

**Contra Costa County Board of Education**  
**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**January 24, 2024**

**MEMBERS**

Consuelo Lara, Area 1 Trustee  
Sarah Butler, Area 2 Trustee  
Anamarie Avila Farias, Area 3 Trustee  
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee  
Annette Lewis, Area 5 Trustee  
Daphne Milich, Student Trustee  
Sophia Nguyen, Student Trustee

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lynn Mackey, County Superintendent of Schools  
Daniela Parasidis, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Norma Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Shannon Ortland, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Services  
Marcus Walton, Communications and Special Projects  
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board  
Cynthia Schwerin, Assistant County Counsel  
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight  
Tracy McManus, Coordinator, STEAM  
Ade Gobir, Manager, WISP  
Edmond Arnold, Liaison, West County, WISP

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 The President will call the meeting to order**

Board President Mike Maxwell called the Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. (Video: [0:38](#))

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**2.1 General Information**

**3. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**3.1 Roll Call**

Six Board Members were present.  
Trustee Farias arrived at 5:06 p.m.  
Trustee Milich was not present. (Video: [1:45](#))

**3.2 Land Acknowledgement**

Trustee Maxwell read the Land Acknowledgement. (Video: [2:10](#))

**3.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Maxwell recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (Video: [2:25](#))

**3.4 Agenda Review and Adoption**

Action: Approve agendas as presented. (Video: [2:52](#))  
Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Consuelo Lara  
Yes: Sarah Butler, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote  
No: None  
Absent: Anamarie Avila Farias  
Final Resolution: Motion Passes

### **3.3 Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2023 – ACTION**

Action: Adopt minutes as presented. (Video: [3:42](#))

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Consuelo Lara

Yes: Sarah Butler, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: Anamarie Avila Farias

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

### **4. CLOSED SESSION**

**4.1 None.**

### **5. RECOGNITIONS**

#### **5.1 Recognition of Education Champion (WALTON)**

The County Board of Education recognized an Education Champion to thank our valued partners for their help, collaboration and support of public education. Contra Costa Television, also known as CCTV, was selected to receive the Education Champion award for January 2024 for broadcasting instructional material and promoting the excellent work taking place in Contra Costa County's public schools. (Video: [5:15](#))

### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **6.1 Consent Agenda**

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of a member of the Board or Superintendent and acted upon separately. Consent agenda items 6.6-6.11 were pulled out of consent for individual consideration. (Video: [14:59](#))

#### **6.2 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-012424 (BERGER) – ACTION**

#### **6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-012424 (BERGER) – ACTION**

#### **6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-012424 (BERGER) – ACTION**

#### **6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-012424 (BERGER) – ACTION**

#### **6.12 Review of Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (BERGER)**

#### **6.13 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – December 2023 – (GONZALES)**

Action: Adopt consent agenda as amended. Trustee Butler pulled SARCs (6.6, 6.7, 6.8) and SPSAs (6.9, 6.10, 6.11).

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Sarah Butler

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

#### **6.6 Consider the approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Mt. McKinley School (BERGER) – ACTION**

#### **6.7 Consider the approval of the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for our Special Education Schools (BERGER) – ACTION**

#### **6.8 Consider Review of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Golden Gate Community School (BERGER) – ACTION**

All public schools in California are required annually to prepare School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) and disseminate them to the public. SARCs are intended to provide the public with important information about each public school and to communicate a school's progress in achieving its goals. Most SARC requirements are codified in

California *Education Code (EC)* sections 33126 and 33126.1. *EC* Section 35256 requires that the governing board of each school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school develop a SARC. *EC* Section 1984 provides that a county board of education shall be deemed to be a school district when it establishes and maintains a county community school. Further, *EC* Section 1906 provides where a county board of education operates classes or schools for prisoners in a county jail, county farm, or county road camp, the county board of education has the same obligations as a school district would have if it were operating the schools. Therefore, any county board of education operating an elementary or secondary school is required to prepare SARCs. (Video: [16:43](#))

Action: Approval of SARC for Mt. McKinley School, Golden Gate Community School and the CCCOE Special Education Schools.

