



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1g

Meeting Date: April 24, 2014

Subject: Approve Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2014

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting for April 3, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

Documents Attached:

1. April 3, 2014 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

Submitted by: Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent

Approved by: N/A



Sacramento City Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

Patrick Kennedy, President (Trustee Area 7)
Darrel Woo, Vice President (Trustee Area 6)
Christina Pritchett, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 3)
Jay Hansen, (Trustee Area 1)
Jeff Cuneo, (Trustee Area 2)
Gustavo Arroyo (Trustee Area 4)
Diana Rodriguez (Trustee Area 5)
Margarita Kovalchuk, Student Member

Thursday, April 3, 2014

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:30 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2014-09

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Board President Kennedy and roll was taken.

Members Present:

*Patrick Kennedy, Board President
Darrell Woo, Vice President
Christina Pritchett, Second Vice President
Jay Hansen*

Members Absent:

*Gustavo Arroyo
Diana Rodriguez*

A quorum was reached.

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

No Public Comment was requested regarding PsGA access rights to the meetings of the Board of Education, it also recognizes the legitimate need to conduct some of its meetings outside of the public eye. Closed Government Code 549.

- Conference with Legal Counsel Existing and Anticipated

Litigation:

Members of the public may address the Board on non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the 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.

Grace Trujillo thanked the Board for answering her questions in writing and commented she still has concerns about the Local Control Funding Plan (LCAP) and the 3-year projections. She presented additional questions to the Board.

Ralph Merletti opposes the Health Center at Hiram Johnson if they partner with any organization that offers abortions or counsels about abortion.

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Public Comment

8.1a – Ralph Merletti spoke about a grant in Integrated Support Services that supports LGBT students and that he hopes that it addresses bullying and inclusiveness and will not be used for permissiveness or promotion of unnatural same-gender marriage.

8.1d – Ralph Merletti spoke about the School of Engineering and Science Field Trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, and suggested they see the scenery on the way and get all they can out of the trip.

Board Member Comments

None.

President Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Vice President Woo and seconded by Second Vice President Pritchett. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda with Member Hansen absent.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

Information

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

CSA – no report given.

SCTA – Nikki Milevsky spoke about their continuing concerns about the CORE waiver.

SEIU – no report given.

Teamsters – no report given.

UPE – no report given.

9.2 District Parent Advisory Committees:

Community Advisory Committee – no report given.

District Advisory Council – no report given.

School Site Councils – no report given.

District English Learner Advisory Committee – no report given.

Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee – no report given.

Indian Education Parent Committee – no report given.

Sacramento Council of Parent Teacher Association – Terrence Gladney spoke about the Leadership Academy.

9.3 Interim Superintendent's Report (Dr. Sara Noguchi)

Dr. Noguchi spoke about how important it is for students to learn teamwork, collaboration, and how to effectively communicate ideas. She believes those skills will help students be successful and will serve them in everything they do. Dr. Noguchi noted teamwork and collaboration are also skills that Serna Center staff, school site staff, and parents will need for the big projects the District is undertaking this spring. She acknowledged teachers, staff and parents will need to work together as we shift to Common Core State Standards, State Smarter Balance Assessment, Infinite Campus, and LCAP. She believes we are all working towards making the District strong and a place where parents will want to send their children to school and where people will want to work. She thanked staff for their time and effort in their work over the last year and wished

everyone an enjoyable spring break.

- 9.4 *President's Report (Patrick Kennedy) – President Kennedy provided Board members information about a proposal from the California School Board Association (CSBA) for professional development and Board development training and requested feedback by the following Wednesday. President Kennedy also provided Board members a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for legal services that will be released and requested Board members provide him with comments by next Wednesday. President Kennedy stated he wanted to make it perfectly clear that the RFP is not an indication of dissatisfaction with our current legal counsel. He said Mr. Behrens has done a fabulous job since he has been here and the firm Lozano Smith has been great but thinks it is a good idea from time-to-time as a public body to see what is out in the market. that will*
- 9.5 *Student Member Report (Margarita Kovalchuk) –*

Chief Business Officer Ken Forrest provided information about Resolution No. 2791 regarding a layoff notice for classified employees and Exhibit A, which is a list of the positions that are being eliminated due to a lack of funds or non-continuation of the program. He assured the Board that the District will make every effort to find funding to bring as many of the individuals back as possible.

Public Comment

Darlene Anderson commented about support services at the school sites and the data that will be eliminated by the elimination of Zangle. She also requested information about how the District evaluates their third-party providers.

Board Member Comments

President Kennedy requested Mr. Forrest repeat his statement that the District will make every effort to find funding to bring back as many employees as possible. Mr. Forrest repeated his statement and provided further information about the budget and that the District would know more in May. He shared that Cabinet members are also in the process of reviewing District programs.

Member Rodriguez had a question about the positions being eliminated and how they were funded. Mr. Forrest said that some were grant-funded that were only funded for specific amount of time and some were reductions in program funding.

Member Woo commented that he hoped there would be a time while he is still a Board member that there won't be a need to approve these types of resolutions, but in the meantime, it is necessary and he made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2791.

The motion was seconded by Member Arroyo. The vote was taken and Resolution No. 2791 was unanimously approved.

