



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1e

Meeting Date: March 5, 2015

Subject: Approve February 5, 2015, Board of Education Meeting Minutes

- 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 Board of Education Meeting for February 5, 2015

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Engagement

Documents Attached:

1. February 5, 2015, Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

Submitted by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

Approved by: N/A

Sacramento City Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

Darrel Woo, President (Trustee Area 6)

Christina Pritchett, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)

Jay Hansen, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 1)

Ellen Cochrane, (Trustee Area 2)

Gustavo Arroyo, (Trustee Area 4)

Diana Rodriguez, (Trustee Area 5)

Jessie Ryan, (Trustee Area 7)

Asami Saito, Student Member

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

- a) *Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9: (OAH Case No. 2014120126; OAH Case No. 2014110402; SCTA v. SCUSD PERB No. SA-CE-2782-E)*
- b) *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9*
- c) *Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9*

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vote. This matter involved SCTA, the District, and related actions.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

President Woo asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made to approve by Vice President Pritchett, however Second Vice President Hansen requested that Item 9.1a be pulled so that he could discuss.

Superintendent Banda recommended that Bid #407-2 be pulled from Consent Agenda Item 9.1a and that the Board reject all bids on Bid #407-2 in order to re-bid them. The Board could take action by approving the recommendation in its overall approval of Consent Agenda Item 9.0.

Vice President Pritchett moved to adopt the agenda as amended and Member Arroyo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

7.1 Facilities Support Services Annual Donation to Parker Family Resource Center (Cathy Allen)

Cathy Allen and Barry Eypak presented a check to the Parker Family Resource Center for \$874. The check represented donations collected through the Facilities Maintenance Department. Mike Breverly of the Machine Shop spoke on the process behind collecting donations. The check represents funds beyond what was needed for the meal. Monica McRho,

The SCTA has also reached a significant agreement with the Academic office regarding how Common Core allocated dollars will be spent for the remainder of this year and next. Ms. Milevsky stated that the sessions were very professional and constructive. It is hoped that a foundation is set for a vastly improved relationship. She also stated that the SCTA continues to work with Second Vice President Hansen and Councilmember Steve Hansen to reopen Washington School, and they urge the Board not to take action that would impede that opportunity. They also ask that the District not pass a resolution supporting the repeal of caps on reserves for school districts.

Darlene Anderson spoke on Black History Month and stated that it is important to start having a

Public Comment:

Ralph Merletti spoke on Item 9.1c, showing a map on the overhead of the area to be visited by Sutter Middle

10.2 *Potential 2015-16 Budget Reductions – Restricted Funds (Gerardo Castillo, CPA)*

Gerardo Castillo and Michael Smith presented the 2015-16 Budget Reductions for Restricted Funds. They covered the California economic outlook(c)4(onook(c)4(odw-2(fha22.85)4(C)a22.85 ook(c)4(onook())(alc)4(mar)-1(daor)-1(R)l(e)4(s)-1Sacd t

it was designed to be. He asked the Board to please approve this step of the process.

Katie McCleary, Director of 916 Ink, stated that they have been looking for a place to open their Young Author's Palace, a creative writing classroom for ages Kindergarten through Twelfth grade. They have published over 1,300 students in 42 different publications. They are part of the La Familia project, and have received over \$160,000 from the Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Harvego Family Foundation, the California Endowment, the Fortune Foundation, and the Sacramento Region Community Foundation in support of their portion of the Young Author's Palace project. Ms. McCleary urged the Board to move forward in a quick manner; otherwise she will be forced to find another space. Of mutual benefit to the District will be that at least 200 students from the Sacramento City Unified School District per year will be served.

Monica Hernandez, with Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), spoke as a committed partner to working with La Familia on the reuse of the Maple Elementary School site. She urged the Board to move forward with negotiations. She acknowledged the efforts of District staff in developing the process. Her organization brings technical assistance through specific, identified and secure grant funding to the table. They would like to work with the City and the County in improving Transportation options to access the site.