Motion by Sarah Butler, second by Annette Lewis

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

**6.9 Consider approval of the Mt. McKinley School Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the federal funding that the school receives through the Consolidated Application (BERGER) – ACTION**

**6.10 Review of Golden Gate Community Charter School Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the federal funding that the school receives through the Consolidated Application (BERGER) – ACTION**

**6.11 Review of Floyd I. Marchus School Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the federal funding that the school receives from Consolidated Application (BERGER) – ACTION**

The California Education Code (EC 64001 a) requires that each school receiving funds through the Consolidated Application to develop a Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Each school must have a school site council involved in the creation and approval of these plans. The stated purpose of the SPSA is to improve the academic performance of all pupils. SPSAs for Mt. McKinley School and Floyd I. Marchus School must also be approved by the local governing board and were presented for consideration for approval. The SPSA for Golden Gate Charter School was presented for information only because it is a charter school and was approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. (Video: [25:42](#))

Action: Approval of SPSAs for Mt. McKinley School and Marchus School

Motion by Sarah Butler, second by Consuelo Lara

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**7.1 Public Comment**

None.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.1 Labor Agreement Proposals – PEU (GONZALES) – INFORMATION**

In accordance with Administrative Regulation 4143.1, the agency is bringing to the County Board of Education the sunshine proposals of the labor partners. The initial proposals from Public Employees Union (PEU) Local One/AFSCME Council 57 for Reopener Agreement and the Management Proposal for Reopener Agreement with representatives of the Classified Unit. The Board was initially presented the proposals at the Dec. 13, 2023, Board meeting and was scheduled for a Public Hearing in January. (Video: [30:55](#))

**9. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE**

**9.1 Arts and Music in Schools Funding (Prop 28) Update (McMANUS) – INFORMATION**

Shannon Ortland, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services, introduced Tracy McManus, STEAM Coordinator, who provided an update on the Arts and Music in schools funding (Prop 28) and an update on community partnerships. In November 2022, California voters approved Proposition 28 Arts and Music, a funding guarantee and accountability act. The measure required the state to establish a new, ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools beginning the 2023-24 school year. (Video: [32:11](#))

## **9.2 Bullying Prevention Resources Overview (MACKEY) – INFORMATION**

Ade Gobir, Manager, Wellness In Schools (WISP), introduced Edmond Arnold, WISP Liaison, who gave an overview of the bullying prevention resources listed on the Contra Costa County Office of Education website. The resources are for parents, teachers and students to learn more about bullying prevention, particularly cyberbullying prevention. (Video: [45:33](#))

## **9.3 Superintendent’s Update**

Michelle Kiernan, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board, thanked the Board members for their service in recognition of School Board Recognition Month. (Video: [54:19](#))

## **10. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 Committee Assignments 2024 (MAXWELL) – ACTION**

President Maxwell assigned the following Board committees: (Video: [56:03](#))

Charter: Lewis/Butler

Legislative: Lewis/Maxwell

Budget: Butler/Maxwell

Policy: Maxwell/Farias

Action: As per Board Bylaw 9130, the Board president may appoint standing committees, as may be deemed necessary  
Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential  
Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

### **10.2 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESENEY) – INFORMATION**

Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight, presented an updated on the County Board authorized charter schools. The topics included the Annual Oversight Visits (AOV) process; an update on Contra Costa School of Performing Arts; charter schools in Differentiated Assistance; the 2024 Charter School Data Book; and CCCBOE Charter School Site Visits. (Video: [1:00:46](#))

### **10.3 Policy Update: First Reading and Review (MACKEY) – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

President Maxwell introduced the proposed change to Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Member to reflect new law that went into effect January 1, 2024. Assembly Bill 275 amends Ed Code Section 1000 to allow student board members to receive compensation for their work on district and county school boards of education. Superintendent Mackey recommended that CCC BOE Student Board members receive \$250 per month in compensation for their work on the County Board. The Board waived the second reading of the policy, as allowed by Board Bylaw 9310, in order to implement the new changes immediately. (Video: [1:21:18](#))

Action: Approve Board policy updates as amended. Waive second reading.

