

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Adopted Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 11, 2012

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Presiding	Madam President Yvonne Cerrato opened the meeting at 1:00pm and welcomed all in attendance.
Roll Call	At the request of the President, the Secretary called roll: Joaquin Rivera, Fred Sims, Eileen McDonald, Yvonne Cerrato Absent: Ken Berrick, Aisha Knowles, Marlon McWilson
Item # 1: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 30-LT-12/13	Ms. Giannes, Appeals Coordinator (A.C.), states that with regard to IDT # 30-LT-12/13 from San Lorenzo USD to Castro Valley USD the parent did not show up for the meeting in closed session. President Cerrato closed the hearing. Discussion ensued. Request for transfer from Contra Costa USD to Berkeley USD was denied. Ayes: None Noes: Cerrato, McDonald, Rivera Abst: None Absent: Berrick, Knowles, McWilson,
Item # 2: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 31-DA-12/13	Ms. Giannes (A.C.) introduced all parties present. President Cerrato opened the Interdistrict Appeal Hearing IDT # 31-DA-12/13 from San Lorenzo USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in closed session: President Cerrato closed the hearing. Discussion ensued. Request for transfer from San Lorenzo USD to Castro Valley USD was denied. Ayes: None Noes: Cerrato, McDonald, Rivera, Sims Abst: None Absent: McWilson, Knowles, Berrick

<p>Item # 3: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 33-JG-12/13</p>	<p>Ms. Giannes (A.C.) introduced all parties present. President Cerrato opened the Interdistrict Appeal Hearing IDT # 33-JG-12/13 from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in closed session:</p> <p>President Cerrato closed the hearing.</p> <p>Trustee Berrick and Trustee McWilson arrived during this appeal.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Request for transfer from Hayward USD to Castro USD was denied.</p> <p>Ayes: No Noes: Cerrato, McDonald, Rivera, Sims Abst: None Absent: Knowles</p> <p>At the conclusion of this appeal, Trustee Knowles arrived.</p>
<p>Item # 4: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 35-DC-12/13</p>	<p>Ms. Giannes (A.C.) introduced all parties present. President Cerrato opened the Interdistrict Appeal hearing IDT # 35-DC-12/13 from Oakland USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in closed session:</p> <p>President Cerrato closed the hearing.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Request for transfer from Oakland USD to Castro Valley USD was approved.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, McDonald, McWilson Noes: Sims, Knowles, Rivera Abst: None Absent: None</p>
<p>Item # 5: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 37-KS-12/13</p>	<p>Ms. Giannes (A.C.) introduced all parties present. President Cerrato opened the Interdistrict Appeal hearing IDT # 37-KS-12/13 from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in closed session:</p> <p>President Cerrato closed the hearing.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Request for transfer was approved.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Knowles, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims Noes: None Abst: None Absent: None</p>

<p>Item # 6: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 39-YS-12/13</p>	<p>Ms. Giannes (A.C.) introduced all parties present. President Cerrato opened the Interdistrict Appeal hearing IDT # 39-YS-12/13 from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in closed session:</p> <p>President Cerrato closed the hearing.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Request for transfer was denied.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Knowles, McWilson, Sims Noes: Cerrato, McDonald, Rivera Abst: None Absent: None</p>
<p>Item # 7: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 40-PS-12/13</p>	<p>Ms. Giannes (A.C.) introduced all parties present. President Cerrato opened the Interdistrict Appeal hearing IDT # 40-PS-12/13 from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in closed session:</p> <p>President Cerrato closed the hearing.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Request for transfer was denied.</p> <p>Ayes: None Noes: Berrick, Cerrato, Knowles, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims Abst: None Absent: None</p>
<p>Regular Board Meeting Begins</p>	<p>President Cerrato resumed the Regular meeting of the Board at 6:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Flag Salute</p>	<p>Trustee Cerrato led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.</p>
<p>Mission Statement</p>	<p>Trustee Knowles read the mission statement into the record: Provide, promote and support leadership and service to ensure the success of Every Child...in Every School...Every day!</p>
<p>Roll Call</p>	<p>President Cerrato stated roll call was taken at the introduction of closed session from 1:00pm -6:00pm. She noted all Trustees were present:</p> <p>Ken Berrick, Yvonne Cerrato, Eileen McDonald, Marlon McWilson, Aisha Knowles, Joaquin Rivera, Fred Sims</p> <p>Absent: None Reconvening in the Board Meeting in open session.</p>

