

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1f

Meeting Date: May 7, 2020

Subject: Approve

- 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 April 2, 2020, Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the April 2, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting

Submitted by: |

Thursday, April 2, 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

2019/20-22

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Members Present:

President Jessie Ryan

Vice President Christina Pritchett

Second Vice President Michael Minnick

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

While the Brown Act creates broad public 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 session meetings are specifically defined and limited in scope. They primarily involve personnel issues, pending litigation, labor negotiations, and real property matters.

3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel:

- a) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2020010112 and OAH Case No. 2019100759)*
- b) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)*
- c) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)*

3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negoti

*Rebecca Gross
Alison French-Tubo
Angie Sutherland
Liz Guillen*

Kassie Noble
Nanette Podesta
Alison West
Susan Chun
Angie Sutherland
Lamaia Coleman
Alina Cojocari
Sarah Ross
Alison James
Emily Young
Byron Trejo
Brooke Pigno
Barbara Spence
Wendy Mejia
Nicole Leach
Robert Suguitan
Amber Larson
Jasmine Gosney
Blair Reese
Christina Claflin
Katy Francis
Rachel Arai
Shannon DeGeorge
Autumn Tirapelli
Nassim Ansari
Alina Cervantes
Lindsay Hester
Elizabeth Ramirez

9.0

9.3 Superintendent's Report (Jorge A. Aguilar)

Superintendent Aguilar spoke about how all at the District are adjusting to a new work environment while practicing social distancing. He spoke about the varied ways in which employees are continuing to work and recognized teachers that have been reaching out to students. He is concerned about students and the loss of learning, and he spoke about a distance learning plan that will be implemented. The plan is being developed by a team in negotiation with our labor partners; a needs assessment has been developed in order to check in with families to see how students are doing, and 20,000 computers for student use have been ordered and (t)-2(h our)2[ou about how allnizedeeple02 Tc3d7EcdQ

scheduled for Luther Burbank High School, but had to be cancelled due to the school closures. She then reported on how students are feeling and responding to the coronavirus and school closures, and she brought up questions that they have. She suggested having video calls with counselors available. She also noted that a video on mental health resources has been posted on the District Facebook account. Member Ang-Olson also emailed the video to Student Advisory Council members and asked that they forward it to their networks.

9.6 Information Sharing by Board Members

Information

Member Murawski reminded that it is our job to focus on the children during this crisis, and she shared some information from UNESCO regarding children globally.

Vice President Pritchett thanked those in the District that have been working and also for the way they have been working together. She also noted that April is National Child Abuse Prevention month and reminded to never be afraid to report abuse.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Information

10.1 Public Hearing on the Renewal Charter Petition for Yav Pem Suab Academy – Preparing for the Future Charter (Vincent Harris and Jesse Ramos)

The Director of Innovative Schools, Jesse Ramos, began the presentation and introduced the Superintendent of Urban Charter Schools Collective Lee Yang, Yav Pem Suab Academy Principal Vince Xiong, and Assistant Principal Julia Yang. Mr. Yang, Mr. Xiong, and Ms. Yang presented information on Yav Pem Suab Academy.

Public Comment:

*Lonnie DeWitt
Roxanne Regules
Monica Cuellar*

Board Member Comments:

Member Vang thanked the presenters for the great work they are doing at Yav Pem Suab Academy and asked a question on demographics in relation to the state and the District. She asked what is the percentage of Hmong students designated as Asian at YPSA, and the team replied it is 94.44 percent. She also asked if they are all Asian Pacific Islander in this group, and Mr. Yang answered yes. Member Vang said she would like to know at the next meeting how this group is doing in comparison to students from this group in the District and with Susan B. Anthony Elementary in particular.

Member Garcia asked if the petition for renewal is to continue to serve the same grades that are currently being served. Mr. Yang answered that is correct, K-6. She would also like to see the student data that Member Vang requested.

average daily attendance (ADA), such as LCFF for example. But there are a lot of other revenue sources that school districts rely on and these are not currently planned to be backfilled. Not to say that this would not change in the future, but at this point there is no certainty of that. President Ryan asked if we are talking about potentially through the fall to see adjustments to recognize the magnitude of the decline in revenue as a result of the projected recession. Ms. Aguinaldo said that is correct.

Member Murawski thanked the presenters and said they answered most of her questions. She commended staff particularly for the FCMAT presentation and all of the work that has been done to address the findings. She would like to see in the budget presentations, going forward, a better supplemental display of our Special Education funding and expenses. She asked Ms. Aguinaldo if whatever COLA is adopted would be adjusted for 2020-21. Ms. Aguinaldo said that the COLA that would be rolled out in the May revision, and then part of the adopted budget, would be the COLA for 2020-21. If they do come back in the fall and need to do a revised budget, it could very well be because they need to revise it even further downward.

