

San Diego County Office of Education
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting
August 9, 2017 – 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.a. Call to order and roll call at 6 p.m.

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

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

1.c. Introduction of Momentum Learning Student Representative on County Board of Education

37ECB Community School student Margarita Calderon Frando served as the Momentum Learning student representative for the August 9, 2017, Board meeting. Principal Tracy Thompson introduced Margarita to the Board. Board member Powell presented Margarita with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and welcomed her participation in the meeting.

1.d. Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Gothold asked that agenda item 2.c. be pulled from the agenda.

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

1.e. Public Comment: Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Kevin Humphrey, superintendent of Guajome Schools in Vista, CA, shared highlights of Guajome Schools with the Board and extended an invitation to visit their facilities. City of San Diego Human Relations Commission Chair Stephen Groce addressed the Board to extend an invitation to the Commission's regular monthly meeting on Aug 16.

2. CONVENE A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

President Shea convened a meeting of the County Committee on school district organization at 6:15 p.m.

2.a. Transmittal of Resolutions in Relation to Proposed Change to By-Trustee-Area Elections for the Governing Board of Carlsbad Unified School District and Establishment of Date for Public Hearing

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Lora Duzyk informed the Board that the Carlsbad Unified School District Governing Board adopted resolutions to change to a by-trustee-area election system and to establish trustee areas. Carlsbad has transmitted these resolutions to the San Diego County Board of Education, acting as the San Diego County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) to establish a date for a public hearing on the proposed change in election system. The hearing must be held within the district's boundaries.

MSC (Muñoz/González) to establish the following date, time, and location for the public hearing: August 21, 2017, 6 p.m., Carlsbad Unified School District, Board Room, 6225 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92009. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

2.b. Transmittal of Resolutions Related to Proposed Change to By-Trustee-Area Elections for the Governing Board of San Marcos Unified School District and Establishment of Date for Public Hearing

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Lora Duzyk informed the Board that the San Marcos Unified School District Governing Board adopted resolutions to change to a by-trustee-area election system and to establish trustee areas. San Marcos has transmitted these resolutions to the San Diego County Board of Education, acting as the San Diego County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) to establish a date for a public hearing on the proposed change in election system. The hearing must be held within the district's boundaries.

MSC (Muñoz/González) to establish the following date, time, and location for the public hearing: August 30, 2017, 6 p.m., San Marcos Unified School District, Board Room, 255 Pico Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

2.c. Amendment of Guidelines for Public Hearings on Proposed Changes to By-Trustee-Area Elections for Governing Boards of Local School Districts

Superintendent Gothold pulled agenda item 2.c.

President Shea reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:20 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MSC (Donnellon/Powell) to approve item 3.a.; motion passed with a 4-0-1 as follows: Yes: González, Donnellon, Powell, Shea; No: 0; Abstained: Muñoz. MSC (Donnellon/Powell) to approve items 3.b. and 3.c.; motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

3.a. Approval: Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 12, 2017

3.b. Approval: Budget Adjustments

3.c. Approval: Resolution Honoring Staff Retirement, Mary Kate Rodman

4. ASSOCIATIONS COMMENTARY

San Diego County Association of Educators (SDCAE) Vice President Stephanie Cruz shared with the Board that SDCAE was asked to participate in a new talent orientation held by Human Resources department. SDCAE continues to work closely with human resources, student services and the superintendent and value the collaborative relationships they are building.

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.a. Recognition of 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 Tracy Thompson introduced Janessa Monique Davila, grade 12, from 37ECB Community School as the Winner's Circle recipient and outstanding student for this quarter. Member Powell presented Janessa an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and congratulated her for her progress and achievement.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - Appeal of Revocation of Beacon Classical Academy Charter School by National School District

President Shea presented the guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 6:29 p.m. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk proceeded to provide background information and opening remarks.

A resolution to revoke the Beacon Classical Academy Charter School was approved by the National School District (NSD) on May 8, 2017. Pursuant to Education Code section 47607(f)(1), if a school district is the chartering authority and it revokes a charter, the charter school may appeal the revocation to the county board of education within 30 days following the final decision of the chartering authority.

The petition was filed in this office by Dr. Alma Van Nice, Executive Director of Beacon Classical Academy, on June 7, 2017. Copies of the revocation as approved and the additional documents required for the appeal were provided to the Board. The petition was reviewed in accordance with Administrative Regulation 0310.

