



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1e

Meeting Date

Subject: Approve Minutes of the October 1, 2020, Board of Education Meeting

- 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 October 1, 2020, Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the October 1, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting

Submitted by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent Approved by: N/A
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

Jessie Ryan, President (Trustee Area 7)
Christina Pritchett, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)
Michael Minnick, 2nd Vice President (Trustee Area 4)
Lisa Murawski (Trustee Area 1)
Leticia Garcia (Trustee Area 2)
Mai Vang (Trustee Area 5)
Darrel Woo (Trustee Area 6)
Isa Sheikh, Student Member

Thursday, October 1, 2020

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824
(See Notice to the Public Below)

MINUTES

2020/21-8

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ATTENDANCE BY LIVESTREAM

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so by livestream at:
<https://www.scusd.edu/post/watch-meeting-live>. No physical location of the meeting will be provided to the public.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Ryan, and roll was taken.

Members Present:

*President Jessie Ryan
Vice President Christina Pritchett
Second Vice President Michael Minnick
Leticia Garcia
Lisa Murawski
Mai Vang
Darrel Woo*

Members Absent:

Student Member Isa Sheikh (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS TO BE

URL <https://tinyurl.com/SCUSDcommentOctober1> or (3) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment. Regardless of the method by which public comment is submitted, the

Monet Burtley – Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School
Julianna Cromeenes – Sacramento New Technology High School
Sara Faraj – John F. Kennedy High School
Eden Getahun – C. K. McClatchy High School
Yusra Hassan – Hiram Johnson High School
Dung Hoang – West Campus High School
Sierra Jacobs – George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science
Jacqueline Lopez - Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School
Abigail Morioka – West Campus High School
Sierra Northcutt – Luther Burbank High School
Natalie Nielsen – Rosemont High School
Lily Rusk – John F. Kennedy High School
Isa Sheikh – The MET High School
Rosemary Vang – Kit Carson International Academy
Zachariah Woodward – George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

None

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

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

Public Comment:
Terrence Gladney

7.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

7.1 Update on Start of School Year (Various Departments)

The presentation was given by Director of Nutrition Services Diana Flores, Director of Multi-Tiered System of Support Jennifer Kretschman, Director of Strategy and Continuous Improvement Ed Eldridge, Instructional Assistant Superintendent Tu Moua, Director of Student Support and Health Services, Victoria Flores, Director of Youth Development Manpreet Kaur, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Matt Turkie, and Director of Student and Data Systems Rhonda Rode. They went over nutrition, attendance, metrics, connectivity, health and safety, learning hubs, and Zoom security.

Public Comment:
Liz Fenton
Alina Cervantes
Angie Sutherland
Angel Garcia

do, they reach out to their peers. Her second proposal is for a distance learning solution for brain breaks where students would be able to access a “Pass to Class” enrichment dance course and videos on-line. Member Murawski shared that the approximate cost for her first proposal is \$280,000 and the second is estimated at \$750,000.

President Ryan said she appreciates these proposals, and noted that is about 22% of the total budget available; there is about \$1.8 million dollars still unallocated beyond what was covered in the presentation. She would like to see supports around learning loss mitigation in regard to additional tutorials. She said she supports the peer-to-peer mental health proposal and suggested scheduling 2-by meetings with Board members to figure out as a board how best to influence those expenditures. President Ryan then asked what we are doing to figure out a way to employ a tech SWAT team to help teachers and families in real time. Superintendent Aguilar noted that this is a topic that Mr. Turkie touched on a little bit and that Deputy Superintendent Lisa Allen has also focused on, and that we have a vacancy in our Chief Information Officer role. He said we are close to bringing in a consultant to support us and make sure we are doing everything we can to provide real-time supports. He said that at this time we think we will benefit from bringing in additional supports through the consultant. Ms. Allen said she has been working closely with the Information Technology Department and noted that we also have additional vacancies in the department that we are in the process of filling. She spoke about what we do and cannot do with the staff we currently have. President Ryan said she appreciates the work Ms. Allen is doing, and understands that the District is understaffed in this department, but continued that this is a source of stress in the field for teachers and sites. She asked what we can do to potentially bring in supports that can work with our current employees, those that are not employees but short-term in nature. Ms. Allen noted that we must also work with our labor partners on this journey as well, which at times takes some time. Ms. Ryan asked for an update on this matter over the course of the next few days. Superintendent Aguilar said yes, we will do that, and also will provide greater detail to the Board on the actual supports for teachers regarding technology usage.

7.3 Approve Resolution No. 3168: Recognition of the Week of the School Administrator, October 11-17, 2020 (Cancy McArn) (Roll Call Vote)

Human Resources Department Directors Tiffany Smith-Simmons and Christina Villegas gave the presentation.