10.2 Approve Resolution No. 2788: Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN)
(Ken A. Forrest)

Action

Chief Business Officer Ken Forrest explained this was the second reading of Resolution No. 2788 which authorizes the District to issue a TRAN. He reminded the Board this TRAN is less than half of the TRAN issued last year because the State has made up roughly half of the deferrals we were owed and we are hopeful that with the passage of the Governor's budget proposal that includes elimination of deferrals for school Districts, the District anticipates not having to borrow these funds again. This TRAN is a direct result of the State's deferral of the funds owed the District. It is a very short-term Note and it is expected to be closed by September 2014. The District's Bond Counsel has reviewed documents and given their advice to proceed.

Public Comment

None.

Board Member Comments

None.

Vice President Woo made the motion to Approve Resolution No. 2788: Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) and the motion was seconded by Second Vice President Pritchett. The resolution was approved unanimously.

10.3 Overview of Section 504 and Health Services (Dr. Teresa Cummings and
Barbara Kronick)

Information

Chief Accountability Officer Teresa Cummings introduced Barbara Kronick, Director of Integrated Support Services (Student Support and Health Services), and Pam Whipple, Health Services Coordinator, and explained they would be giving the Board an overview of Section 504 services and Health Services, services that are critical for our students. Dr. Cummings recognized and expressed appreciation for the extraordinary efforts of the unsung heroes in those departments in the work they do on a daily basis. Dr. Cummings thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to provide the Board and the public a view of what goes on behind the scenes for those services.

Barbara Kronick provided information about services the District provides under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

students and dental screening for students she developed this year and training she provides. Darlene Anderson spoke about school attendance and the number of students with health issues who end up in School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Ralph Merletti spoke about community partnerships and objected to Planned Parenthood being included on the list of community partners because their business model is based on abortions. Tan Tung, a school nurse in the District for 15 years, spoke about the health programs she has brought to the school site she is assigned to five days a week.

Board Member Comments

Member Arroyo thanked the nurses that were at the meeting and expressed understanding of the value of the work they do.

program for vision screening that provided over 300 pairs of eye glasses to students in the District. He applauded the schools nurses for the partnerships they have established to stretch District dollars.

10.4 Approve Coherent Governance Policy Operational Expectations (OE) 7, Asset Protection (Dr. Sara Noguchi) **Action**

Dr. Noguchi reported she was prepared to answer questions and provide clarification about OE-7 and OE-8.

Public Comment

None.

Board Member Comments

Member Hansen made the statement that he was not briefed on what Coherent Governance is, what it means and why we have it. Although he is supporting the OEs before them tonight, he will have a difficult time supporting future OEs brought forward until he is educated about Coherent Governance. It was not a part of his preparation when he came onto the Board. He would like an opportunity to address this in the future.

President Kennedy shared that a committee has been established to look at the issues Member Hansen has brought up. The committee is made up of Vice President Woo and Second Vice President Pritchett and other Board members are welcome to attend the meetings. The meetings are public and the agendas for those meetings are posted as with other Brown Act meetings.

Member Rodriguez commented that these Operational Expectations were as a result of the former superintendent's interpretations and intent. She feels that the Board should either do away with Coherent Governance or create a hybrid of how the Board previously governed and blend-in Coherent Governance. She stated it is difficult to make a decision on these OEs because the interpretations were created by someone else and the person being held accountable today was not fully engaged in the process.

President Kennedy restated that a committee has been established to do some of the things that Member Rodriguez talked about and announced the Operational Expectations will not be placed on the Consent Agenda in the future.

President Kennedy requested a motion be made to approve the OE-7 Monitoring Report. A motion was made by Vice President Woo and seconded by Second Vice President Pritchett. The vote was taken and the OE-7 Monitoring Report was approved unanimously.

10.5 Approve Coherent Governance Policy Operational Expectations (OE) 8, Communicating With the Board (Dr. Sara Noguchi) **Action**

President Kennedy asked if there were any Board Comments, taking into account what was discussed in the previous item.

Public Comment

None.

Board Member Comments

Member Rodriguez had a question about the compliance question on page one of the report. A discussion ensued about the intent of the question and the need for training for Board members and

Interim Superintendent Noguchi. It was noted that Interim Superintendent was put at a disadvantage because these were developed with the former superintendent.

President Kennedy requested a motion be made to approve the OE-8 Monitoring Report. The motion was made by Member Hansen and seconded by Vice President Woo. The vote was taken and the OE-8 Monitoring Report was unanimously approved.

11.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION / REPORTS

Receive Information

11.1 Business and Financial Information:

Enrollment and Attendance Report for Month 6 Ending February 21, 2014

Public Comment

Maria Rodriguez thanked Interim Superintendent Noguchi for attending John F. Kennedy High School's day at California State University (CSU.) She also commented that she appreciated the Enrollment and Attendance information provided. She also commented on the school closures and loss of student enrollment. Interim Superintendent Noguchi provided information about the newly created Attendance Task Force under Chief of Schools Lisa Allen's leadership and urged Ms. Rodriguez to volunteer to be on the Task Force.

The Business and Financial Information was received by the Board.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Student Board Member Kovalchuk. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned 8:58 p.m.

*Sara Noguchi
Interim Superintendent and Board Secretary*

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