Rachel Rios, Executive Director of La Familia Counseling Center, thanked the Superintendent, Board, and staff for bringing this item forward tonight. She said La Familia also wants to acknowledge the work of the 7-11 Committee that worked early on to review their concepts for the repurposing of the school. On behalf of La Familia, she urged the Board to approve their proposal for the reuse of the Maple Elementary School site and to take action to move their proposal to the next level by authorizing the District to begin negotiations with them. This action will still allow the Board to review and approve any final agreement. Ms. Rios stated that La Familia has worked hard with their partners, 916 Ink and Fairy Tale Town as well as others to identify support and resources for this project. They are concerned that continual delays in making progress on this project jeopardizes those resources. More importantly, opportunities to address critical gaps in service needs that the community needs are continuing to be delayed.

Karen Daly spoke on behalf of the Brentwood Neighborhood Association. The Brentwood neighborhood surrounds the C. P. Huntington School site. Ms. Daly stated that the Association met several times with Camellia Waldorf School, are impressed with their proposal, and happy to support them in their application to utilize the vacant school. She asked the Board to consider supporting Camellia Waldorf School, but not for just the two years that District staff has suggested, but for at least a ten year agreement. A two year agreement does not make the move worthwhile for Camellia Waldorf School.

Judy Smith, speaking on behalf of the Fruit Ridge Community Collaborative, thanked the 7-11 Committee and all staff. She has been a resident of the Fruit Ridge community for approximately 30 years, and her children attended Fruit Ridge Elementary. She was saddened to see the school empty, so she began calling around the country and then began receiving calls from people interested in knowing what was going on with the Collaborative. They worked hard to get very strong organizations that were not doing duplication of services. They are now in the process of having Tide Centers become their fiscal sponsors.

Simeon Gant, also part of the Collaborative with Ms. Smith, is the Executive Director of Green Technical Education and Employment. Some of the work that will be done within the Collaborative when approved will be twenty-first century career opportunities and job skills. They will be teaching young people about careers in clean energy and energy efficiency in sustainable living strategies. They will provide hands on opportunities for learning, such as installing solar panels and work with alternative fuel vehicles. As long as the site is empty, it is a public safety issue, so they would like to fill the space with community work and educational opportunities.

Alisha Hamilton spoke as a community member, although her Mother is Judy Smith of the Fruit Ridge Community Collaborative. She came from the Fruit Ridge area, moved to the Natomas area, and brought her family back to the Fruit Ridge area. She noted the great amount of within trOtorare6(kehi)-6 oposami heresthe Fru8-2(t)-2(R)1(i)-2

Magda Velasquez, also teaching sports and martial arts with La Familia Counseling Center, spoke about the work they do with children.

Asante Mlenga, a graduate of La Familia's GED program, spoke about the program. She is enrolled at Sacramento City College majoring in Child Education. She gave examples of other students that earned their GEDs through the program. She feels that La Familia's expansion to the Maple Elementary School site will provide more opportunities, programs, and activities for youth and the community.

Marti Brown, Executive Director of the North Franklin District Business Association, spoke on behalf of their Board in favor of La Familia's Counseling Center's proposal for the Maple Elementary School site. The Association has been working on a community economic development plan for the past couple of years and is nearing completion. The centerpiece of that plan is health and building a healthy community. They therefore feel that La Familia could not be a better partner for the business district for the community plan that they are in the process of completing. They are very hopeful that the Board will move forward and agree to continue with negotiations for repurposing the Maple Elementary School site and that the District will work with La Familia.

Rosalba Moreno, through a translator, spoke of benefits she has received from the La Familia Counseling Center over the past twelve years. She first went to La Familia and was referred to WEAVE. Her sons have also received counseling through La Familia Counseling Center, been part of karate, received youth services, and help finding jobs. She and her family are very grateful for the agency and staff that work there. Her son Juan has volunteered at La Familia for over ten years. She feels it is important for the program to grow so that youth can accomplish their goals and remain off the streets. Her son is now in a transitional program and next year will begin college. Her younger son is now a Senior in high school and has been accepted to Montana University. She is very proud of her two sons and owes much of their success to La Familia. Ms. Moreno thanked La Familia and those that work there for their support.

