

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**February 8, 2017 at 6 p.m.**  
Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Board Room  
(Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center)  
6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111

**1. OPENING PROVISIONS**

**1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 6 p.m.**

Members present: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Powell, Shea  
Secretary: Velásquez  
Recording secretary: Aguilar

**1.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**1.3. Introduction of Student Representative on County Board of Education**

**1.3.1. Student Representative for the February 8, 2017, Regular Board Meeting**

The Momentum Learning student representative for the February 8, 2017, Board meeting was Cindya Zuniga from Breaking Cycles. Principal Joel Spengler introduced Cindya to the Board. Member Paulette Donnellon presented Cindya with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and welcomed her participation in the meeting.

**1.4. Approval of Agenda**

MSC (González/Donnellon) to approve the agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

**1.5. Public Comment: Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

There was one public comment.

**2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Items listed in this section are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board in one motion. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each item of the Consent agenda approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

MSC (Muñoz/González) to approve Consent items 2.1. through 2.9. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

- 2.1. Approval: Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 11, 2017**
- 2.2. Approval: Minutes of the Special Meeting-Charter Appeals Workshop, January 19, 2017**
- 2.3. Approval: Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 19, 2017**
- 2.4. Approval: Budget Adjustments**
- 2.5. Approval: Resolution Honoring Staff Retirement, Deborah Pint**
- 2.6. Approval: Resolution Honoring Staff Retirement, Wayne Hindle**
- 2.7. Approval: Comprehensive School Safety Plans for the County Office of Education Operated Schools**
- 2.8. Approval: Accept a Donation to the Outdoor Education Program from Alice Anda and the Institute for Law and Systems Research**
- 2.9. Approval: Accept Donation to the Outdoor Education Program from Energy Upgrade California**

### **3. ASSOCIATIONS COMMENTARY**

Chief Job Steward Katy Kellers Cerises reported CSEA Chapter #568 membership has increased significantly (Chapter #568 now has 471 out of 597 possible members), and, therefore, will have six delegates attending the CSEA annual conference. She thanked the Board for inviting CSEA leadership to participate in the superintendent search. The CSEA contract survey will be going out later this month to membership to begin negotiations.

San Diego County Association of Educators (SDCAE) President Tammy Reina reported on a recent meeting between the HOPE Infant teachers and Mr. Velasquez and Asst. Supt. Buchheit. She shared the Association, just like CSEA, was also invited to provide input to the superintendent search. Among other recent and upcoming activities, Ms. Reina reported Momentum Learning is engaging in a systems review with the educational consulting organization, Principal's Exchange.

### **4. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **4.1. Recognition: Operation Recognition - Award High School Diploma**

Special Programs Assistant Nicole Shina provided a description of Operation Recognition, a program through which the California Education Code authorizes the retroactive awarding of high school diplomas to eligible World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam veterans and persons detained in internment camps during World War II. Ms. Shina introduced a brief history of Mr. Norm Johnson, the tenth recipient of Operation Recognition from SDCOE. President Shea congratulated and presented Mr. Johnson with an honorary high school diploma.

#### **4.2. Recognition: Outstanding Student in the Momentum Learning Schools Program**

The Momentum Learning schools program presents students to the County Board of Education for recognition of outstanding progress and achievement. Each student recognized receives a Winners' Circle award. Principal Joel Spengler introduced Joshua Bojorquez from Innovations Blended Community School as the Winner's Circle recipient and outstanding student for this quarter. Member Donnellon presented Joshua an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and congratulated him for his progress and achievement.

#### **4.3. Presentation: Local Control Accountability Plan Goal 4 and 5 Progress Report for Special Education Schools**

Student Services Interim Asst. Supt. Don Buchheit and Momentum Learning Interim Executive Director Jessica McCreary presented on the progress of SDCOE Special Education schools on their Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Goal 4 and 5, "We will work effectively with parents, families and community partners to support student learning and achievement. We will continue to support the progress of expelled students and foster youth."

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING - Appeal of Denied Petition for Establishment of Willow Tree Charter School**

President Shea presented the guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 6:47 p.m. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk proceeded to provide background information and opening remarks.

On November 21, 2016, the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District denied a petition to establish Willow Tree Charter School. Pursuant to Education Code section 47605, if a governing board of a school district denies a petition, the petitioner may elect to submit the petition to the county board of education.

A petition was filed with the San Diego County Office of Education by Bethany Chaffin, lead petitioner, and was determined to be complete on January 9, 2017. The petition is being reviewed in accordance with Board Policy 0310 and Administrative Regulations 0310 and 0310.1.

Spokespersons for Willow Tree Charter School: Lead Petitioner Bethany Chaffin, Interim Supt. for the Community Collaborative Charter Schools Megan Freeman, Friends of Willow Tree Director Charlotte Dukich, Friends of Willow Tree Treasurer Dan Beal, and Ryan Hill, Willow Tree fifth grade teacher.

