

SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 10, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
 San Diego County Office of Education
 Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Board Room
 (Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center)
 6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, California

I. OPENING PROVISIONS

A. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Neylon, Robinson
 Secretary: Ward
 Recording Secretary: Bowers

B. Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

C. Introduction Of Student Representative On County Board Of Education

Principal Joseph Wiseman introduced Dezaræ Frost from Monarch School as the student representative for the month of September. Member Robinson presented Dezaræ with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and welcomed her participation in the meeting.

D. Public Comment – Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Public comment cards were collected prior to the start of the meeting. Two speakers asked to address Consent Agenda Item II.B. and comment on the Alpine Unification decision. President Hartley proceeded to the approval of the agenda and then pulled Item II.B. for discussion. Those comments are listed below.

E. Approval Of Agenda

MSC (Anderson/Jones) to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

President Hartley pulled Consent agenda item II.B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2014, for separate consideration. At this time, public comment was taken from Scott Patterson, Grossmont Union High School District Deputy Superintendent, Business Services. Mr. Patterson discussed the motion passed by the County Committee when it took action on the findings on criteria for school district unification, Condition #3. Mr. Patterson stated that it appears to be an oversight or error that the motion did not read “assets and liabilities” as discussed prior to the motion being made and requested that the error be corrected.

Ralf Swenson, Superintendent of the Grossmont Union High School District, stated that the Grossmont District remains strictly opposed to the Alpine Unification and to any division of assets and liabilities that is not in conformance with Education Code section 35560. Mr. Swenson also pointed out that Priscilla Schreiber’s title as listed under Public Comment should be corrected from “Board President” to “Member of the Governing Board” and that it should be noted, as she stated, that she was not representing the Grossmont Board or the district.

MSC (Robinson/Neylon) to amend the August 13, 2014 minutes to correct public comment speaker Priscilla Schreiber’s title to “Member of the Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District” and to note that she was not representing Grossmont’s Governing Board or the district but was speaking as a private citizen. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

MSC (Neylon/Anderson) to approve the amended minutes of August 13, 2014 with the caveat that Condition #3 in the County Committee's findings on criteria for school district unification will be re-calendared for the October 8, 2014 meeting to make a correction. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

MSC (Anderson/Jones) to approve items A. and C. through G. on the Consent agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

- A. Approved Minutes of Special Meeting, Expulsion Appeal Hearing, August 13, 2014.
- B. Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting and County Committee on School District Organization, August 13, 2014, as amended.
- C. Approved budget adjustments.
- D. Approved real property lease agreement.
- E. Approved Workers Compensation Certification.
- F. Approved Proclamation for Constitution Week.
- G. Adopted Resolution #2014-37 endorsing September 2014 as Attendance Awareness Month.

At this time, the Board received a public speaker card on a non-agenda item. Mr. Ray Lutz from the Citizens Oversight Committee questioned the school districts practice of leasing school district facilities to various religious organizations for the conduct of meetings.

III. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation: District Requested Services

Steve Clemons discussed examples of programs that directly support the requested needs of our Districts, highlighting the Leading Edge Certification, Teacher Effectiveness and Evaluation Project, and Tier I and II Administrative Services Credential Programs. Vallecitos Superintendent, David Jones, shared specific ways that SDCOE staff has helped his district to improve student learning. Chris Reising, Director, Teacher Recruitment and Support, discussed the Teacher Effectiveness and Evaluation Project. Dan Wolfson, Lead Principal in Residence, discussed how the Learning and Leadership Services division is building leadership capacity for administrators and teachers through the Principal Leadership Institute and the Aspiring Leaders Institute.

- B. Presentation: Juvenile Court and Community Schools Instructional Focus

The Juvenile Court and Community Schools reported on the ongoing re-imaging of our schools, highlighting the progress over the 2013-14 school year and continuing action plans going forward. The presentation included the JCCS instructional focus and theory of change, professional learning plan, current staffing as well as progress on program metrics and outcome indicators. Speakers included Stacy Spector, Executive Director, JCCS, Dr. Wendell Callahan, Director, Assessment and Pupil Services, Mark Round, Teacher, Monarch School, and student Felix Villafana, from Main Street Umoja.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Agreement and Election to Prefund Other Post Employment Benefits through CalPERS and Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements

Lora Duzyk, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided background on this item. Other post employment benefits are benefits provided to retirees other than pensions, including retiree health and insurance benefits. The CalPERS California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) program is an irrevocable trust program that will allow us to place our funds with the CERBT which is overseen by the CalPERS board who assumes investment fiduciary responsibility. This will provide for our funds to be managed by CalPERS investment professionals within defined strategies at a very low cost.

MSC (Jones/Anderson) to approve the Agreement and Election to Prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits through CalPERS and the Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

V. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION

A. Legislative Update

Randolph Ward, County Superintendent of Schools, provided an update on key legislation affecting education. The September report is available online and can be accessed under Legislative Updates at <http://www.sdcoe.net/Board/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

VI. BOARD REPORTS

Member Anderson congratulated Santana High School students Evin Killian, Eric Marx and Peter Franchak and led by Santana engineering instructor Jason Kay who took first place in the statewide State Engineering Design Competition judged by Northrup Grumman, Chevron, engineers and teachers. Member Jones acknowledged staff for the exciting presentations exhibited tonight. Member Neylon is excited to be back in the classroom teaching after the summer break. Member Robinson has been contacted by teachers about the many transitions taking place including the transition to a trimester system, site closures, etc. and he requests that we be sensitive and give as much advance notice as possible so they can adjust their schedules and advise their students.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Request by Member Robinson to add a presentation by the Association of Educators Union Representative as a regular, recurring board agenda item.

VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.