Kathy Fleming, Executive Director of Fairy Tale Town, spoke on the importance of play to the physical, cognitive, and emotional development of children. She said that this and also the decline of play is well documented. Safe places for play are a very important community asset. Therefore, Fairy Tale Town wants to work with La Familia Family Counseling Center to provide supervised play provision at the Maple Elementary School site during out of school hours for neighborhood children aged eight to 15. They have pledges of support to make this happen from a wide variety of community organizations ranging from rotary clubs to the Sacramento Tree Foundation as well as some individuals. She hopes the Board will approve the next step to begin negotiations with La Familia.

Chanowk Yisrael, founder of the Yisrael Family Urban Farm, said that the organization has not been included in any of the talks with the Fruit Ridge Community Collaborative. They are across the street from the Fruit Ridge School site. His father also lives in the community. They have tried to be involved and work with the community. He wants the process to move forward with the partners currently involved, but he would like to be a partner too. Mr. Yisrael thanked the Board for their service.

Chuck Rucker, representing Camellia Waldorf School, thanked the Board, Facilities Staff, 7-11 Committee, and the general community for their work over the past couple of years. He stated that Camellia Waldorf is a small,

various formats. Some of that data is beyond her and her staff's ability to provide and so would have to seek outside help to answer some of those questions. If the Board deems them relevant before a decision is made, then they would certainly look towards doing that. Member Rodriguez stated that the Board has expressed on numerous occasions that those were very important issues and that accountability is long overdue. She feels we could be more innovative with the property rather than just leasing it out. She spoke of International Baccalaureate programs in the District. She also spoke of the planned new downtown arena and how a lot of community members are expected to move to the south side of Sacramento, and she feels that affordability will be in the Maple Elementary School site area. Member Rodriguez stated that she really appreciates and values all of the community partners and non-profits that came forward, as well as the private school that came forward. If the District is going to move forward on proposals, she would like to see La Familia not considered for the Maple Elementary School site, but considered for the Mark Hopkins Elementary site; she feels that the proposal contains everything that the Mark Hopkins Elementary site community wants, and that it would be more beneficial to the La Familia Center to expand in that direction as a larger audience would be captured.

Member Ryan said that she respectfully disagrees with Member Rodriguez. Insuring the fiscal health of the District is in her mind when she looks at the proposals, but the first question is what is in the best interest of, not the District, but the community. When she was running for Trustee Area 7, she walked and knocked thousands of doors and spoke with hundreds of community members and consistently she heard much sadness over the closure of Fruit Ridge Elementary School, in particular, and Maple Elementary School. But she also heard a real desire to see a path forward with a community center that would truly meet the needs of a community that has pockets of poverty. Walking around the Fruit Ridge Elementary site, she saw people dumping trash, a lack of green space, and a sadness and loss of hope. As she spoke to community members, constituents said to her, we want to know that you are going to put the services that will meet the needs of our community from youth to senior. She heard a desire to have a center that mirrors the Sierra Center in Curtis Park. Services are much more accessible in more affluent communities. In Fruit Ridge and the surrounding area, there are families that are looking to have their needs met, and we have people who are stepping up to the plate. La Familia of all the applicants, in Member Ryan's opinion, has a track record of success spanning more than 40 years. Also what is exciting for her about La Familia is recognizing a large population of Latinos that often feel disenfranchised, marginalized, and separated from the revitalization going on in other parts of Oak Park. La Familia also has an incredible breadth of remarkable community partners who are willing to put their name and resources on the line. When it comes to fiscal viability, Member Ryan feels they have a financial plan that more than meets all the requirements of the District and exceeds it. If you look at where La Familia was even two years ago, they have grown significantly, and Member Ryan feels their prospects,

decides to move forward with looking at the contract with the Sacramento Performing Arts Conservatory that they are aware that it could be a short term lease. He is attentive to what Board Member Rodriguez said about taking advantage of facilities should a time come that they need to be reopened as District schools. So building this into the process is something that is important.

Member Cochrane complemented all the applicants on their strength and depth, and said she is very excited, particularly for the Fruit Ridge and Maple Elementary School sites. She feels that the programs will be a great asset to the community. Her Trustee Area 2 has schools that are heavily impacted, not due to any school on the current list, but due to concapping, especially because of the Washington Elementary School closure. While she is a full proponent of the performing arts, she has serious concerns about the school being rented out to another entity. She shares Member Rodriguez's concern that once a program goes into a building, it is very hard to thread it out. She asked Ms. Allen if it is possible to take the Washington Elementary School site off the application process especially if the program for the Sacramento Performing Arts Conservatory is not voted for tonight. Ms. Allen responded that she believed it would be as the 7-11 Committee had just given a recommendation. Member Cochrane commented that projects at other schools such as music are now heavily impacted because of the Washington School closure. Also housing projects in Area 2 are going in, one potentially bringing in 100 more students. So although she supports the performing arts, her vote will be based on Area 2 needs. She would also like to explore how to remove Washington School site from the application process and move it toward reopening.

