

**Contra Costa County Board of Education
Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**Sequoia Middle School
Multi-Use Room
265 Boyd Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

MEMBERS

Fatima Alleyne, Area 1 Trustee
Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee
Vikki Chavez, Area 3 Trustee
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee
Jeff Belle, Area 5 Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Sakata, Superintendent
Lynn Mackey, Deputy Superintendent
Bill Clark, Associate Superintendent, Business Services
Katie Gaines, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Terry Koehne, Chief Communications Officer
Mac Carey, Chief Technology Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Sequoia Middle School, 265 Boyd Road, Pleasant Hill, CA.

2.2 Agenda Review and Adoption

Belle moved, Maxwell seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Deane, Maxwell, Belle, Chavez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

4. RECOGNITIONS

4.1 Resolution 16-17/18 Asian American Heritage Month - May 2018

Maxwell moved, Belle seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt Resolution 16-17/18 as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Deane, Maxwell, Belle, Chavez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Chief Communications Officer, Terry Koehne, read the resolution aloud.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Maxwell moved, Deane seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Deane, Maxwell, Belle, Chavez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

5.2 Board Meeting Minutes - March 14 and March 28, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes and March 28, 2018 Board Workshop Minutes

5.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to High School Student MMS1-4/11/18

5.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-4/11/18

5.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS2-4/11/18

5.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS3-4/11/18

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Leone – Rocketship Charter School
Sally Mills – CCCSEA negotiations
Marie Graham-Tyler – CCCSEA negotiations
Brian Murtaugh – CCCSEA negotiations

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE - None

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update - (Mackey) - INFORMATION

Deputy Superintendent, Lynn Mackey, shared the next LCAP stakeholder meeting is scheduled for May 9. Presented as information.

9.2 Resolution No. 18-17/18 in Matter of Support of Assembly Bill 2635 (SAKATA) - ACTION

Maxwell moved, Deane seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adopt Resolution 17-17/18 as presented.

Ayes: Alleyne, Deane, Maxwell, Belle, Chavez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Chief Communications Officer, Terry Koehne, read the resolution aloud.

9.3 Standing Committees (CLARK) - INFORMATION

Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Bill Clark, shared the California School Boards Association will sponsor a workshop to update policies.

9.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (MACKEY) - INFORMATION

Deputy Superintendent, Lynn Mackey, shared there were no complaints for the quarter ending March 31, 2018. Presented as information.

9.5 Consider Action to Either Approve or Deny the Petition to Establish the Rocketship San Pablo Charter School and Adopt Resolution No. 18A 17/18 Reflecting Approval or Adopt Resolution No. 18B -17/18 Reflecting Denial (CLARK) - ACTION

Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Bill Clark, introduced Lead Petitioner, Marie Issa Gil who gave a PowerPoint presentation and shared documents with the Board and public.

Mr. Clark shared a PowerPoint presentation on the findings and recommendations of the COE review committee.

Public Comment

The following spoke in support of establishing Rocketship – San Pablo Charter School

John Crowder, Rosa Acosta, Geraldine Moore, Angel Luevano, Argentina Davila-Luevano, Venus Ke, Olivia Avila, Sasha Hickman, Maria Hazo, Vienna Bautista, Patricia Murguia, Paulina Gomez, Maria Rodriguez, Isabel Gonzalez, Gabriela Hernandez, Alicia Lopez, Jazmin Hernandez, Lidia Patricio, Maria Cacias, Gant Bowman, Janette Magallon, Claudia Garcia, John Troughton, Ana Luisa Rivas, Cesar Alvarado, Salvador Alonso, Patricia Jimenez, Carmen Ibanez, Cristina Gutierrez, Morgan Words, Angie Oviedo, Debora Allen, Miguel Burciaga, Armando Torres.

The following spoke in opposition to establishing Rocketship – San Pablo Charter School

Robert Gerson, Marissa Glidden, Demetrio Gonzalez, Eric Swabeck, Susanna Balmaceda, Michael Beer, Zev Kvitky, Caroline Kingsley, Kristyn Jones.

Neutral comments were made by Sarah Butler, Ade Adeyami and Willie Mims.

Board members Maxwell, Belle, Deane, and Alleyne asked Lead Petitioner questions about Rocketship's petition.

