

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 October 9, 2012

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Presiding	Vice President Rivera opened the meeting at 4:10pm and welcomed all in attendance.
Roll Call	Vice President Rivera called roll: Joaquin Rivera, Fred Sims, Eileen McDonald, Aisha Knowles Absent: Ken Berrick, Yvonne Cerrato, Marlon McWilson
Item # 1: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 45-AA-12/13	Ms. Giannes, Appeals Coordinator (A.C.) introduced all parties present. Vice President (V.P.) Rivera opened the Interdistrict Appeal Hearing IDT # 45-AA-12/13 from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in <i>closed session</i> : Trustee McWilson and Trustee Berrick arrived during this appeal. Vice President Rivera closed the hearing. Discussion ensued. Request for transfer from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD was denied. Ayes: None Noes: Berrick, Knowles, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims Abst: None Absent: Cerrato
Item # 2: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 47-AP-12/13 and IDT # 48-OP-12/13	Ms. Giannes (A.C.) resolved this matter before <i>closed session</i> began.

<p>Item # 3: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal IDT # 51-LS-12/13</p>	<p>Associate Superintendent Damon Smith (A.S.) introduced all parties present. Vice President Rivera opened the Interdistrict Appeal Hearing IDT # 51-LS-12/13 from Hayward USD to Castro Valley USD and arguments from appellants were heard in <i>closed session</i>:</p> <p>V.P. Rivera closed the hearing.</p> <p>Discussion ensued. Trustee Berrick moved to send this case back to the Districts to gather additional information and remand this appeal for 30 days. Trustee McDonald seconded.</p> <p>Ayes: Berrick, Knowles, McDonald, McWilson, Rivera, Sims Noes: None Abst: None Absent: Cerrato</p>
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN OPEN SESSION BEGINS

<p>Regular Board Meeting Begins</p>	<p>V.P. Rivera resumed the Regular meeting of the Board at 6:30p.m.</p>
<p>Flag Salute</p>	<p>At the request of Vice President Rivera Trustee Knowles 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>Roll Call was taken at the opening of closed session.</p>
<p>Item # 1. Report from V.P. Rivera on Board decisions made in closed session</p>	<p>V.P. Rivera reported the results of Interdistrict Transfer Appeals considered during the closed session portion of the Board Meeting: IDT # 45-AA-12/13: Denied 6-0, Absent:1</p> <p>IDT # 51-LS-12/13: Remand this to Districts for 30 days to allow parties to bring additional information for the Board. Approved 6-0, Absent: 1</p>
<p>Item # 2. Staff</p>	<p>Superintendent Jordan introduced the staff present: Tahitia Dean-Secretary to the Board Dr. Shené Onye-Executive Director of Healthy Kids Resource Center Phil Grasso-Communications departments</p>

Item # 3: Implementation of Professional Learning Communities: Healthy Kids and State Resource Center

After being introduced by Superintendent Jordan, Dr. Shené Onye presented an overview of the State Resource Center's work to develop and implement a Professional Learning Community (P.L.C.) approach. Under her leadership, with a budget between 2 and 3 million dollars a year and a staff of 15-20 people, there is a re-visioning of the Healthy Kids and After School Resource Centers.

She noted that she focused on how the Centers were represented in the community. The language of the contracts and brochures and what was available on the website did not match up with regard to the work the Centers were doing. She decided to create a clear focus around who the center was, who they served and what the mission of the centers would be. P.L.C. seemed to be the best approach. She referenced the book "Transforming School Culture-How to Overcome Staff Division", as a tool used to explore concepts around teachers' decisions in lesson content, student evaluations, and classroom procedure which were usually left up to the teachers. Teachers are now challenged to analyze the effectiveness of their procedures.

Dr. Onye stated that whole child development is a better focus than just student test performances and lesson content. Student evaluations and classroom procedures should be more evolved than leaving it to the individual teacher to decide how things are done in their respective classrooms. The *Vision* of the Centers *now* is to create, "Happy, healthy, high achieving students." The *Mission* is: "To Provide accessible, expert-reviewed educational materials, responsive technical assistance, and innovative professional development to those working in schools, afterschool programs, and the community to ensure the academic success of all children." Hence, the P.L.C. approach is used to incorporate this Vision and this Mission by getting feedback from all levels of staff.