<p>Item # 15: Consent Agenda-General Matters:</p> <p>A. Minutes of the August 14 , 2012 reorganization meeting</p> <p>B. 2011-12 Consolidated Application</p> <p>C. 2011-12 Single Plans for Student Achievement (2: Community, Opportunity)</p> <p>D. 2012-13 English Learner plan Update</p> <p>E. 2012-13 Education of Homeless Children and Youth</p>	<p>Vice President (V.P.) Rivera motioned to pull items 15 A and E. President Cerrato asked if the Board is open to approving items 15 B, C, and D. Trustee McWilson made a motion to pull Items 15A and E, and to pass 15 B, C, and D.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald seconded.</p> <p>-Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Knowles, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims Noes: None Abst: None Absent: None</p> <p>V.P. Rivera noted concerns with the August 14, 2012 minutes and requested tabling Items A &E. President Cerrato recommended Trustees turning in the requested revisions to the August 14, 2012 minutes to Tahitia Dean by next business day. Superintendent Jordan will work with staff on the minutes. Approval of the minutes will be revisited at the next Board Meeting.</p> <p>V.P. Rivera discussed concerns about procedure and protocol around Item 15 C. Secretary Jordan also noted that she spoke with Dr. Greta Nash and reminded her that she was out of compliance with getting agenda items to the Board. Secretary Jordan also mentioned that the Internal Policy requests that all items for Board meetings agendas are to be brought to Executive Committee on Tuesdays so they can be reviewed it with the Board on Wednesdays and these policies should be adhered to. However, she noted that Dr. Nash was present to address the agenda items she submitted to explain the urgency surrounding those issues.</p> <p>Human Resource Director Movetia Salter discussed Policy Manual Maintenance from an outside company.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>V.P. Rivera seconded.</p> <p>-Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Knowles, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims Noes: None Abst: None Absent: None</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan requested that the minutes note that this is the updated Policy.</p>
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Item # 16: Items from the floor will be heard as close to 7:00pm	President Cerrato noted that there are no speaker requests for this Board Meeting.
Item # 17: Policy and Legislation Report	<p>President Cerrato is advised by the Board to move on to the Policy and Legislation discussion first before addressing closed session agenda items.</p> <p>V.P. Rivera introduced Movetia Salter who discussed using an outside company to handle updating and posting ACOE policies.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>V.P. Rivera made a motion for approval.</p> <p>Trustee McWilson seconded.</p> <p>-Motion passed.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Cerrato, Knowles, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims Noes: None Abst: None Absent: None</p>
Item # 18: Report out from President Cerrato on any decisions made in closed session	<p>President Cerrato reported the results of Interdistrict Transfer Appeals considered during the closed session portion of the Board Meeting:</p> <p>IDT # 31-DA-12/13: Denied 4-0 IDT # 33-JG-12/13: Denied 5-0, Abst: 1 IDT # 35-DC-12/13: Approved 5-2 IDT # 37-KS-12/13: Approved 7-0 IDT # 39-YS-12/13: Approved 4-3 IDT # 40-PS-12/13: Denied 7-0</p>
Item # 19: School District Financial Report	<p>A.S. Smith discussed the financial status of the Districts. He noted that the budgets submitted by the school Districts were approved or denied by the External Business unit after their review using an extensive checklist and constant communication with accounting staff and Business personnel of the respective Districts. All District budgets have been approved. A.S. Smith also noted that there are two interim reports that Districts do, (in the fall and spring) in addition to the budget adoption. Districts have been heavily impacted by budget cuts and concessions and further deficits are expected. Some Districts are offline and run their own financial systems; ACOE does not have access to those Districts financial information (e.g. Alameda, Berkeley, Castro/Pleasant Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, and Livermore).</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee McWilson asked about moneys from anything that required a Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (F.C.M.A.T.) report, and whether or not those monies are reimbursable from the State.</p> <p>A.S. Smith confirmed that the Superintendent is authorized to initiate investigations if there were misappropriation of funds at schools.</p>

	<p>Many of these processes are reimbursable through FCMAT. In the case of the American Indian Movement (A.I.M), ACOE will be 100% reimbursed.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald asked if Families of Alameda County for Multi-Cultural/Lingual Education (F.A.M.E.) paid its bills to A.C.O.E. A.S. Smith confirmed those invoices have been satisfied by F.A.M.E. (This question was in reference to Charter oversight fees owed to A.C.O.E. by F.A.M. E.).</p> <p>V.P. Rivera requested updates on each one of the interims for Trustees to keep track of how the Districts are doing. A.S. Smith says that updates will be given by November 2012. V.P. Rivera thanked A.S. Smith for getting this information to the Board.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan mentioned she now sits on the Board of Directors for California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (C.C.S.E.S.A.) and noted that the Committee has taken notice of the leading role of A.S. Smith in ACOE in working on comprehension and of analysis of various initiatives and legislatives being proposed by the Governor. She would like to bring some of those reports to the Trustees on a regular basis.</p> <p>President Cerrato thanked A.S. Smith for updating the Board on the financial status of the Districts and thanked V.P. Rivera for requesting the updates.</p>
<p>Item # 20: Items from the Board</p>	<p>President Cerrato introduced items from the Board starting with Trustee Berrick.</p> <p>Trustee Berrick reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *He reminded the Board about the California County Boards of Education (C.C.B.E.) conference and Board Meeting occurring September 14-16 2012. He also mentioned how much Trustee McDonald had contributed to the event and thanked her for her help. This sentiment is echoed by Trustee Sims and President Cerrato. Trustee Berrick mentioned that it was heavy in content and fun. Trustee Sims thanked Trustee McDonald for her help as well. <p>Trustee McWilson reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *He visited Lazear school in Oakland and updated the Board on the positive work done in preparation for the first day of school. *He also attended Cox Academy and noticed the excitement of the students and got a positive feel from the environment. *He visited the Seneca Center. There was a robust curriculum, students are excited and getting prepared for wearing uniforms. *He also visited Community School for Creative Education. They had

some issues with the alarm system but they are being resolved. Overall, it was a positive experience.

