



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item#

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Asami Saito Student Member

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014
4:30 p.m. Closed Session
6:30 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center
Community Conference Rooms
5735 4th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2014/15-10

Allotted Time

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Woo, and roll was taken.

Members Present:

Vice President Christina Pritchett
President Darrel Woo
Diana Rodriguez
Gustavo Arroyo

Members Absent:

Jeff Cuneo
Second Vice President Jay Hansen

A quorum was reached.

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

Public Comment:

Chesshuwa Beck has concerns about health benefits for herself and her family under the new coverage changes. Her son has an existing condition, and she is concerned about coverage and cost which has been unavailable. She has made calls, went to the Health Fair, and met with Board member Pritchett. She is willing to meet with anyone on the Board and/or the Superintendent.

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 Existing and Anticipated

Members Hansen and Cuneo absent.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

President Woo recognized Vice President Pritchett who made a motion to pull a portion of Item 9.1a, namely Service Agreement No. SA0256, from the agenda. President Woo he 13 von t-

Teachers in Extended Day Kindergarten Program, During Implementation Year, and for Teachers of Split Classes for 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Years (Cancy McArn)

Cindy Nguyen, Human Resources Director, Employee Relations, presented the Item. She stated that the evaluation waiver would only apply to teachers that are required to teach in extended day programs for their implementation year and for teachers of split classes for the 2014-15 and the 2015-16 school years. The District is seeking approval to apply for the waiver, and staff will submit the application to the State Board of Education upon Board approval.

Public Comment

None

Board Member Comments:

None

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school closure. In addition, he commented on Item 9.1f, stating that when a parent makes a complaint through the Uniform Complaint Procedure, it feels like the parent appeals to the body that has punished them. It was his experience that the District personnel involved was sent the complaint, they gave their recollection of the incident (on which the final decision was based), and he, the individual submitting, had no chance for rebuttal. He also remarked on fees at schools, asking the Board to make sure that parents know fees at school are optional. He also stated that if some schools are requiring parent hours, then parent hours should be required at all schools.

Board Member Comment:

Member Rodriguez stated that ~~she~~ Mr. Gladney's comments are good, and thanked him for bringing them forward. She asked the Superintendent if staff can do some research regarding the bus routes, how they are formed, which students are getting transportation, and the reasons for it. Mr. Banda answered that it can be done, but will take some time. He also noted that returning bus routes would be a strain due to cost. However, if commitments were made to certain schools during school closures, we can go back and make sure we honor those commitments. The reason that there are additional bus drivers on Item 9.1c is because the District has been dealing with a shortage of bus drivers. What is being seen is adding drivers that can substitute. Member Rodriguez then directed to President the comment that she has often questioned the Uniform Complaint Procedures. She wonders why the Board does not get the information and feels that the policy should be reviewed through a committee. She would like the Board to know how many complaints have been filed and feels there should be a tracking system.

President Woo asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Member Rodriguez and seconded by Member Arroyo. The motion was unanimously approved.

10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

- 10.1 Resolution No. 2816 and Resolution No. 2817: Recognition of National School Psychology Awareness Week, November 10 – 14, 2014 (Diana Rodriguez)

Board Member Rodriguez presented Resolution No. 2816 and Resolution No. 2817, recognizing National School Psychology Awareness Week as the week of November 10 – 14, 2014. She invited Sheila Stein and Cara Crow, Student Leaders of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) at the California State University, Sacramento, and Nikki Milevsky, School Psychologist also representing the Sacramento City Teachers' Association.

Public Comment:

None

Board Member Comments:

Member Arroyo thanked Ms. Milevsky for her comments and remembers the school psychologists' positions being reduced a few years ago during the worst of the budget cuts. He spoke on the great value of school psychologists to the District as well as counselors and nurses. He looks forward to having discussions with the Superintendent and other Board members to consider these positions as the economy improves.

Member Rodriguez then encouraged the Board to have an eye vote on the two Resolutions. Vice President Pritchett entertained a motion to approve which was seconded by Member Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Rodriguez then presented framed Resolution No. 2816 to Sheila Stein and Cara Crow and framed Resolution No. 2817 to Mi Milevsky.

