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City Unified  
School District

BOARD OF EDUCAT ON

Agenda Item# 10.1f

**Meeting Date:** February 18, 2021

**Subject:** Approve Minutes of the January 26, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)

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Putting  
Children  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
A  
Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

Christina Pritchett, President (Trustee Area 3)

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*January 26. Individual public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda item. The total time for public comment shall be no more than 15 minutes.*

*more than 15 minutes in length. However, with Board consent, the President may increase*

*decrease the length of time for individual public comment and increase the total*

*Board Comments:*

*Member Murawski thanked President Pritchett and Second Vice President Woo for bringing this resolution forward. She feels that responsible Board members and stakeholders should be pushing the District to make decisions that maintain long-term fiscal health. She noted that this is a first reading, and encouraged thoughts from others, but also said she largely supports the resolution.*

*Member Garcia said that the resolution is a good start in standing together and moving forward.*

*anyone, and if it is, it is an attack on students. She stated that one-time funds should never be used for on-going expenses and said that the Board has a duty to be good stewards of the District. She feels that this resolution is a good start in standing together and moving forward.*

*Member Garcia reflected that the resolution does not paint a pretty picture; unfortunately it provides one that shows where the District is and provides a background on how we got here. It also provides a picture of how the*

*District can move forward, however. She asked how the resolution might include priorities to make reductions moving forward. President Pritchett said that the Board can work on that before bringing it back to the next*

*Member Villa said it is very frustrating to constantly go through this, as the District has gone through this for years, and we are still here. She said it is not pretty and not a finger pointing, but that this is an opportunity for everyone to work together. She acknowledged the work of staff and how difficult it must be to present the negative information. She said it is imperative, as representatives of the District, that they always put students first and stated that these cuts will hurt students. She wants to work together to move forward to do the right thing.*

*Student Member Sheikh echoed a public comment that stated we need less resolutions and more solutions. He*

*agrees, but feels we do need a resolution. He noted all the audits completed showing the District's structural deficit*

*He noted that no one wants to cut teacher pay, but also*

*to center a lot of their conversations on community. Moving forward, he stated that they have to involve community along with stakeholders and partners. He suggested that the resolution also state how the District will work with its partners and the community around*

*this new resolution. He said that if the Board says it stands for something, he wants to know beyond that what*

*will be done.*

*President Pritchett said she agrees with Member Rhodes and reiterated that this the opportunity to be a collective voice. She also pointed out that when there is a resolution*

*on the agenda, it is typically voted on that night, and that this needs to be the next step of moving forward of*

*Chief Business Office Rose Ramos, along with District Cabinet members, presented. She gave a history and background on the District's budget, and the District's current budget status and multi-year projection (based on the 2020-2021 first interim financial report). They then went into the fiscal recovery plan discussion and provided a summary.*

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*Steve and Pam Johns  
David Fisher  
Nikki Milevsky  
Cindee Stewart  
Daniel Darby  
Alison French-Tubo  
Renee Webster-Hawkins  
Angel White  
Daniel Ruiz  
Brenda Mork  
Kara Synhorst  
Stacey Sayre  
Kevin Borrelli  
Amy Woodhull  
Kristen Tudor  
Ingrid Foster  
Marco Colucci  
Stacey Hayashi  
Crystal Richardson  
Josh Clark  
Sloane Richardson  
Mary Kelly  
Heather Haight  
Lori Merritt  
Michael Richardson  
Brittany Barham-Guerrero  
Elizabeth Campbell  
Jennifer Wallace  
Devon Davis  
Katherine Sanders  
Sarah Soto-Taylor  
Dave O'Toole  
Rebekah Scoville  
Dan Goulart  
Ryan Johnson  
Chris Thomas*

*Nancy Fitzpatrick  
Cindi Brosemer  
Catherine Warmerdam*

*Board Comments*

*President Pritchett spoke about how the presentation reminded her about when she was a new Board member eight years ago at her second Board meeting facing school closures. She noted how children in the lowest grades then are now facing the District making cuts again. She noted the drop in enrollment presented, and foresees that families that can will make decisions on whether they want to keep their children in the District, and so things can potentially get much worse. She said it is disappointing that we are looking at items that are directly impacting students because they are non-negotiable. She said responsibility should not be...*



brought to the Board. She said there are ways of serving  
students best not in the name of... ..

these things need to be thought about more broadly

because there may be opportunities of which advantage  
can be taken. She said things may look differently, but the  
programs may still be in place to some extent. She does  
think that, to the extent that additional recommendations  
on "elements" or things are called in the document

*implementation plan can come back to the Board and how many times the Board gets to see that implementation plan as it unfolds. She would also like to see a list of how the Board is going to prioritize removing or restoring some of the cuts that will be identified for next week.*

*Superintendent Aguilar said what we would be looking for mostly from state and federal funding is on-going funding, and he spoke about the mandatory layoff notification timeline. Cancy McArn, Chief Human Resources Officer, was asked to give an overview of the timeline later in the presentation.*

*Member Villa thanked Vice President Murawski and Member Garcia for their comments as she agrees with much of what they said. She added that the Board needs to think about long term strategy and the way that they are looking at education in Sacramento. She agrees that many items should be off the table, especially IB schools*

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*and GATE, Art and Music. She wants to look at a long term strategy for the District from a business standpoint as well, rather than continually playing catch-up, and she feels the starting point for that is negotiated solutions rather than anything that directly impacts students.*

*Vice President Murawski gave follow-up on the comments made so far. She reminded everyone of where we are with the strategic planning process and the LCAP planning process and said there is an opportunity to invest in*

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*facilities through Measure H funds. She feels that these should all be aligned. She noted from the presentation that SCOE's fiscal responsibilities can continue until the structural deficit is eliminated and asked for clarification. Ms. Ramos said that is correct, because the District could swing between qualified and non-qualified due to one-time funds.*

*Superintendent Aguilar asked that each Board member send their notes from tonight to him. He addressed Member Garcia's comment about a target number by saying that we may have to backward map to get to that number by using the Board's direction, and he gave an example from the presentation.*

*Member Garcia asked to hear the recommendations from Vice President Murawski again. It was clarified that the recommendation was to take the IB programs, LDV, inclusive practices, and Waldorf off the table for further discussion. Vice President Murawski clarified that her recommendation also included pre-school.*

*Member Rhodes said he supports these areas for further analysis.*

*Member Villa said she thinks some of those programs, IB and Waldorf, should be off the table; she followed-up with what Member Rhodes had stated, which was removing the other teachers from the other programs would be highly*

*impactful and unfair. President Pritchett said she thinks they should determine if those programs would survive with those cuts during the analysis.*

*Member Murawski said she thinks the way it has to be looked at is to ask what is the best way to serve students with the resources we have, and make it sustainable. Therefore, it has to be thought of as which cuts are actually worth moving forward on from a fiscal*

*perspective. Some cuts on the list she does not feel will result in a fiscal benefit.*

*Member Rhodes said he supports the further fiscal*

## **8.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS**

- ✓ February 4, 2021 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session,  
Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting
- ✓ February 18, 2021 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session,  
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## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*President Pritchett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting: a motion was made by Second*

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*Vice President Woo and seconded by Student Member Sheikh. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.*

*Jorge A.*

*and Board Secretary*

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