Dr. Alleyne asked Ms. Gil to share Rocketship's definition of the achievement gap and if they believe they will be able to close it. Ms. Gil responded that Rocketship's belief is the public education system holds a lower bar for certain subgroups of students and it is Rocketship's mission to close the gap and noted that they have not accomplished the goal to close the achievement gap and have a long way to go. President Alleyne expressed her concern of the school's enrollment in all the current CA Rocketship schools which drops significantly in fifth grade. She also noted that this question was brought up at the last meeting and Ms. Gil's response was that these numbers are due to the relocation of families but based on the numbers she was concerned that the numbers reflect a problem given that testing starts in 3rd grade. In response, Ms. Gil explained that due to sixth grade saturation of high performing schools, many families choose to enroll their children in those schools for fifth grade. To this response, President Alleyne asked about solutions to address the problem identified with the demand for high performing middle schools. President Alleyne asked for details of Rocketship's involvement with San Pablo schools before the petition was presented like offering tutoring or after-school programming. Ms. Gil shared they have been working with the San Pablo community for over three years and found a need for Rocketship charter. They have helped facilitate conversations between the parents and principals, and parents and WCCUSD Superintendent. She also detailed the outreach efforts that were made but she stated she nor her board had spoken to the principals. President Alleyne also asked about how they advertised in the community as she has not seen any advertisement about Rocketship. President Alleyne asked about what parents and community members are leading this endeavor and what parents and community members would serve on the board. President Alleyne requested explanations of the process used to identify and support special education students and current budget for staffing positions. She expressed her concern that the staffing model for the special education students served do not reflect adequate support for a 11% special education student population as served in WCCUSD, particularly the student to teacher ratio. Emma, a Rocketship staff member, explained Rocketship special education operates under the same California laws as does WCCUSD and stated that the budget in the petition would be increased to accommodate hiring of additional personnel, if needed. Ms. Gil stated that staffing decisions are made according to student needs. Emma stated the case load is about 16:1 at the current Rocketship schools and they invest in their staff for an appropriate staffing model. President Alleyne inquired about the lack of information on the TK program. Ms. Gil stated that she would be willing to provide additional information and information was provided to the board tonight. President

Alleyne asked about average class size which Ms. Gil responded it is 24 to 28:1 but dependent on students needs and day-to-day need. President Alleyne noted that in the petition it is listed as 28:1. President Alleyne asked if Rocketship has accepted or will accept the Grade Span Adjustment funds for K-3 class size of 24:1 from the state for progress towards and full adoption of a 24:1 class size given that their model calls for a 28:1 student to teacher model. Ms. Gil stated that she is not familiar with the funding model. A Rocketship staff stated that they would be willing to follow-up to provide an answer to this.

At 9:57pm Chavez motioned to extend the meeting time for 15 minutes. Belle seconded the motion. Deane clarified that we could only extend it for one time. Deane requested that we extend the meeting for 30 minutes. Belle seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0 to extend the Board meeting 30 minutes.

Ayes: Alleyne, Deane, Maxwell, Belle, Chavez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

President Alleyne asked additional questions about the instructional minutes and inquired how they offer an extended day when instructional time starts at 8:30am and ends at 2:10pm, which includes PE, lunch and enrichment time in comparison to WCCUSD when their instructional minutes are 8:30am to 2:40pm (non-instructional minutes 40 minutes besides PE). Ms. Gil stated the kids arrival time is 7:40am so they offer extended day and the Learning Lab (LL) is non-instructional minutes which occurs during 1:40pm-3:40pm (LL is 1:40-2:30 and LL is 3:20-3:40pm). Trustee Maxwell corrected President Alleyne and stated instructional time is 5.3 hours per day or 275 minutes per day. Ms. Gil stated that enrichment is instructional time and the 275 minutes per day is incorrect. She also stated they are in compliance with the law.

Additional questions were asked about the special education staffing model as well as the instructional schedule. Emma, Ms. Gil and other staff clarified the team model, the special education student to special education specialist ratio is 15:1, and the instructional schedule. President Alleyne asked how many board members visited or told Ms. Gil they visited West Contra Costa County. Ms. Gil stated that none have told her they visited West Contra Costa. President Alleyne asked about the number of board members who reside in California vs other states. Ms Gil stated that all board members making decisions reside in California.

President Alleyne asked why Rocketship's performance isn't compared to the best schools and stated that she did not see that any of Rocketship's schools have closed the achievement or opportunity gap. Ms. Gil and a Rocketship staff member replied it is going to take steps each year to close the achievement gap and would be willing to present more data.

Dr. Alleyne called for the vote.

Chavez moved, Maxwell seconded, and the Board voted 3-2 to adopt Resolution 18-17/18 (b) denying the petition to establish Rocketship San Pablo Charter School and adopting written findings of fact.

Ayes: Alleyne, Maxwell, Chavez

Noes: Deane, Belle

Absent: None

Abstain: None

10. CABINET MEMBER UPDATES - None

11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - None

12. EVENTS CALENDAR

ROP Students of Excellence Awards Ceremony

Tuesday, May 8, 3:30 p.m. - Pleasant Hill Community Center

Special Olympics Track and Field

East County Schools Partnership Program

Friday, May 11, 2018

Liberty High School

850 Second Street, Brentwood

Opening Ceremonies: 10:00 a.m.

Competition: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Dates for 2018

| BOARD MEETING | MEETING DATE | TIME |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | January 17 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | February 7 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | February 21 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Budget/LCAP Workshop | March 14 | 4:00 p.m. |
| | March 14 | 6:00 p.m. |
| | March 28 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | April 11 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Budget/LCAP Workshop | May 16 | 4:00 p.m. |
| | May 16 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Budget/LCAP Workshop | June 13 | 4:00 p.m. |
| | June 13 | 6:00 p.m. |
| | June 27 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | August 15 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | September 5 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | September 26 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | October 3 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | October 17 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | November 14 | 5:00 p.m. |
| | December 12 | 5:00 p.m. |

13. BOARD REPORTS - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.