the motion. If it is not yes, then perhaps we can have a friendly amendment to separate the two parcels of land. Respectfully and in appreciation of your seeing the railroad track there, Member Cochrane says she is all for it, but we also have to engage the community. Member Cochrane asked if we can do this.

President Woo asked what Member Cochrane is suggesting to bifurcate.

Member Cochrane said she does not want to do this, but if we cannot come to a conclusion any other way, she suggests separating the Capitol Mall area that is suggested to go to Washington Elementary School and then the lower portion next to 16th Street that is part of Theodore Judah Elementary School's area would stay as is. However, she would like to pass the amendment with the guarantee that the community of Theodore Judah Elementary School will have due process, and we can revisit this if need be.

Second Vice President Hansen said he is happy to commit to that.

Member Rodriguez said that we did not get the benefit of seeing this beforehand. She is not comfortable to move in any direction, but after hearing the discussion so far, she asked Second Vice President Hansen if he would be willing to accept an amendment to the boundary change that would affect two students tonight and at the next Board meeting continue the Item. Counsel Jerry Behrens interjected that we have a Brown Act issue with this as this is the issue before the Board. Member Rodriguez then suggested another amendment. Discussion was had on boundary details. Member Rodriguez noted that this is to be a destination school, so students will come from outside of the boundaries also.

Member Arroyo said that as he reads the driving governance of this, the Board is directed to periodically look at attendance to make sure all is in balance. He understands that a particular section had traditionally been assigned to Theodore Judah Elementary School, but there is nothing sacrosanct to say that boundaries need to stay the same as they are right now. He is not saying that there should not be any discussion. There was a change of attendance areas while he was on the Board a few years ago. So there is nothing new about the District seeing the balance of the population change and redrawing attendance areas. He feels it is great to advocate for communities that we represent, but we need to look at the entire District. His perspective is that we can come back to this at any time as a Board to revisit it. Even if the Board approves the plan as it is in place today, if there is a surge in population or other changes next year, the Board can at any time make additional decisions. He asked if there are specific problems that someone would like to point out as to what is wrong with approving this plan besides the idea that we need to engage the community. So we engage and talk to the community, come back to the next Board meeting, and it is the same? Or are there specific issues that need to be addressed? If there are, then bring them to the fore so they can be discussed, and the Board can figure out if this is the path to be taken. Otherwise this is just a theoretical conversation. Member Arroyo suggested approving the plan unless the decision is to approve a different one. Other than that, he is ready to move with the plan.

Member Ryan said that it was pointed out to her that students west of the railroad track are bussed, so it is not an immediate safety issue. She said that, in looking at community engagement and recognizing that that is paramount to ensuring we have families that feel their voices are heard, she appreciates that Second Vice President Hansen is recognizing he will convene a community dialogue and, if there is a ground swell of support, he will move into another direction and do the will of our families. So we could say we are going to recognize the Open Enrollment period, ask for a timeline in December where that community meeting
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None

Board Member Comment:

None

Second Vice President Jay Hansen moved to adopt Resolution No. 2862. This was seconded by Member Arroyo. The motion passed unanimously.

10.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS