



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 8.1.h

**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2016

**Subject:** Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2015, Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Superintendent's Office

**Recommendation:** Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2015, Board of Education Meeting.

**Background/Rationale:** None

**Financial Considerations:** None

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Engagement

**Documents Attached:**

1. Minutes of the December 10, 2015, Board of Education Regular Meeting

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Submitted by:</b> José L. Banda, Superintendent</p> <p><b>Approved by:</b> N/A</p>
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Thursday, December 10, 2015

Diana Rodriguez

*Jessie Ryan*

*Members Absent:*

*Gustavo Arroyo (at*

*Second Vice Presid*



#### 4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*The meeting was called back to order at 6:44 p.m. by President Woo.*

*Members Present:*

*President Darrel Woo*

*Vice President Christina Pritchett*

*Second Vice President Jay Hansen*

*Gustavo Arroyo*

*Ellen Cochrane*

*Diana Rodriguez*

*Jessie Ryan*

*Student Member Elizabeth Barry*

*Members Absent: Second Vice President Jay Hansen*

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jacob Lee, a Junior from Hiram Johnson High School. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Board Member Cochrane.*

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*Public Comment:*

*Alex Visaya welcomed President Pritchett and noted that it has been a long time since there has been a President from Trustee Area 3. He presented her with flowers.*

## 8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to two (2) minutes with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action on agenda items. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

*Public Comment:*

*Christy Correa, with Restore the Roar, spoke on the condition of the field at C. K. McClatchy High School. Her daughter, who is a Senior, plays soccer on the field, and she has concerns about this. She invited the Board to come out and see the field.*

*Alex Visaya referred to a packet given to Student Member Barry that will be handed out to the Board later in the evening. He said he would like to discuss the issue (schools in San Francisco) at the workshop tomorrow.*

*Washington on January 7 to January 10, 2016 (Lisa Allen and Mary Hardin Young)*

- 9.1d Approve Staff Recommendations for Expulsion #1, 2015-16 (Lisa Allen and Stephan Brown)*
- 9.1e Approve Resolution No. 2863: Recognition of November 2015 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month (Darrel Woo)*
- 9.1f Approve West Campus High School Field Trip to Phoenix, Arizona from December 17 to December 23, 2015 (Lisa Allen and Chad Sweitzer)*
- 9.1g Approve Resolution No. 2864: Developer Fees Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 (Gerardo Castillo, CPA)*
- 9.1h Approve Minutes of the November 5, 2015, Board of Education Meeting (José L. Banda)*

*President Pritchett asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. A motion was made to approve by Member Ryan and seconded by Member Woo. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.*

## 10.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 Employee Organization Reports: Information*
  - f CSA – No report given.*
  - f SCTA – President Nikki Milevsky reported on behalf of SCTA.*
  - f SEIU – Ian Arnold reported on behalf of SEIU*
  - f Teamsters – No report given.*
  - f UPE – President Peter Lambert reported on behalf of UPE.*
- 10.2 District Parent Advisory Committees: Information*
  - f Community Advisory Committee – No report given.*
  - f District Advisory Council – No report given.*
  - f District English Learner Advisory Committee – No report given.*
  - f Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee – No report given.*
  - f Sacramento Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – No report given.*
- 10.3 Superintendent’s Report (José L. Banda) Information*

*Superintendent Banda spoke about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) signed by President Obama today.*

*This Act replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB) from 2002. The new act returns much classroom control back to the states and local districts while still maintaining some federal oversight. One of the most controversial aspects of NCLB was the creation of a national system that judged schools based solely on the results from one test and required schools to raise test scores or face escalating penalties. It shifted funding away from block grants that allowed for flexibility. Under ESSA, states will still be required to test students annually in math and reading in grades three through eight and once in high school. Scores will still be publicly reported and broken down by race, income, ethnicity, disability, and whether students are English language learners. The states, however, will decide how to weigh test scores and what to do about the most challenged schools. So instead of two accountability models, federal and state, there will be only one. California has been in the process of creating its model for quite some time, therefore we know that this new model will look at multiple measures of success and will not place as much emphasis on annual standardized testing. We support using multiple measures, and it is an element of our Guide to Success, which is in final stages of development. The new act also eliminates some categorical funding programs in favor of large block grants. This all sounds like a great leap forward, but of course the devil is in the details. So we are still reviewing the legislation which does not go into effect until the 2017-18 school year. We can only assume that we may not have an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Program Improvement, but Superintendent Banda said he is sure something will take its place. More information will be shared with the Board as ESSA becomes more clear and defined and closer to implementation. He then showed a video about his recent trip to China that he made with approximately 250 educators from all over the country. The purpose of the trip, which was under the College Board, was to visit the school systems there. It was an amazing experience to see the educational system in China and to make contrast and comparisons in one's own mind with what we do here. It illustrated to Superintendent Banda things that we do exceptionally well and also gave ideas for things that we can be looking toward in the future as well. There is much larger scale there, but very well run and efficient. It is clear the Chinese place a high emphasis on education and learning another language. The big focus for the Chinese school system is learning English. In order to prepare our students for a global economy, we need to make sure they know other languages as well. We are very proud of our Chinese Mandarin Immersion programs; we need to make more of those and in other languages also.*

#### 10.4 President's Report (Christina Pritchett)

Information

*President Pritchett thanked the Board for electing her as President. She reported on the California School Board Association (CSBA) annual conference that she attended the first week in December. The entire Board attended this year. She asked all listening to please keep an eye out over the upcoming winter break for any vandalizing of schools and to report any such crime to the number on our District website.*

#### 10.5 Student Member Report (Elizabeth Barry)

Information

*Student Member Barry reported that she also attended the CSBA conference. She went to workshops designed specifically for student board members and also got to attend some workshops with the adults. She learned that we are a very, very large district. She learned about variations on different boards regarding the role of the student board member or members. Student Member Barry said that the experience made her realize that she could be doing a lot more to engage student voice to make sure that all of the approximately 46,000 students in our District are represented.*

*Member Woo said he will be working hard as a member of the Board of Directors for CSBA to lobby legislators for more money for our schools. Monies received in the last couple years have been fantastic, but it only brings us to 2007 levels. CSBA has estimated that in order for schools to still come to parity the shortfall is still about 43 billion dollars. This represents about 35 percent of the State budget, so we are still very far behind. Member Woo also reported that he met about 60 student teachers through an early District recruitment. Superintendent Banda, Chief Human Resources Officer Cancy McArn, and a number of administrators were present to welcome them, provide information on what Sacramento City Unified School District has to offer, and to take early applications.*

*Member Rodriguez also spoke about the CSBA conference. At a California Latino School Board Association luncheon she learned that there is a GPA disparity among high school students in California. For example, a 3.0 GPA in one district is not equal to the same GPA in another district. This is because some districts take other factors into consideration regarding the grade that have nothing to do with academic mastery. The California Latino School Board Association in conjunction with CSBA is working on this issue across all districts in California to ensure that grading parity will be one of the topics of discussion going forward. This affects students when they go to college if they assume that they have earned a better grade than they actually have. Another issue she learned of is math misplacement. Out of all of California, only one third of the students that were of African American and Hispanic descent that took Algebra I and got a B grade or better went on to take higher level math courses. She said that we need to check in our District to make sure such students are enrolled in the next level courses. Lastly, Member Rodriguez mentioned that she and the Superintendent are attending The Youth Cinema Project in Los Angeles next week. They will also be meeting Edward James Olmos. He is an actor and founder of the Latino Film Institute Youth Cinema Project. She made a final comment on the Superintendent's report, noting that the District will not reach the shared goal and value of having children graduate competitively prepared if we have an English-only attitude. We will get there by having more dual language programs. This will take the effort of all partners.*

*Member Cochrane reported that she held a community meeting on Tuesday night at Theodore Judah Elementary School about an Area 2 boundary change that was suggested at the last Board meeting. The community requested that the boundary change be re-addressed. The item will therefore return to the January 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting agenda. Member Cochrane gave a shout out to Brenda Padilla for her op-ed that was recently printed in the Sacramento Bee which discussed the District's efforts to provide excellent meals for our students. She addressed our recent purchase of non-local product and outlined Sacramento City Unified School District programs to bring fresh, local products to students. When employees write, publish, and give an inside look into what we are doing, it is great because people get to see the great work that the District is doing. Member Cochrane also encouraged all parents that can to attend school tours and think about Open Enrollment. Area 2 has five great elementary schools as well as one multiple grade school, one middle school, one high school, and one adult education facility.*

*Vice President Ryan congratulated President Pritchett and noted that she has worked tirelessly over the past year as Vice President. She also thanked fellow Board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the CSBA conference, including Student Board Member Barry. She then noted that in her day job at the Campaign for College Opportunity they are consistently advocating for equitable access to public higher education to make sure that more students get into and complete college. They just published a state and national report on access denied, the pipeline into public universities. They found that California now ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of students directly going into four year univ*



*Food Literacy Center for successfully working together to secure a USDA grant in the amount of \$100,000. This grant will serve three schools in Area 7, Ethel I. Baker, Pacific, and Oak Ridge Elementary Schools. We will be doing an expansion of the school garden program and using the piloted curriculum to expand to all school sites throughout the District over the course of the grant. She also reported she has worked with the Studios Project, a repurposing of the Fremont Adult School. The Sacramento Ballet and other non-profit art groups are moving into the space. In exchange, they will be giving the District educational benefits. We have just crafted a Studios Director job description. This means capacity to deliver educational benefits to low-income schools that have had their arts programs decimated. Lastly, she thanked Cathy Allen for her energy and effort that was put into The Fruit R*

*the bond to receive Core Academic renovation. She is not sure if they are scheduled for 2017, but she will check the schedule. If the site decides, through meetings, that that is what they want to spend their Core Academic renovation funding on, then we will go in that direction. Member Rodriguez said that this is a site that is in dire need. She noted other sites that have great need; Hiram Johnson High School, for example, does not have a decent track and field. She said that we need to start looking at and thinking about which schools need to be elevated up to at least the same level as other schools. She supports the IB program at Kit Carson and wants it there, but at the same time feels we need to think globally around the District.*

*Member Cochrane thanked Member Rodriguez for her comments in general, and she agrees. However she does understand that this was specific monies that were put toward Kit Carson. She thanked Ms. Trujillo for her comments and wants to recognize that Kit Carson is a neighborhood school with many children walking there, but is now a destination school. Therefore it is filling out with enrollment both locally and now also with students coming in from out of the area. Member Cochrane also thanked the design team for keeping the atmosphere and tone of the school intact along with keeping the inner courtyard intact. She asked if there are any plans for a mural. Ms. Allen said there are no specific plans currently. Member Cochrane noted that there is a very large south wall seen when coming in to the school that would be an excellent place to put a mural that represents California history and the multicultural community that goes there. Mr. Minnick said that some students are doing murals of a smaller scale under the direction of Ms. Helweh. He thinks a large mural is a great idea and that the smaller projects could lead into it.*

*Student Member Barry said that she thinks this is very exciting and something that Kit Carson has needed for some time.*

*President Pritchett said that she is really excited about this plan, and she cannot wait to visit the campus once the project is complete to see the final product. She thanked the team for their work.*

*11.2 SMUD High School Energy Audit Training Project – Energy Efficiency  
Recommendations for The Met, School of Engineering and Sciences,  
John F. Kennedy, and West Campus High Schools (Cathy Allen)  
(Previously Item 11.1)*

**Information**

*Chief Operations Officer Cathy Allen began the presentation with our SMUD representative. Presentations, audit findings, and recommendations were then given by the following schools and students: John F. Kennedy High School students May Tan, Valentina Duong, Abraham Fong, Stanley Ou, and Inell Williams; West Campus High School students Carly Wipf, Gracey Holtwarren, Justin Nguyen, Conor Dixon, Mailo Numazu, and Alexis Montonaga; The Met High School students Mia Muscat, William Buelna, Justin Yu, Kieran Garcia, and Micaela Negrete. Ms. Allen noted that a lot of the recommendations are eligible for Proposition 39 dollars, and as we apply each year we do incorporate some of the audit findings.*

*Public Comments:  
None*

*Board Member Comments:  
Member Rodriguez asked one of the students for clarification that switching from T8 to T5 LED bulbs will save money. He verified that is correct and explained other advantages. Member Rodriguez asked Ms. Allen if we now as a District only purchase T5 LED bulbs. Ms. Allen said that any time we have the opportunity to*

*change out from T8 to T5 LED bulbs we do so. Sometimes it would require changing the ballast also. Member Rodriguez asked if there is a recycle or rebate program for the T8 bulbs. Ms. Allen said that it actually costs money to dispose of them.*

*Vice President Ryan commended all the students for coming to present.*

*Superintendent Banda also commended the group for the project as well as for their focus and enthusiasm.*

*Student Member Barry said that, as one of the presenting groups is from her high school, she knows how much work goes into the project. She congratulated all the students and said she thinks it is amazing that we are having such a big focus on energy efficiency.*

*President Pritchett said that she is proud of all the students participating. She asked Ms. Allen if there is a program to keep this project going by reaching out to other schools. Ms. Allen responded along with the SMUD representative that this is the third year of the program. SMUD is funding it through Proposition 39 support services, so there is definitely two more years available.*

*11.3 Approve 2016-2017 Budget Calendar (Gerardo Castillo, C2(y)4s10.6do Castinthe pr*

*Chief Business Officer Gerardo Castillo explained that the goal of their presentation of the first interim financial report is to provide a brief budget update and comply with Education Code Section 42130. Mr. Castillo and Budget Director Michael Smith provided an overview and then went into detail on the first interim report. They explained Education Code 42130, described the first interim summary for the general fund, went over enrollment and average daily attendance analysis, discussed how the District is doing with cash flow, what funding is expected from the state, fund balances, multi-year forecasts, and District fiscal condition.*