*He also attended the Aspire school, already in their second week of school. He had concerns regarding this school.

*He went to 100 Black Men training, and found it to be a very encouraging experience.

*He worked with the planning committee on the Board workshop occurring September 25, 2102.

Trustee McDonald reported on the following:

*Fremont Flowers had a welcome Teacher Day and invited every elementary school child to get a free flower to give to their teachers on the first day of school. She thanked the owner for doing this in support of the community and noted it is the tenth year they have done this. First day of school they give a dozen roses to secretaries to pass out to teachers at their schools.

*She attended an event at the Children's Hospital Cancer Center and brought gift bags for the Board Members. A Fremont High school senior sponsored a fashion show to raise funds for the Center.

*She attended the Optimist Club meeting where Teresa Cox, Trustee for Ohlone College was the speaker.

*Attended the first annual Asian Pacific islander event to raise money for children with special needs in Fremont.

*She also attended a send-off celebration for a former Newark Memorial High School student who is riding his bicycle from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Brooklyn Bridge, 3600 miles, to raise money for equipment for his quadriplegic sister also a Newark Memorial High School graduate and Ohlone College student.

Trustee Sims reported on the following:

*He and Superintendent Jordan attended Burbank school on behalf of Teachers of the Year (T.O.Y.) and sat in classrooms and spoke with students. He was impressed with the school's remodeling, cleanliness and organization. He noted it was remodeled and feels enthused about how Hayward schools are changing. He and Superintendent Jordan plan on meeting with Hayward Superintendent to discuss future progress.

Trustee Knowles reported on the following:

*She toured the various divisions and programs of A.S. Smith and A.S. Monroe and thanked them for such access and a gracious staff.

	<p>*She visited Yu Ming Charter school and sat in on kindergarten and first grade classes during physical education and lunch. She was impressed with the school, their staff, and appreciative for the wonderful visit.</p> <p>*She visited juvenile hall with Principal Hermosillo. She saw the girls units in addition to the court staging area, medical clinic, library, intake area and family visit area in order to get a broader picture of the trajectory of youth placed there. She had concerns about minors who chose not to attend intersessions. She will continue to work with staff to get a better understanding of that policy.</p> <p>*She attended the Eureka graduation and hosted summer interns from the Girls Inc. of Alameda County program.</p> <p>*Walked the midnight to five a.m. shift for the San Lorenzo Relay for Life and completed 11 miles.</p>
<p>Item # 21: Board President Report</p>	<p>President Cerrato noted that the mission statements in the past were approved by the Board, but has not been practiced in the last few years. Superintendent Jordan noted that maybe it would be a good idea for each Committee to have a discussion and a mission statement submitted to the Board so everyone understood what the Committees were supposed to accomplish. Trustee McWilson noted that it may be wise to have a description of what the committees do. President Cerrato echoed Superintendent Jordan and recommended that the statements be done. Trustee Berrick recommended discussing this at the September 25, 2012 workshop. President Cerrato supported that idea.</p> <p>Trustee Berrick discussed the workshop and the role of the facilitators from California School Board Association (C.S.B.A.). He encouraged talking about next steps, particularly how it related to the roles of the Board and the role of the Superintendent and the importance of understanding the difference between County Boards and District Boards. He is excited about the retreat and believes it will be productive.</p> <p>President Cerrato reminded the Board that the facilitators of the September 25, 2012 workshop requested to interview the Board Members as to what each would like to see covered at the Workshop per the request of the Board.</p> <p>President Cerrato reported on the following:</p> <p>*She attended Alameda Arts Learning Leadership Steering Committee meeting where she was made Chair of that Committee. She is very inspired by those meetings.</p> <p>*She mentioned the Stand Up for Education event at the Oakland School of the Arts at 4:30pm that week and encouraged all to attend.</p> <p>*She walked on the Susan G. Colman 3 day for a Cure walk and covered 60 miles.</p>

<p>Item # 22: Items from the Secretary</p>	<p>Superintendent Jordan discussed the upcoming Teacher of the Year Event occurring at Castro Valley on October 4, 2012. She noted that the Communication staff is doing a great job and thanked the team for putting the event together. She noted everyone is working hard, seeing changes in student programs and getting positive results and feedback. She also mentioned A.S. Karen Monroe's role in leading A.C.O.E. in doing Common Core training for the Districts. Trustee Ken Berrick reminded the Board that another confirmation about the time, structure and location for the Workshop will be sent out. Superintendent Jordan mentioned the Agenda for the Workshop will be finalized after the facilitators interview the Board Members.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Having no further business the Board adjourned the meeting after a moment of silence at in honor of the tragic anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center at 8:12pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Yvonne Cerrato, Board President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Sheila Jordan, Board Secretary</p>