

## ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Location: Alameda County Office of Education  
313 W Winton Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544

### Adopted Minutes of the ACBE Regular Meeting of October 11, 2011

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Presiding:	President Berrick opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.
Roll Call:	Ken Berrick, Yvonne Cerrato, Phil Ladew, Eileen McDonald, Marlon McWilson, Joaquin Rivera, Fred Sims
Flag Salute	Trustee McDonald led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.  Superintendent Jordan recited the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) mission statement.
Staff:	Damon Smith, Teresa Kapellas, Louise Music, Jan Passama, Phil Grasso, Lycette Kintanar
Arts Integration Specialist Program Certificate Ceremony	ACOE staff, Louise Music, provided the Board with an overview of the Arts Integration Specialist Program (AISP) and honored the graduates.
Determination Hearing for Urban Montessori Charter School Petition	<p>ACOE Charter Schools Office Manager, Teresa Kapellas, introduced the representatives from Urban Montessori Charter School. She provided the Board background information regarding the charter school and an overview of the appeal process.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Oakland USD representative, John Yeh, was afforded an opportunity to address Board questions.</p> <p>Urban Montessori Lead petitioners, Hai-sen Thomas and Peter Laub, were afforded an opportunity to address Board questions.</p> <p>President Berrick afforded the following speakers 1 minute each to address the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Danny Tien</li><li>• Rebecca Reynolds</li><li>• Ray Black</li></ul>

	<p>Trustee McDonald moved to close the public hearing and open Board discussion.</p> <p>Trustee Sims seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims          Noes: None          Abst: None          Absent: None</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee Ladew moved to close Board discussion.</p> <p>Trustee Sims seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims          Noes: None          Abst: None          Absent: None</p> <p>President Berrick requested Superintendent Jordan to poll the Board on the motion to approve the Urban Montessori Charter School Petition.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan polled the votes on roll call.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Sims          Noes: Rivera          Abst: None          Absent: None</p>
<p>Board Recess</p>	<p>The Board took a 5-minute break at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda- General Matters:</p>	<p>Trustee McDonald requested to change “Trustee Cerrato” to “Vice-President Cerrato” in the minutes of the September 27, 2011 special Board meeting.</p> <p>Trustee Rivera requested to include background information of nominees for future nominations requiring Board approval.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald moved to approve items A and B of the consent agenda.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Minutes of the of the September 27, 2011 special Board meeting</p>

	<p>B. Nomination of Alameda County Librarian, Juvenile Hall, Amy Cheney, for the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Extension and Outreach Services award.</p> <p>Trustee Sims seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims          Noes: None          Abst: None          Absent: None</p>
<p>Items from the floor</p>	<p>The following speaker was afforded 2 minutes to address the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Mohammed</li> </ul>
<p>Interdistrict Transfer Appeal          IDT #20-OO-11/12</p>	<p>ACOE Appeals Coordinator, Jan Passama, introduced all parties present. President Berrick opened the Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing IDT #20-OO-11/12 from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from both parties were heard in closed session.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee McWilson moved to close the hearing.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims          Noes: None          Abst: None          Absent: None</p> <p>President Berrick requested Superintendent Sheila Jordan to poll the Board on the motion to allow the appeal for transfer from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan polled the votes on roll call.</p> <p>Motion failed.</p> <p>Request for transfer from San Leandro USD to Castro Valley USD was denied.</p> <p>Ayes: Cerrato          Noes: Berrick, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims          Abst: None          Absent: None</p>

Board Recess	The Board took a 5-minute break at 7:36 p.m. and reconvened at 7:41 p.m.
Determination Hearing for Rocketship Oakland Charter School Petition	<p>ACOE Charter Schools Office Manager, Teresa Kapellas, introduced the representatives from Rocketship Oakland Charter School. She provided the Board background information regarding the charter school and an overview of the appeal process.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Oakland USD representative, John Yeh, and Oakland USD Office of Charter Schools Coordinator, Gail Greely, were afforded an opportunity to address the Board.</p> <p>Rocketship Oakland Charter School Senior Policy Manager, Evan Kohn, was afforded an opportunity to address the Board.</p> <p>President Berrick opened the floor for the Board to direct questions to the petitioners and Oakland USD.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>President Berrick afforded the following speakers 1 minute each to address the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kate Nicol</li> <li>• Vy Keang</li> <li>• Brian McGhee</li> <li>• Marissa Fioroni</li> <li>• Nicole Gatson</li> <li>• Relonda McGhee</li> <li>• Janice Jimenez</li> <li>• Nayelix Jimenez</li> <li>• Mercedes Lezama</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Rivera moved to close the public hearing.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims  Noes: None  Abst: None  Absent: None</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee Rivera moved to deny the Rocketship Oakland Charter School Petition and establish the ACOE Statement of Decision and Finding of Facts document.</p>

	<p>Trustee McWilson seconded.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan polled the votes on roll call.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Ladew, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims          Noes: None          Abst: None          Absent: None</p>
Board Recess	<p>The Board took a 7-minute break at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:52 p.m.</p>
Redistricting Update	<p>ACOE Associate Superintendent, Damon Smith, and ACOE staff, Teresa Kapellas, provided the Board an update regarding the redistricting consultant contract options.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>President Berrick requested for a staff update on the consultant contract options for redistricting at the November 8, 2011 Board meeting.</p>
Items from the Board	<p><b>Trustee Ladew reported on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He attended the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration at the San Leandro USD Arts Education Center on October 6, 2011.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trustee Sims reported on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He attended the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration at the San Leandro USD Arts Education Center on October 6, 2011 and acknowledged the efforts of ACOE staff for organizing the event.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trustee Rivera reported on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He attended the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration at the San Leandro USD Arts Education Center on October 6, 2011 and acknowledged the efforts of ACOE staff for organizing the event;</li> <li>• He informed the Board that October 12, 2011 was designated as the National Coming Out Day.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trustee McDonald reported on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast of Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE) in Fremont, CA;</li> <li>• She attended a meeting with Mike Honda, a congressman representing the 15<sup>th</sup> district in Santa Clara County;</li> <li>• She attended the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration at the San Leandro USD Arts Education Center on October 6, 2011 and acknowledged Judge Trina Thompson's exceptional role as the event emcee.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Trustee McWilson reported on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He attended the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration at the San Leandro USD Arts Education Center on October 6, 2011 and acknowledged the efforts of ACOE staff for organizing the event.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vice-President Cerrato reported on the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She attended the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration at the San Leandro USD Arts Education Center on October 6, 2011 and acknowledged the efforts of ACOE staff for organizing the event.</li> </ul>
<p>President's Report</p>	<p>President Berrick reported to the Board what has transcribed in his meeting with Oakland USD Board President, Jody London, regarding the proposal for a joint meeting with Oakland Board of Education and other districts.</p> <p>He also attended the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration at the San Leandro USD Arts Education Center on October 6, 2011.</p>
<p>Items from the Secretary</p>	<p>Superintendent Jordan provided the Board with an update on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback on the 2011 Teacher of the Year celebration</li> <li>• Update on transition schools</li> <li>• Special Education Countywide Plan</li> <li>• Distribution of TVs</li> <li>• LAO visitation to Harder School</li> <li>• 125 Flexible Spending open enrollment</li> <li>• Discussion on Interdistrict Transfer concerns</li> </ul>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Having no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. in memory of Leroy Fitch Sr., a former bus driver of Fremont USD, who passed away on September 30, 2011.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">               Ken Berrick, Board President         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Sheila Jordan, Board Secretary         </div>