Vice President Pritchett reiterated the remarks that Member Arroyo and Second Vice President Hansen made about the Washington School site. The proposals shows that the program will operate Saturdays and Sundays, will follow the Sacramento City Unified School District instructional calendar, and will not require exclusive rooms of common space. She is fully in support of reopening the Washington School site, but does not feel the proposal would hurt, and in fact feels that it would for beneficial in the long run. She also said she supports the Waldorf schools and has two in her area, but has great concern because the information says that most of the families that will be attending do not live in the area. If this proposal passes tonight, she would like to know who is enrolled there, from where are the students coming, and who is paying their tuition?

Member Rodriguez said that she would like to hear some answers tonight. She knows Mr. Rucker is present and has offered to answer questions. She did have an opportunity to meet with Mr. Rucker and did ask him what benefit would be provided to the District by having a partnership with Camellia Waldorf. She said she would like to give him an opportunity to address this and the other questions that have come up. Mr. Rucker asked his school administrator to speak with him. He answered Second Vice President Hansen's question about childcare at the site saying that they would fully support the early childcare program to stay. They had understood that it was part of the proposal that the childcare program would stay; they are adjacent, but have their own site. Members Arroyo and Rodriguez had similar questions which were answered by Ardyth Sokoler. She said that since the founding of Camellia Waldorf they have always reached out and taken exceptional pride in having a diverse student body. That means making this educational opportunity available to any family and any child. They have a strong track record of providing significant financial aid. They see that as a very valuable part of the education that students receive, and it is something that has been taken under consideration as they prepare for the potential opportunity to work with the District. They would of course not want to create a school in a community that would be exclusive and not allow the opportunity for those families to send their children to their school. They have already started working actively with the neighborhood association, building relationships as part of researching this opportunity. They would take great pride in continuing to work with that, having potentially neighborhood projects and having them participate in their calendar of different festivals and celebrations. Community is a very strong part of what they offer at Camellia Waldorf, and she cannot image their school being in that neighborhood and not being a part of the community. Vice President Pritchett had also asked where the children come from and who they are. Many children come from the area. One of the things that make the location desirable is that it remains geographically convenient and accessible to many of their families.

Member Rodriguez brought up her earlier comments about the financial aspect and impact to the District and said if she were to talk to Ms. Allen she would

<i>Member Arroyo</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Member Cochran</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Second Vice President Hansen</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Vice President Pritchett</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Member Rodriguez</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Member Ryan</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>President Woo</i>	<i>No</i>

The motion passed 4-3.

President Woo called a five minute recess.

10.4 Resolution: Local Reserves Cap (Board President Darrel Woo)

President Woo stated that last December he and Second Vice President Hansen attended the California School Board Association annual education conference. At that conference it was brought to the attention of all delegates that there is language in Proposition 2, passed last year, calling for a cap on the amount of reserves. There is a cap provision that is part of an education budget trailer bill that Governor Brown signed June 20, 2014. Trailer bill provision SB858 is now contained in Ed Code. The cap on the level of reserves that districts may maintain is a statutory requirement that becomes operative when the voting passed Proposition 2 and when certain conditions related to State revenues and expenditures are met and the State makes a deposit of any amount into the State level Proposition 98 reserve that is created pursuant to Proposition 2. California Proposition 2, the rainy day stabilization fund, was approved by voters on November 4, 2014. President Woo went on to explain that what happened because of the trailer bill is that now if certain

*xEnrollment and Attendance Report for Month 4 Ending
December 19, 2014*

The month 4 Attendance Report was received.

President Woo was asked by Member Rodriguez to announce that this Saturday, February 7, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. will be the fourth annual Steps to College 2015 at the Consulate General of Mexico.