

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

November 8, 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 taken at 6 p.m.

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

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

1.d. Approval of Agenda

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

2.b. Recognition: California Interscholastic Federation San Diego Section Award Recipients

CIF San Diego Section Commissioner Jerry Schniepp shared a brief presentation on the function of the CIF organization. He also recognized the recipients of the CIF Victory With Honor Exceptional Performance Award – Alina Molloy, member of the Guajome Park Academy girls cross country team, and Robbie Bowers, athletic trainer at Rancho Bernardo High. Board President Rick Shea presented each with a framed recognition on behalf of the San Diego County Board of Education. Ryan Smith, member of the Santa Fe Christian School golf team, was not present at the meeting, but also received a recognition from the Board.

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

The Momentum Learning student representative for the November 8, 2017, Board meeting was **Levi Naylor** from Innovations Academy of Empowerment School. Principal Joel Spengler introduced Levi to the Board. Board member Paulette Donnellon presented Levi an engraved award on behalf of the Board and welcomed his participation in the meeting.

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

No speakers for non-agenda items.

2. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.a. Recognition: Outstanding Student for Winners' Circle 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 Amy González, grade 11, from North County Technology Academy Independent Study as the Winner's Circle recipient and outstanding student for this quarter. Board member Donnellon presented Amy an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and congratulated her for her progress and achievement.

2.c. Recognition: Honoring Retiring Staff Member, Dixie Bryant

Momentum Learning Executive Director Tracy Thompson introduced Dixie Bryant, support services manager, who is retiring from the San Diego County Office of Education on Dec. 29, 2017, after 31 years of service. Board members congratulated Dixie and thanked her for her service.

2.d. Presentation: Local Control and Accountability Plan Goal 2 Progress Report

Momentum Learning Executive Director Tracy Thompson reported on the progress of Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Goal 2, "Cultivate stakeholder engagement to support excellence in each student's success". The presentation highlighted measurable outcomes developed from the feedback provided by stakeholders, and included evidence supporting each outcome.

2.e. Presentation: Digital Content Portal

Library Media Services Coordinator Cindy Dunlevy presented on the Digital Content Portal (DCP), an online portfolio of databases that provides over 16,000 subscribing students and teachers with access to a rich variety of instructional resources. The presentation included recent upgrades to the DCP.

Board President Shea called for a five-minute recess.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Establishment of Community Montessori Charter School

President Shea presented the guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 7 p.m. Business Advisory Services Consultant Kristin Armatis presented background information and opening remarks.

A petition to establish Community Montessori Charter School was submitted to the County Board of Education, pursuant to Education Code section 47605.6, by Terri Novacek, lead petitioner, on October 5, 2017. A county board of education may approve a petition for the operation of a charter school that operates at one or more sites within the geographic boundaries of the county and that provides instructional services that are not generally provided by a county office of education. The petition will be reviewed in accordance with Board Policy 0310 and Administrative Regulations 0310 and 0310.1.

Spokesperson for Community Montessori Charter School: Executive Director Terri Novacek.

There were 13 public comments in support of Community Montessori Charter School; speakers were 1) Maryellen Kordaf, 2) Aliah Brozowski, 3) Courtney Corey-Armstrong, 4) Bryan Moore, 5) Erica Edwardson, 6) Kristen Guy, 7) Neal Tricarico, 8) Kelly Bellavia Kocina, 9) Amy Spilkin, 10) Benjamin Yip, 11) Lori Shomphe, 12) Norma Aniceto, and 13) Michelle Anderson.

President Shea closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. and announced the Board would take action on this matter at the Regular Board meeting on Dec. 13, 2017.

Board President Shea called for a five-minute recess.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Establishment of Dimensions Collaborative Charter School

President Shea presented the guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 7:58 p.m. Business Advisory Services Consultant Kristin Armatis presented background information and opening remarks.

A petition to establish Dimensions Collaborative Charter School was submitted to the County Board of Education, pursuant to Education Code section 47605.6, by Terri Novacek, lead petitioner, on October 5, 2017. A county board of education may approve a petition for the operation of a charter school that operates at one or more sites within the geographic boundaries of the county and that provides instructional services that are not generally provided by a county office of education. The petition will be reviewed in accordance with Board Policy 0310 and Administrative Regulations 0310 and 0310.1.

Spokesperson for Dimensions Collaborative Charter School: Executive Director Terri Novacek and Dehesa Charter School Director Celia Ewing.

There were ten public comments in support of Dimensions Collaborative Charter School; speakers were 1) Lisa Clark-Burnell, 2) Laura Sylvester, 3) Kathie Moehltly, 4) Ashley Hilliard, 5) Dorene Short, 6) Drew Reynolds, 7) Chloe Dunford, 8) Jill Keltner, 9) Laura Etzler, and 10) DaNell Friebe.

President Shea closed the public hearing at 8:35 p.m. and announced the Board would take action on this matter at the Regular Board meeting on Dec. 13, 2017.

Board President Shea called for a five-minute recess.

5. 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/Donnellon) to approve Consent items 5.a. through 5.d. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

- 5.a. Approved: Minutes of Special Meeting on Oct. 2, 2017
- 5.b. Approved: Minutes of Regular Meeting on Oct. 11, 2017
- 5.c. Approved: Budget Adjustments
- 5.d. Approved: Resolution Honoring Staff Retirement, Dixie Bryant

6. ASSOCIATIONS COMMENTARY

CSEA Chapter 568 Vice-President of Legislature Lorraine Hamman shared that to-date there are 77 members retiring because of the negotiated retirement incentive. She also shared special elections for the CSEA chapter board will take place in December and stated it is a pleasure working with Human Resources staff Chris Reising and Bill Dowler.

