

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**March 8, 2017, at 6 p.m.**

Ernest J. Dronenberg, 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. Momentum Learning Student Representative**

The Momentum Learning student representative for the March 8, 2017, meeting was Arkan Hashim from East County Community School. Principal Heidi Lyon introduced Arkan to the Board. Board Vice-President Alicia Muñoz presented Arkan with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and welcomed him participation in the meeting.

**1.4. Approval of Agenda**

Interim Superintendent Velásquez asked that agenda item 6.3. be pulled from the agenda.

MSC (Muñoz/González) to approve the amended agenda as requested. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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

There was one public speaker.

**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 *Approved* 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.

Member González expressed concern that work on some grants has started prior to obtaining Board approval. She requested Board approval be secured on all grants prior to implementation.

MSC (Donnellon/Muñoz) to approve Consent items 2.1. through 2.7. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

**2.1.** Approved: Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 8, 2017

**2.2.** Approved: Real Property Lease Agreements

**2.3.** Approved: Accept a Donation to the Homeless Education Services Program from Feed the Children

**2.4.** Approved: Accept Grant Funds from the Orange County Department of Education for Improving Systems of Academic and Behavioral Supports (ISABS) Grant, County Office of Education Lead Agreement

**2.5.** Approved: Accept Grant Funds from the Orange County Office of Education for Improving Systems of Academic and Behavior Supports (ISABS) Service Agreement

**2.6.** Approved: Accept Grant Funds from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

**2.7.** Adopted: K-8 School Library Books

### 3. ASSOCIATIONS COMMENTARY

San Diego County Association of Educators (SDCAE) Vice-President Stephanie Cruz informed the Board bargaining around the 2017-18 school calendar continues to be productive and are hopeful to reach an agreement soon; Interim Supt. Velásquez recently met with SDCAE executive council and teachers with Davila Day School. SDCAE President Tammy Reina attended a forum on immigration policy. Stephanie also thanked Member Donnellon for attending the February general membership meeting and for responding to questions from the membership.

Chief Job Steward Katy Kellers Cerises reported CSEA Chapter #568 reported the Chapter selected delegates to attend this year's annual CSEA conference. The negotiating team will be meeting next week to go over the contract survey results; the processes of contract proposal 'sunshining' should begin next month. Katy also reported the chapter officers attended skills training put on by CSEA last month.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARING - Appeal of Denied Petition for Establishment of Scholarship Prep Charter School

President Shea presented the guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 6:21 p.m. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk proceeded to provide background information and opening remarks.

On November 15, 2016, the Oceanside Unified School District denied a petition to establish Scholarship Prep 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.

Lead petitioners Gloria Romero and Jason Watts filed a petition with the San Diego County Office of Education and was determined to be complete on February 15, 2017. The petition is being reviewed in accordance with Board Policy 0310 and Administrative Regulations 0310 and 0310.1.

Spokespersons for Scholarship Prep Charter School: Co-Founder and Executive Director Gloria Romero and Co-Founder and Chief Operations Officer Jason Watts

Spokespersons for Oceanside Unified School District: Associate Superintendent of Business Chris Wright and Art Palkowitz, Esq.

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

President Shea closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and announced the Board will take action on this matter at the Regular Board meeting on April 12, 2017, 6 p.m. in the Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Board Room (Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center).

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

#### 5.1. Adoption: Resolution Taking Action on Appeal of District Denial Petition to Establish Willow Tree 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 February 8, 2017. At this hearing, staff from Fallbrook Union Elementary School District spoke in opposition to the approval. Representatives of Willow Tree Charter, parents and students spoke in support of Willow Tree Charter.

Fifteen (15) speakers from the public addressed the Board on the petition of Willow Tree Charter School.

MSC (Muñoz/González) to approve the adoption of the Resolution of the San Diego County Board of Education Denying the Charter School Petition to Establish Willow Tree Charter School with the noted findings. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

### **5.2. Public Hearing and Approval of Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan**

President Shea opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed.