Member Garcia thanked staff for a detailed and clear presentation. She also feels a supplemental display of Special Education revenue and

more explanation. Ms. Ramos explained that there were three areas with set aside for textbooks, and she explained those. Ms. Garcia then asked about the status of a FCMAT finding and a SCOE special report regarding Special Education. Ms. Kalay responded that the Special Education Director has not yet been able to respond due to work load.

Second Vice President Minnick made a motion to move the item from Conference to Action. Member Woo seconded, and the motion was approved 7-

President Ryan asked why this Action item is being brought to the Board today during the pandemic and if we are being given a waiver to put off submitting a budget to a later date due to the pandemic. Ms. Ramos answered that no, we did not get a waiver. She mentioned that some of the positions on the list are being brought forward because they were limited term assignments for one year, and that the reason to eliminate some of these positions is not to alleviate the budget per se. President Ryan asked if the item is being brought to the Board on this date because we are still obligated per Education Code to give 60 day notice to provide for the process of providing preliminary notices, yet we have an opportunity should additional grant funds become available or the state intervene to pull those back. Ms. Ramos replied that is correct. President Ryan then asked for clarity that this action would not prevent employees from continuing to be funded to the end of the school year. Ms. Ramos replied that this is correct. President Ryan asked for clarity that should we secure additional dollars, grant funding, or state funding it is possible to rescind the notices. Ms. Ramos replied yes, should that be the decision. President Ryan noted that 17 grant positions have expired, and sees that many positions with time limits are in Youth Development and Foster Youth, and this concerns her. She asked how much the District would have to contribute to backfill those positions. Ms. Ramos answered it is about \$960,000. President Ryan asked about program changes at the school site council level and noted that the budgeting process eliminated a very small portion of the total fte earmarked for layoff. Ms. Ramos said that yes, these are local decisions being made at the site level with consultation of school site councils; these funds stay at the school site and are used in a different way per site decision. President Ryan spoke about the governor's executive order and noted that her reading of it is not that we will be able to backfill positions and/or have funding certainty for the next school year. President Ryan asked to clarify that positions are funded through the end of this school year, and Ms. Ramos answered yes.

Vice President Pritchett motioned to extend the Board meeting to 11:00 p.m., and Second Vice President Minnick seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice President Pritchett said she appreciates the presentation and asked to be shown the breakdown of positions that are currently filled and not short term assignments. Ms. Ramos referred to the exhibit portion of the budget process/one stop staffing changes and the charter schools. Vice President Pritchett asked for an explanation of the process for the vacant positions and how some of those positions have been vacant all year. Ms. McArn replied and gave an example of a site that closed a vacant position earlier in the year to open a different position, and stated that this is the time of year that it is brought to the Board to effectively close it. Vice

President Pritchett said she appreciates the detail of information that is being shared on this matter.

Second Vice President Minnick said he appreciates the clarity given in the breakdown because this is not an easy decision for the Board. He noted, however, how decisions to make changes, in the best interest of their students, are happening at the site level and in cooperation with the school site councils. And this makes him feel more comfortable in approving some of these changes. He also noted that in some of the limited term assignments or grant funded positions there is the potential that some of these grants are going to get renewed, and we may know that prior to July 1st. But in keeping with fiduciary responsibility to make sure we are not locking ourselves into positions that may not be funded, he appreciates that the Board has to make these decisions now. Second Vice President Minnick asked for clarification on positions that were funded through the independent charter. His understanding is that this is an independent school that has contracted with the District for some sort of service, custodial or plant manager, etc. They have chosen to find services elsewhere and have the right to do this. We do not have any control over this. Ms. Ramos said that is correct.

Member Garcia asked Ms. McArn about voluntary reductions. Ms. McArn explained that, should this item be approved, the next step is to offer voluntary reductions to employees whose positions are being partially reduced. Member Garcia then asked why the vacant positions are vacant. Ms. McArn explained that some are vacant because a decision was made earlier in the year to close the position and do something else, so there was no attempt to fill the

or worth of the people in those positions. But also there must be a commitment to serve students in the best way possible within the constraints of limited resources. Member Murawski also spoke about staffing ratios and the necessity to look at what is adequate staffing.

Member Woo motioned that the item be approved as submitted. Vice President Pritchett seconded. A roll call vote was taken in which the motion passed 6-1 with Member Vang voting no.

12.0 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.

12.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

***12.1a 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)***

12.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

***12.1c Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks, and Electronic Transfers Issued for the Period of February 2020
(Rose F. Ramos)***

***12.1d Approve Donations List for the Period of February 1-29, 2020
(Rose F. Ramos)***

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