SDCAE President Tammy Reina thanked Dr. Gothold for stopping by at the CTA presidents' meeting on Nov. 1. She also thanked Bob Mueller, Student Support Services executive director, for his leadership in putting together the SDCOE Safety Committee in which SDCAE representatives will be participating. Representatives from SDCAE will also participate in the EDGE Professional Development Committee.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Adoption: Resolution Taking Action on Appeal of District Denial Petition to Establish Baypoint Preparatory Charter School

Business Advisory Services Consultant Kristin Armatis provided background information. She discussed the findings of the San Diego County Office of Education's Review Committee that was formed in accordance with Board Policy 0310 and Administrative Regulations 0310 and 0310.1, comprised of SDCOE staff and attorney, who recommended the denial of the charter school petition to establish Baypoint Preparatory Charter School. The committee provided written findings specific to the petition and set forth facts to support one or more of the findings set forth in Education Code section 47605(b).

Comments from the following public speakers expressed support of the establishment of Baypoint Preparatory Charter School: 1) Frank Ogwaro; 2) Heather Herrera; 3) Nancy Spencer; 4) Michelle Anderson; and 5) Richard Hansberger

Speakers opposing the establishment of Baypoint Preparatory Charter School:
1) Mark Schiel

Board members discussed the petition findings and concerns.

MSC (González/Shea) to accept the recommendation to deny the appeal and adopt the "Resolution of the San Diego County Board of Education Denying the Charter School Petition to Establish Baypoint Preparatory Charter School" with the noted findings. Motion passed with a 3-2 vote as follows: YES: Muñoz, González, Shea; NO: Donnellon, Powell

7.b. Adoption: Resolution Taking Action on Appeal of District Denial Petition to Vista Springs Charter School

Business Advisory Services Consultant Kristin Armatis provided background information. She discussed the findings of the San Diego County Office of Education's Review Committee that was formed in accordance with Board Policy 0310 and Administrative Regulations 0310 and 0310.1, comprised of SDCOE staff and attorney, who recommended the denial of the charter school petition to establish Vista Springs Charter School. The committee provided written findings specific to the petition and set forth facts to support one or more of the findings set forth in Education Code section 47605(b).

Board President Shea called for a five-minute recess.

Comments from the following public speakers expressed support of the establishment of Vista Springs Charter School: 1) Robert Hennings; 2) Michelle Lopez; 3) Michelle Anderson; 4) Amy Heald; and 8) Vivian Price.

The Board discussed findings, expressed concerns and opinions. Legal counsel and staff addressed questions from the Board.

Board member Powell made a substitute motion to approve the petition with a 45-day review for a memorandum of understanding to go over points of discrepancies cited by the Review Committee. The motion was seconded by member Donnellon and failed with a 2-2-1 vote as follows: Yes: Donnellon, Powell; No: Muñoz, Shea; Abstained: González.

MSC (Shea/Muñoz) to accept the recommendation to deny the appeal and adopt the "Resolution of the San Diego County Board of Education Denying the Charter School Petition to Establish Vista Springs Charter School" with the noted findings. The motion failed with a 2-2-1 vote as follows: Yes: Muñoz, Shea; No: Donnellon, Powell; Abstained: González.

Lead petitioner and SDCOE legal counsel addressed questions from the Board regarding extending the time for the Board to render a decision.

Board member Powell made a substitute motion to deny Review Committee recommendation and approve the charter petition with a memorandum of understanding to be implemented within 60 days. Board member Donnellon seconded the motion. The motion failed with a 2-2-1 vote as follows: Yes: Donnellon, Powell; No: Muñoz, Shea; Abstained: González.

President Shea announced the Board took no action on the "Resolution Taking Action on Appeal of District Denial Petition to Vista Springs Charter School."

7.c. Adoption: Resolution Establishing the Appropriations Limit for 2016-17 and 2017-18

Internal Business Services Executive Director Pam Gilles presented the revised appropriations limit for 2016-17 and the estimated appropriations limit for 2017-18.

MSC (Donnellon/González) to adopt the Resolution Establishing the Appropriations Limit for 2016-17 and 2017-18. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

7.d. Adoption: Resolution in Support of the Restoration of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and Enactment of the Dream Act

MSC (González/Muñoz) to adopt the Resolution in Support of the Restoration of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and Enactment of the Dream Act. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

7.e. Adoption: Board and Leadership Protocols

MSC (Donnellon/González) to adopt the Board and Leadership Protocols. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

8. INFORMATION ITEMS - NO ACTION

8.a. Williams Settlement 2017-18 State of San Diego Schools Annual Report

Learning & Leadership Services Assessment Coordinator Patricia Karlin presented an update on the Williams Settlement Annual Report for 2016-2017 that documents site visits regarding instructional materials, school facilities, School Accountability Report Cards (SARC), teacher assignments, and Uniform Complaints.

8.b. Quarterly Report of Investments Held

Internal Business Services Executive Director Pam Gilles presented the quarterly report of investments to the Board.

8.c. CA Education Code 1302: \$10,000 Rule (Certificated Management)

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

8.d. Legislative Update

Superintendent Gothold provided the Board a brief update on legislative bills, such as AB 377.

9. BOARD REPORTS

9.a. Communications from Board Members

Board member Donnellon thanked Momentum Learning Executive Director Tracy Thompson for joining her to speak to a class of educators at California State University San Marcos about SDCOE-operated schools. She also thanked Chief Communications Officer Music Thompson for helping her with the slide deck she put together for the presentation. Board member González thanked Olympia Kyriakidis and Tracy Thompson for meeting with Mesa College representative regarding Historically Black Colleges & Universities and an upcoming transfer agreement.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

11. NEXT MEETING DATES

12.a. Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 6 p.m., Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center

12. ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Donnellon/González) to adjourn at 10:52 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).