These discussions helped create the 5 areas of focus that comprise the "Guiding Principles". Those areas are:

Collaboration:

Effective partnerships with the community, clients and funders to disseminate statewide resources, research and training

Whole Child Development:

Focus on social, emotional, cognitive, physical and academic needs of our youth

Accessibility:

User-friendly resources, subject matter expertise, and customer service excellence

Responsiveness:

To the community and education standards

Cost Effectiveness:

Use of high quality strategies that provide a fiscal benefit to our clients

There are several statewide projects going on through the leadership of the Centers and Dr. Onye welcomed the Trustees to visit the program.

Discussion ensued.

<p>Item # 3: Implementation of Professional Learning Communities: Healthy Kids and State Resource Center-<i>continued</i></p>	<p>Superintendent Jordan noted that the Centers are held in high regard by the State due to the volume of grants that keep coming in to support the program.</p> <p>V.P. Rivera thanked Dr. Onye for presenting. He asked by a show of hands who amongst the Trustees would like to be involved in a workshop with Dr. Onye and her program. Some of the Trustees would like to learn more about the work being done by Dr. Onye and her team and Tahitia Dean is to set up visits for those Trustees.</p>
<p>Item # 4 Consent Agenda: General Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Minutes of the August 14, 2012 Board Meeting B. Minutes of the September 11, 2012 Board Meeting C. Resolution No. 1933 D. Resolution No. 1934 E. Resolution No. 1935 F. Public Education Service Award (P.E.S.A.) for Gilda Gonzales G. Resolution No. 1930 H. Resolution No. 1931 I. Resolution No. 1932 	<p>V.P. Rivera pulled item 4 I. Trustee McDonald pulled item 4 B. V.P. Rivera asked if the Board is open to approving items 4 A, C, D, E, F, G, and H.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald moved. Trustee Knowles seconded. This passed unanimously: Approved 5-0 Absent: 2 (Cerrato, Sims. Trustee Sims left the meeting early.)</p> <p>Trustee McDonald noted that on the September 11, 2012 minutes on the first and second pages the names McDonald and McWilson needed to be switched. Also, she noted to add the phrase “was the speaker” to the end of Trustee McDonalds visit to the Optimist Club paragraph on page seven. With those changes, Trustee McDonald would approve the minutes. She also noted that she was very satisfied with how the minutes overall have been done.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald moved approval of item 4 B. Trustee McWilson seconded. This passed unanimously. Approved 5-0 Absent: 2</p> <p>V.P. Rivera stated that he has concerns with the negativity of the campaign ads against Proposition 30 the sponsors of Proposition 38 are running. He indicated that because of this, he will be abstaining from voting on Resolution No. 1932 regarding Prop 38: “Local Schools and Early Education Investment and Bond Debt Reduction Act”.</p> <p>Item I does not pass due to lack of a motion.</p>

Item # 5: Items from the Board

V.P. Rivera introduced items from the Board starting with Trustee Berrick:

Trustee Berrick: passed (temporarily)

Trustee McWilson reported on the following:

*He has been helping Oakland schools navigate through their facility issues.

*He attended the Camp Sweeney Library opening. It was very well attended and positive energy permeated the event. He thanked president Cerrato and Trustee McDonald for their commitment to getting the library reopened.

*He met with a coalition of parents, clergy and elected officials with regard to a 5 year study on how they got Ohio's lowest performing schools, in the Youngstown District, to not only raise their test scores but diminish the achievement gap, particularly amongst African American boys. There was a systematic change in their District that resulted in vastly improved results of African American males. Funds have been directed specifically to this demographic to help rectify the issues facing their African American students.

*He attended the annual legislative conference in Washington D.C.. There were many panels on education, Project Learning Communities and Closing the Achievement Gap. He brought back information from both Ohio and D.C. that supports the work being done in Alameda County to share with the Board.

Trustee McDonald reported on the following:

*She attended the Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (S.A.V.E.) breakfast with Trustee Sims. She was moved by a featured Fremont teacher's story, who despite having to flee her environment, was always there for her students and did not allow her circumstances to affect her teaching job.

*She attended the 2nd Annual San Lorenzo Gathering where people of all ages from San Lorenzo High School (H.S.) and Aurora H.S. get together and comingle. She thought the event was wonderful.