Spokespersons for Beacon Classical Academy Charter School: Executive Director Dr. Alma Van Nice

Spokespersons for National School District: NSD Board President Maria Dalla and Superintendent Leighangela Brady

There were three (3) public comments in support of Beacon Classical Academy; these comments were from 1) Zach Wolfe, 2) Janelle Ruley, and 3) Chris Uribe. The Board received eight (8) speaker cards from members of the public, all of which waived their time to speak and respectfully requested, in writing, that the SDCOE Board uphold the revocation of Beacon Charter. The cards received were from 1) Alma Sarmiento, 2) Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, 3) Brian Clapper, 4) Barbara Avalos, 5) Christopher B. Carson, 6) Yvette Olea, 7) Leticia Hernández, and 8) P.J. Whitney.

President Shea closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Appeal of Revocation of the Charter of Beacon Classical Academy Charter School by National School District

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 the regular Board meeting on Aug 9, 2017.

MSC (González/Muñoz) to adopt the resolution of the San Diego County Board of Education denying the appeal and upholding the revocation of the Beacon Classical Academy Charter School by National School District. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

7.b. Adopt Resolution for Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Moneys

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk shared that Education Code section 42603 provides that county offices may direct that moneys held in any fund or account may be temporarily transferred to another fund or account of the county office for payment of obligations.

MSC (Donnellon/González) to adopt the resolution for temporary inter-fund transfers of special or restricted fund moneys. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

7.c. Approve Temporary Loan to Vallecitos School District for Construction of a Replacement Septic System

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lora Duzyk shared background information to Vallecitos School District's need for a temporary loan to replace its wastewater treatment system. She also answered questions from the Board.

Approval for a temporary loan to Vallecitos School District for construction of a replacement septic system passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

7.d. Adopt Resolution for Board Member Compensation for Non-attendance at Regular Board Meeting

Superintendent Gothold mentioned this is a routine process, based on Board by law, when a Board member is absent from a meeting.

For lack of a motion, no action taken on this agenda item.

7.e. Public Hearing: Determination of Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials for San Diego County Office of Education Programs for the 2017-18 School Year

Board President Shea opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. Interim Executive Director for Momentum Learning Jessica McCreary provided opening comments. There were no public speakers. President Shea closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

MSC (Muñoz/Powell) to adopt the resolution certifying sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials exist for the 2017-15 school year. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

8. INFORMATION ITEMS - NO ACTION

8.a. Quarterly Report of Investments Held

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

8.b. California Education Code 1302 - \$10,000 Rule (Classified Management)

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

8.c. Legislative Update

Superintendent Gothold provided the Board a brief update and written report on legislative bills; he presented highlights on AB377 and AB445.

9. BOARD REPORTS

9.a. Communications from Board Members

Board member Powell stated he is looking forward to school starting up later this month and getting back into swing of things with all the school districts.

Board member Donnellon welcomed students back to school. She attended National University's launch of the new Precision Institute; was invited to a bio labs design thinking session hosted by the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators (CALSA) and attended the Continuous Learning conference at SDCOE.

Board member González attended the grand opening of Saburo Muraoka School in Chula Vista and the SOULbration for SOUL Charter School.

Board member Muñoz shared that Cuyamaca College offered an online class focused on Mexican-American history to students in East Mesa. The class was a success and the College is considering offering the second part of this class next summer.

Board member Shea attended a Learning Exhibition hosted by Momentum Learning students at NCREC at which the parent turnout was quite impressive. He toured Monarch School along with Congressman Peters and City Councilman Ward; and participated in the Japan Festival in Encinitas. President Shea also attended the SOULbration for SOUL Charter School along with Board member González and participated in the Stuff-the-Bus event with Superintendent Gothold.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items are not considered on the agenda and Board Members will not be able to discuss per the Brown Act.

11. NEXT MEETING DATES

11.a. Special Board Meeting-Public Hearing, Thursday, August 17, 2017, 6 p.m.,
Oceanside Unified School District-Board Room, 2111 Mission Avenue,
Oceanside, CA

11.b. Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6 p.m., Joe Rindone
Regional Technology Center

12. ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Muñoz/González) to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).