Public Comment:
Alison French-Tubo

Board Comments:

A roll

(3) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment. Regardless of the method by which public comment is submitted, the submission deadline shall be no later than noon, October 1 for any agenda item. Individual written public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda or nonagenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each agenda or nonagenda item to 15 minutes in length. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the length of time allowed for public comment. 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:

Amanda Connolly

Terrence Gladney

Jennifer Clemens

Winter Saldana

Amy Beste-Fong

Carlie Ransom

Jasmine Tingle

Janessa Stewart

Andrea Edwards

Caroline Nasella

Becki Bell

Tara Thronson

Nicole Gustafson

Junior Goris

Daniel Conway

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know that the state auditor and multiple other audits have said that outside of negotiated saving there are very few options. She asked the Board to recognize that some are not willing to make difficult decisions. She further said that as

*Public Comment on Reports:
Terrence Gladney
Rich Vasquez
Alina Cervantes*

10.3 Superintendent's Report (Jorge A. Aguilar)

Information

Superintendent Aguilar reported that Phoebe Hearst Elementary School has been named a Blue Ribbon School. He also reported that today we teamed up with the California Student Aid Commission to kick off the first day for students to begin completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) along with other financial aid applications. He thanked Board Member Sheikh and the other Boardmembers that attended this press conference. He reported also that the percentage of District students completing the FAFSA has gone up 29% over the last four years and that we have increased graduation rates which are now higher than the statewide average.

*Public Comment:
Terrence Gladney*

10.4 President's Report (Jessie Ryan)

Information

President Ryan recognized that huge gains have been made in the number of students applying for and accessing financial aid. She is encouraged by this upward trend and in graduation rates. She thanked Rich Vasquez for being a courageous and real parent voice. She appreciates that we are committed to bringing forward a fiscal recovery plan, but she reminded that structural changes to the budget must also be made and that the Board will be making hard choices that will eliminate programs in a fiscal recovery plan that does not put a pooled healthcare benefits saving at the center of the plan. She thanked the Superintendent for his commitment to bring the plan back in November and to the team for the hard work being done to disrupt inequities and to make sure we are finally seeing the kind of growth in student achievement that should be the focus of our work every day.

10.5 Student Member Report (Isa Sheikh)

Information

Student Member Sheikh reported on what he has heard from fellow students over the first month of school. The students feel that the start of school has been much more organized than in the Spring. However, some students are frustrated that some adults may be treating this semester in a similar way as normal school by assigning homework in a similar way, for example. It is difficult to be in front of a screen for hours. Also the uncertainty between the union and the District is a constant source of instability for students looking ahead for the next year. Some students identified a lack of cognizance toward

student issues, such as the on-line homework mentioned. There has also been an outpouring of appreciation for staff and teachers working their hardest in conditions that have been very tough. A month in, it is encouraging to see the numbers that the Superintendent shared in his report and also how we have managed to face our challenges. He is proud of our District for that. Finally students want to note that health concerns are still a huge concern. He reminded that the virus is still a huge concern and that social distancing needs to be practiced by students if we want to come back to in-person school.

Vice President Pritchett reminded that the time is 10:15 p.m. Student Member Sheikh moved that the Board meeting be extended to 11:00 p.m. Vice President Pritchett seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

*Public Comment:
Terrence Gladney*

10.6 Information Sharing By Board Members

Information

Member Murawski shared that the Sacramento County has a new campaign called “Turn Sacramento Orange” which can be accessed on the County website. Sacramento started in the purple zone related to the pandemic and just got into the red zone. The goal is to make it to an even lower orange zone by the end of October. She reminded to wear a mask at all times when inside, observe social distancing at all times, and avoid indoor gatherings.

Member Garcia spoke about the naming of Phoebe Hearst Elementary School as a national Blue Ribbon School. She shared that the school was one of 33 schools in California and only one of two in Northern California to be recognized by this award. She thanked all the students, teachers, school site staff, the principal, and parents for ensuring that Phoebe Hearst continues to be a successful school and the students continue to meet the high academic rigor. She also shared, as DELAC liaison, that they were not able to meet a quorum to move forward with their meeting. She reached out to principals in her trustee area she thought would have the 21 English Language students that would meet the threshold to have a DELAC at their school site, but consistently she heard that 1) it is challenging for parents to become involved because of time constraints, and 2) the time of year may have been too early because they would not have elections just yet. They have all committed to reaching out to their parents to encourage them to be part of an ELAC and also be part of DELAC so that there is more participation and so their voices are heard at the District level. There was also some difficulties with translators and interpreters. There are some parent sessions in the next few days that she plans to attend for ELAC parents. She will join the campaign for “Turn Sacramento Orange” as well.

Member Woo said that he will join the “Turn Sacramento

Orange” campaign too. He also noted that between the 13th and 17th of October he is scheduled to be in Dallas for a Council of Great City Schools conference and so may not make the October 15th Board meeting.

11.0 CONSENT AGENDA

(Roll Call Vote)

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.

11.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

11.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreements, Ratification of Other Agreements, Approval of Bid Awards, Approval of Declared Surplus Materials and Equipment, Change Notices and Notices of Completion (Rose F. Ramos)

11.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

11.1c Approve Minutes of the September 3, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)

President Ryan asked for a motion to amend the Consent Agenda by pulling the nine contracts related to the Youth Development Department expenditures. A motion was made by Member Vang and seconded by Member Woo. The motion passed unanimously. President Ryan then asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. A motion was made to approve by Member Woo and seconded by Member Vang. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.

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