*Public Comments:*

*Bob Hammes, of Making Cents Work, noted that his organization is aware that the Board receives budget information prior to the availability of the Board packet, but that his meaning was that the community does not get very much time to study the documents and engage with their Board members. Regarding the first interim report, his organization appreciates the work that the Budget Department does. They also appreciate the honesty and transparency that is reflected in the documents. They feel that the Board has choices and slightly disagrees with putting so much money into the ending fund balance, as there are many needs that we have now. They feel that money which comes in this year should be spent on the students in the current year. Grace Trujillo congratulated Member Rodriguez for always speaking out. She also thanked Mr. Castillo for bringing out concerns in his presentation. She asked what will happen now that revenue and expenditures are up, yet enrollment is projected to go down.*

*Angie Sutherland, a parent from Hollywood Park Elementary School, noted that this is a massive budget and that our District is extremely large with a great variety of students and needs. She noted how the budget is intertwined with the Strategic Plan, the LCAP, demographics, and school site needs. She feels we need to think about equity and giving the students and schools what they need. She mentioned school site plans; she has a concern that they are not being put together effectively. She feels representation on school site council should be diverse as it is in the LCAP. She also spoke about the Strategic Plan survey and equity.*

*President Pritchett asked for a motion to take this Item from Conference to Action. A motion was made by Member Woo and seconded by Member Arroyo. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Board Member Comments:*

*Member Rodriguez disagreed with public comment regarding the reserve balance. She noted that when the economy went down and our funding went down, the District was able to rely on the reserve balance. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the District's doors stay open. Therefore, one of the key components is to ensure rainy day funds are there to fulfill needs in down times. Thirty-two million dollars to cover one month of payroll is an amount that we should all be focused on and driving toward. The required bare minimum of two percent will only cover 10 days of payroll. She also noted that on several slides throughout the budget we talk about other post employment benefits (OPEB), and what is most alarming is that on slide 14 we now see two lines intersect which means active employees and retirees at 65 meet. This translates into a very big financial burden to the District as we are still responsible for all of those health care benefits. Mr. Castillo agreed saying that it is because we have health care benefits for life. Member Rodriguez also has concern with information on slide 13. This slide shows a significant increase in CalPERS and CalSTRS. She said the District will not be able to absorb the cost if we are not planning for it accordingly. She asked Mr. Castillo to speak on Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 68. He explained that this is a new requirement for school districts that says they must record on the books the pension liabilities that the state owns. For example, Sacramento City Unified School District would have to record the liability for CalPERS and CalSTRS. At the next Board meeting, the auditors will probably go over*

*this in detail during the audit report presentation in January. Member Rodriguez asked if this could put us in the negative overnight. Mr. Castillo answered that the county and the state do not include these liabilities in the certification process. It does put our statements more in line with the private industry, but at this point in time it does not count against us. This year is the first year that the liability will show on our balance sheet and will show us as in a negative on our books. Member Rodriguez said that it will be a very large negative amount that she will talk about at the next Board meeting. Mr. Castillo also noted that Proposition 30 ends in 2017, which creates a big unknown for us. Member Rodriguez then commented on slide 22. She likes that we are continuing a commitment to fund OPEB and that we will continue to provide updates to the Board, parents, community, and staff.*

*Member Arroyo asked a question about Proposition 30, the reduction of funds, and how we will cope. Mr. Castillo said that Proposition 30 represents 40 million dollars that would be gone in the future. There is uncertainty if the whole amount will be gone or a percentage, but even losing a percentage is significant. And it is only a year and a half away. The way to deal with this is with long term planning and by having adequate reserves. We need to look at our financials, for not just this year and the following year, but for a three to five year range. We are required to present to the Board two years. Having aing 0 T39.59nn03 -1.39.59thrd to o1.03urllu2(9-)riqui[(w)-[()]]TJ 9d221( A)1(rob2(ol)a -,)wolw4(r221( A)13(hja -,)e)po2(t)3(e)--2(-(1)l)10(he)4( f221( A*

*11.5 Approve 2016-2017 Traditional School Attendance Calendar (Cancy McArn)*

*Chief Human Resources Officer Cancy McArn and Employee Relations Director Cindy Nguyen presented the Item. They asked for Board approval on the 2016-2017 school attendance calendar. It is similar to the current school year calendar with a start date of September 1, which is the Thursday prior to Labor Day. It allows for a full summer to support the implementation of class size reduction of 24 to 1 in K-3. Ms. McArn stated that while we want to continue working to get agreements necessary for a mid-August start for the 2017-2018 school year, tonight*

## 14.0 ADJOURNMENT

*President Pritchett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by student member Elizabeth Barry and seconded by Member Woo. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.*

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*José L. Banda, Superintendent and Board Secretary*

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