Trustee Knowles reported on the following:

*She attended a number of San Leandro schools in support of "Walk to School Week". "Cycle for Change" was there fixing the bicycles of middle school students for free in support of students who bike ride to school.

*She visited Fruitvale Academy. She noted there was a memorial there that students put together for Myrna Umanzor, a 15 year old San Leandro student murdered earlier this year. Trustee Knowles was moved to see the school come together in honor of her life.

Trustee Knowles continued:

*She attended the Oakland Sunrise Rotary Club in support of two A.C.O.E. members who gave a presentation on “Art is Education”.

*She is a member of the County Commission on the Status of Women, and their Junior Commission had their first symposium at Youth Uprising. It was an event they planned to discuss issues affecting young women with regard to self-esteem, education etc.. 30 girls were in attendance. Trustee Knowles was pleased with the event.

*She volunteered at the Girls Inc. Women of Taste Fundraiser held at the Kaiser rooftop garden. Superintendent Jordan attended as well.

*She attended the “Science in the Park” event at the Oliver Park in Hayward. Students from the New Haven and Hayward Unified School Districts are invited to visit the different booths and over 300 students participated in the “Egg Drop”. The “Egg Drop” is an event where students had to create a devise to prevent their egg from breaking when dropped 50 feet from a ladder. She was impressed with a student who surrounded their egg in Jell-O and Tupperware and it survived the drop.

*She visited the F.A.M.E. charter school San Leandro site. She will be visiting the other two sites as well. She will be returning to the San Leandro site to discuss Parent participation and other concerns.

V.P. Rivera reported on the following:

*He attended the CCBE Conference. He thanked Trustee McDonald and Trustee Berrick for helping put this conference together. It was fun and useful and he had a wonderful time at the conference.

*He also attended a Board meeting at the Chabot Space Center as the representative of the A.C.O.E. Board.

*He attended the Teacher of the Year (T.O.Y.) event along with Trustees Berrick, McDonald, and Knowles. He thanked the T.O.Y. staff for putting together a wonderful event. He had a great time and everyone left feeling good about the work being done in Alameda County and found it inspiring.

Trustee Berrick reported on the following:

*He echoed V.P. Rivera’s sentiments around the C.C.B.E. conference, and thought it was the best one he had attended so far.

*He attended the C.S.B.A event. The new Executive Director Vernon Billy has restructured the organization to be much more responsive to Board Members and to be an organization of the Board again. As a Board member there, he was very pleased with the advocacy, direction and levels of accountability being taken by the organization.

	<p>Trustee Berrick continued:</p> <p>*He attended the T.O.Y event and had a wonderful time. One of the T.O.Y winners was a teacher in Trustee Berrick’s territory. He would like Tahitia Dean to set up a visit for him at the winning teacher’s school.</p> <p>*He attended the California Child Welfare Counsel. They are focused on suspensions and expulsions, particularly of children on welfare who are disproportionately affected. He hopes that the Board and County office will continue to focus on such programs doing this type of work and the children most affected by suspensions and expulsions.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan noted that this work has been going on for a number of years. However, particularly in a climate where such facilities are being closed down, A.C.O.E. has been opening sites.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald also noted:</p> <p>*Trustee Rivera also has a leadership role with C.C.B.E. and thanked Trustee Berrick’s leadership within the organization as well. She noted that A.C.O.E. won the prize for having the most Board Members there of any county in Northern California.</p>
<p>Item # 5: Items from the Floor</p>	<p>There were no speakers at this meeting.</p>
<p>Item # 6: Items from the Secretary</p>	<p>Superintendent Jordan thanked the Board for their ongoing support of schools and children as Community leaders. She also thanked the Communication office and the First Floor team for planning and executing the T.O.Y. event. She was pleased with so many volunteers from A.C.O.E. who attended and worked at the event. A Union President was an awarded teacher this year and it was nice to see A.C.O.E. so well represented.</p> <p>*She will also be on a panel with Gateway’s project with Cal State East Bay on October 10, 2012, with the focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, (S.T.E.M.) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (S.T.E.A.M.).</p> <p>*She asked the Board to decide on whether or not there will be a second workshop held in November and what date. The Board decided November 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Having no further business the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Yvonne Cerrato, Board President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Sheila Jordan, Board Secretary</p>