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Consuelo Lara

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential  
Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

#### **10.4 Reschedule June Board Meeting (MAXWELL) – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The Board considered rescheduling the June Board meeting to June 20. The meeting was originally scheduled for June 12. (Video: [1:23:47](#))

Action: Approve to reschedule June Board meeting to Thursday, June 20

Motion by Sarah Butler, second by Consuelo Lara

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

#### **10.5 Select Contra Costa County School Boards Association Representative (LEWIS) – ACTION**

The Board selected a representative for the Contra Costa County School Boards Association. Per CCCSBA bylaws, boards of education should appoint a representative in the spring and notify the CCCSBA. Terms run from July 1-June 30. The action at this meeting fills the appointment, which had lapsed, with the term ending June 30, 2024. (Video: [1:25:46](#))

Action: Vote for CCCSBA Representative, Annette Lewis

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Anamarie Avila Farias

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

#### **10.6 Student Board Member Compensation (MACKEY) – ACTION/DISCUSSION**

Board members discussed per-month compensation for Student Board members. Superintendent Mackey recommended \$250 per month for the duration of the Student Board members' term. As with County Board members, a Student Board member who does not attend all County Board meetings during the month is eligible to receive only a percentage of the compensation equal to the percentage of meetings they attended, unless authorized by the County Board (BB 9250).

Assembly Bill 275 and Ed Code Section 1000 allows student board members to receive compensation for their work on district and county school boards of education as of Jan. 1, 2024. Updates to Board Bylaw 9150 were approved during the regular Jan. 24 Board meeting (Item #10.3), and compensation for Student Board members on the Contra Costa County Board of Education will take effect immediately and for the remainder of their terms. (Video: [1:29:34](#))

Action: Approve \$250 per month for Student Board members for the duration of their term

Motion by Annette Lewis, second by Consuelo Lara

Yes: Sarah Butler, Anamarie Avila Farias, Consuelo Lara, Annette Lewis, Mike Maxwell, Sophia Nguyen – Preferential Vote.

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

### **11. BOARD UPDATES**

#### **11.1 Board Standing Committee Reports**

(Video: [1:34:07](#))

Charter Committee (BUTLER) – nothing to report

Policy Committee (MAXWELL) – nothing to report

Budget Committee (LEWIS) – nothing to report

Legislative Committee (MAXWELL) – nothing to report

## 11.2 Comments from Board Members

(Video: [1:34:55](#))

Sarah Butler –

- Attended School Site Council Meetings
- Watched online the governor’s budget proposal
- Attended the West Contra Costa Budget Community Forum at Kennedy High School on Jan. 16

Annette Lewis –

- Continues to work on the CCCSBA Board and helping to plan for upcoming programs
- Registered for the Capital Advisors budget presentation on January 29
- Registered for the CSBA Legislative Action Week, March 12-14

Anamarie Avila Farias

- Martinez Unified School District is currently going through union negotiations
- Voiced parent concerns about low-performing high schools in her local school district in math and reading
- Juvenile Hall received a \$35,000 donation to invest in other programs and possibly explore a firefighter academy

Consuelo Lara

- Continues to be involved with the retired teachers of West County CTA NEA and getting involved with community schools
- Attended Richmond High School’s School Site Council
- Following what is happening at the West Contra Costa Unified School District board meetings to remain informed on financial decisions being made

Mike Maxwell

- Met with Clayton Valley Charter High School Interim Executive Director Bill Morones
- Invited to attend the Healthy Kids Farm at El Monte Elementary School in Concord
- Recognized longtime friend and former educator in Contra Costa County schools Richard Jones passed away at the age of 86

## 11.3 Comments from Student Board Members

(Video: [1:43:49](#))

Sophia Nguyen

- Attends PTSA meetings as an opportunity to listen to what parents have to say
- In the process of organizing assemblies for El Cerrito H.S. with the admin team

## 11.3 Future Agenda Items

(Video: [1:44:56](#))

Information on new law about the county boards’ purview on redistricting maps

Additional items can be emailed

## 12. EVENTS CALENDAR

### 12.1 Calendar of Events 2023

(Video: [1:48:11](#))

### 12.2 Board Meeting Dates 2024

Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024.

(Video: [1:49:34](#))

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

### 13.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

(Video: [1:49:36](#))