10.2 Update on Social and Emotional Learning and Whole Child Board Policy *Information*
(Mai Xi Lee)

Superintendent Banda commented that the District is well invested in social, emotional learning in that it has been a part of the District for the past few years. We continue to add on and grow, adding 17 new schools this year. Tonight's presentation to be a comprehensive update to explain SEL and plans for the future.

Mai Xi Lee then gave the presentation along with a panel consisting of the following: Daniel Hernandez, Principal of Ethel Phillips Elementary; Martin Ramirez, Assistant Principal of Rosa Parks K-8; Ted Appel, Principal of Luther Burbank High School; and Daniel Rolleri, Principal of Oak Ridge Elementary. They focused on accomplishments from year two, spotlighted some Cohort 2 schools and their work, looked at challenges and lessons learned since implementation, and looked at year three in terms of the work that needs to be done.

Public Comments:

Board Member Comments:

None

10.4 Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Engagement Committee Update *Information*
(Gabe Ross and Tu Moua)

Gabe Ross went over background from the October 16th Board meeting. He then presented revisions to recommendations regarding the engagement strategy and plan for the Local Control and Accountability Plan. He specifically spoke about creation of the Parent Engagement Committee, focusing on a democratic process to make sure that the group is representative of the communities that are served. Tu Moua was not able to be present at the meeting. The model presented was based on models used in Oakland and Los Angeles school districts. Each Board member and the Superintendent would make two appointees to the committee, following an application process. The 16 members should contain at least ten parents and at least two students. The members will also be consistent with the District's demographic breakdown: eleven representatives from Title I schools, three English learner representatives, two representatives of students with special needs, and one representative from the foster youth community. It is assumed Board members would select appointees from their trustee areas. Mr. Ross also went over the scope and role of the group selected. Tentative dates were given for the application window with a goal of bringing a list of applicants to the Board on December 18th meeting so that the Board can select applicants and the group can begin meeting after the holidays.

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Public Comment:

laid out in LCFF. President Woo stated that what he heard Ms. Guillen state is that the law center three separate committees. Mr. Ross answered that the law requires two committees, a parent engagement committee and an EL ~~note~~. Ms. Guillen confirmed this. The intent of the LCAP advisory committee is to create that parent advisory group in a way that is reflective of all of our District demographics and communities, specifically the LCFF subgroups. We are in a way ~~applying~~ in the EL population because we are including the EL voice in this group, but we do still have the ELAC which would serve as the English learner advisory group. The value is in having a holistic group come together with all voices in the same ~~on~~, and although a small group, still representative of ~~District~~ District voices.

Measure I General Obligation bonds issued in 2005 with a savings of approximately three million dollars. Refinancing is a lot of work, but the savings is passed on to the tax payers and so is well worth it. Financial advisors were also in attendance. Jeff Small from Capital Public Finance Group presented background of Measure I and details of the pending transaction. He also reported that there is also an opportunity to refinance Measure I bonds that were issued in 2007. This would be 15.2 million dollars in bonds callable for a savings of \$535,000. It is hoped for at least a 5% savings rate in order to move forward with refinance of the 2007 issue, which is not currently the rate. However, these can be refinanced as well if the market is favorable at the time the 2005 issue is refinanced. The amount to be refinanced from the 2005 issue is 21.5 million. Possible savings is also dependent on the District's credit rating. A bond sale is planned for early January with closing at the end of January.

Public Comments:
None

Board Member Comments:

President Woo asked a question regarding the 2007 series bonds with a net present value savings of approximately \$535,000 resulting in a 3.5% savings. If the 5% savings is reached, what would the net present value be? Mr. Small answered approximately \$700,000.

Member Rodriguez asked if emailed comments to Mr. Castillo were shared with the financial group. Mr. Castillo answered that they were.

11.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

Receive Information

11.1 Business and Financial Information:

- x Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of September 15, 2014 through October 14, 2014
- x Report on Contracts within the Expenditure Limitations Specified in Section PCC 20111 for September 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014

Public Comments:
None

Board Member Comments:
None

12.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- 9 December 4, 2014, 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop Meeting
- 9 December 18, 2014, 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop and Annual Organizational Meeting

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Vice President Pritchett reported that Sacramento City Unified School District tragically lost a student from George Washington Carver School of Arts and Sciences. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Sophomore Craig Taylor.

President Wood asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by student member student member Asami Saito and seconded by Member Arroyo. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

José L. Banda, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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