MSC (González/Muñoz) to approve the County Office of Education Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

### **5.3. Adoption: Contracted Services/Fee Schedule**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk pointed out the changes to the 2017-18 Contracted Services/Fee Schedule and addressed questions from the Board.

MSC (Muñoz/Powell) to adopt the San Diego County Office of Education Contracted Services/Fee Schedule. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

### **5.4. Accept: Interim Financial Report and Certification**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk presented the second interim financial report and certification for the Board's review.

MSC (González/Muñoz) to accept the County Superintendent's positive certification that the County Office will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the current fiscal year and the two subsequent years. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

### **5.5. Approve: Amended San Diego County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2017**

President Shea shared that past Boards had scheduled meetings during the summer months (June, July, and August) at 4 p.m. The present Board wishes to amend the 2017 meeting calendar to reflect a standard 6 p.m. start time of all regular meetings, including the meetings held during the summer. President Shea also requested the Regular Board meeting on May 24 be rescheduled to May 31.

MSC (Donnellon/Powell) to approve the Amended San Diego County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2017 and include the modified date during the month of May as requested by President Shea. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

### **5.6. Approve: Resolution Commitment to the Education of All Children**

Member González stated she felt strongly about a resolution, and as a Board, it is important to provide a safe environment and support for students.

MSC (González/Muñoz) to approve the Resolution Commitment to the Education of All Children. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS - NO ACTION**

### **6.1. Public Notice: Non-Traditional Credential Holders**

Interim Supt. Velasquez notified the Board of four (4) San Diego County Office of Education employees currently serving under an intern permit, emergency permit or an Ed Code option in lieu of a credential.

## **6.2. Public Notice: University Intern Permit Holder**

Interim Supt. Velasquez notified the Board of a promotional opportunity offered to an SDCOE employee based on a two-year university intern permit.

## **6.3. California Education Code 1302 - \$10,000 Rule (Classified Support)**

Interim Supt. Velásquez pulled agenda item 6.3.

## **6.4. California Education Code 1302 - \$10,000 Rule (Classified Management)**

Interim Supt. Velasquez provided the Board with information regarding a classified management employee promotion that resulted in more than a \$10,000 increase in annual salary.

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **7.1. Modernization, Improvement, and Transformation Initiative Update**

Executive Director Linda Visnick presented on the Modernization, Improvement, and Transformation Initiative (MITI) established to transform and modernize the areas of business operations, finance, payroll, and human resources for local educational agencies and the county office. (The new system selected replaced the San Diego County Office of Education legacy systems.) Ms. Visnick presented on the background and the progress of the MITI project since its formation in January 2011. She also addressed questions from the Board.

## **8. BOARD REPORTS**

### **8.1. Communications from Board Members**

Member González did a 'shout-out' to Music Watson for wearing red in honor of International Women's Day. Member Donnellon congratulated Stephanie Cruz, the 2017 teacher of the year for Momentum Learning; she also requested the Board and SDCOE consider a charter liaison since SDCOE now oversees two charters, to which President Shea stated he and the superintendent are discussing a charter office. Member Powell shared he visited Momentum Learning 37ECB school and commended Principal Thompson for the great work they are doing for students. President Shea announced Momentum Learning Senior Director Sean Morrill as this year's Juvenile Court, Community and Alternative Schools Administrators of California (JCCASAC) John Peshkoff Memorial Award winner.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Member Donnellon requested an update on Momentum Learning declining enrollment and a conflict of interest workshop for the Board.

## **10. NEXT MEETING DATES**

- 10.1.** Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 6 p.m., Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center  
The Board voted to cancel the March 22, 2017, meeting during the special meeting held at 5 p.m. on March 8, 2016.
- 10.2.** Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 6 p.m., Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center
- 10.3.** Special Board Meeting - Budget Study Session, Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10 a.m., Jack Port Board Room (Room 508)

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (Donnellon/Muñoz) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).