Spokespersons for Fallbrook Union Elementary School District: Superintendent Dr. Candace Singh and Dan Shinoff, Esq.

Public comments: 11 members of the public addressed the Board in support of the petition for Willow Tree Charter School.

President Shea closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and announced the Board will take action on this matter at the Regular Board meeting on March 8, 2017, 6 p.m. in the Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Board Room (Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center).

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### 6.1. Adoption: Resolution Taking Action on Appeal of District Denial of Petition to Establish Sweetwater Secondary School (SSS) Charter School.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk provided background information.

The County Board of Education held a public hearing to consider the level of support for the petition pursuant to California Education Code section 47605 (b), at a regular Board meeting on January 11, 2017. At this hearing, staff from Sweetwater Union High School District spoke in opposition to the approval. Representatives of SSS, parents and students spoke in support of SSS.

Sixteen (16) speakers from the public addressed the Board on the petition of SSS Charter School.

MSC (González/Muñoz) to approve the adoption of the Resolution of the San Diego County Board of Education Denying the Charter School Petition to Establish Sweetwater Secondary School Charter School with the noted findings. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote as follows: YES: Gonzalez, Muñoz, Shea. NO: Donnellon, Powell.

### 6.2. Adoption: Annual Review of San Diego County Office of Education Conflict of Interest Code

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk shared Board Bylaw 9270 requires an annual review of the San Diego County Office of Education Conflict of Interest Code and re-adoption of positions and categories subject to the code. Assistant Superintendent Duzyk reported this year's review resulted in only two changes: removal of 'deputy superintendent' and addition of 'associate superintendent'.

MSC (Donnellon/Muñoz) to adopt the San Diego County Office of Education Conflict of Interest Code. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

### 6.3. Adoption: College Readiness Block Grant Plan

Momentum Learning Senior Director Sean Morrill provided the background on the College Readiness Black Grant Plan. He reminded the Board a copy of the plan was provided at the January 11, 2017, regular Board meeting for their review prior to approval.

MSC (Donnellon/González) to adopt the College Readiness Block Grant Plan. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

**6.4. Approval: Publish the School Accountability Report Cards for the Davila Day School, Friendship School, Literacy First Charter School, Monarch School, North County Academy, San Diego County Community Schools, San Diego County Court Schools, and San Pasqual Academy**

Momentum Learning Senior Director Sean Morrill shared that Education Code Section 33126 requires each Local Education Agency to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for each of its schools on an annual basis. The SARCs must report on the following categories: demographic information; school safety and climate for learning; academic data; school completion; class size; teacher and staff information; curriculum and instruction; post-secondary preparation; and fiscal and expenditure data.

MSC (Donnellon/Powell) to approve the School Accountability Report Cards for SDCOE-operated schools and Literacy First Charter School. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

**6.5. Approval: Submit Single Plan for Student Achievement for the San Diego County Community Schools, San Diego County Court Schools, Monarch School, and San Pasqual Academy to the California Department of Education**

Momentum Learning Senior Director Sean Morrill shared that Education Code Section 64001 requires each school that participates in programs funded through the Consolidated Application to develop a Single Plan for Student Achievement. Momentum Learning intentionally aligned school plan goals with the Local Control Accountability Plan.

MSC (Muñoz/González) to approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement for Momentum Learning schools. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

**6.6. Approval: Accept Educator Effectiveness Expenditure Plan**

Human Resources Senior Director Chris Reising presented on the areas of focus of SDCOE's Educator Effectiveness Expenditure Plan for apportionment funds provided by the California Department of Education, which were based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) certificated staff pursuant to Section 58 of AB 104 and Section 8 of SB 103.

MSC (González/Donnellon) to accept the Educator Effectiveness Expenditure Plan. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS - NO ACTION**

**7.1. Quarterly Report of Investments Held**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk presented the quarterly report of investments to the Board.

**8. BOARD REPORTS**

**8.1 Communications from Board Members**

Member Donnellon reported she attended a Momentum Learning school graduation in San Marcos on

January 25, 2017; visited Borrego Springs Unified School District; and attended a California County Boards of Education (CCBE) training in Sacramento. Member González reported she also attended the CCBE conference in Sacramento with Member Donnellon and would be attending a Momentum Learning graduation at Barrett school on February 12, 2017. Vice-President Muñoz stated she would also be attending the graduation at Barrett school, and, along with President Shea, attended a CSBA Board President's workshop. President Shea shared the San Dieguito Alliance, an organization with which he is active, will be sponsoring a Give Kids a Smile dental event on February 25, 2017.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- President Shea requested to revisit the Resolution Reaffirming Values of Peace, Tolerance, and Commitment to the Education of All Children
- Member Donnellon requested a presentation on MITI (Modernization, Improvement, and Transformation Initiative Project)

## **10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

### **10.1. Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 6 p.m. in the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center**

MSC (González/Muñoz) to cancel the February 22 Regular Board meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

### **10.2 Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 6 p.m. in the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (González/Muñoz) to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).