

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 December 11, 2012

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Presiding	President Cerrato opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.
Roll Call	<p>President Cerrato asked Superintendent Jordan to take roll:</p> <p>Ken Berrick, Yvonne Cerrato, Marlon McWilson, Aisha Knowles, Joaquin Rivera, Fred Sims</p> <p>[Eileen McDonald arrived at 6:49 p.m.]</p>
Flag Salute	At the request of President Cerrato, Trustee Berrick led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance
Mission Statement	<p>Trustee McWilson read the mission statement into the record:</p> <p>Provide, promote and support leadership and service to ensure the success of Every Child...in Every School...Every day!</p>
Item # 1: Presentation: Integrated Middle School Science Project (I.M.S.S.)	<p>Superintendent Jordan welcomed the presenters and asked Associate Superintendent (A.S.) Monroe to introduce the speakers.</p> <p>A.S. Monroe introduced the Director of Integrated Middle School Science (I.M.S.S.) Program Robert Curtis and Dawn O'Connor Coordinator of the Science Program.</p> <p>Director Curtis introduced lead teacher from Hayward Unified School District Scott Lurie. The highlights of Director Curtis presentation regarding the I.M.S.S. are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This is a 12 ½ million dollar project/5 year grant •Partnership with lead partner California State University East Bay as well as several ACOE Districts and other respective Core partners •Focus is on middle schools, but the discussion takes place on a district level. 4 counties, 10 school districts, 31 middle schools and 140 teachers are involved in the process •Program Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤Build site and district instructional leadership capacity ➤Develop a network of science leaders to improve science teaching and learning ➤Develop and implement Lesson study as a systematic collaborative structure and process across the Districts ➤Develop and provide K-12 science professional

Item # 1: Presentation:
Integrated Middle School
Science Project (I.M.S.S.)
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development and resources

•***I.M.S.S. Development Map of a one year plan (2012/13):***

- Two week summer institute
- Monthly meetings with a team of teachers for observation and refinement purposes
- Quarterly academic professional developments
- District leadership institute-a team of teachers, District and Site Administrators who plan science based professional developments that align with site priorities and common core; site based professional developments throughout the year to allow for maximum teacher participation
- Year-End symposium: Presentation from teachers on what they have learned from the process

Robert Curtis asked Scott Lurie, a teacher who participated in the Lesson Study development piece to present the following highlights of the teaching/learning cycle:

- Plan and Design: collaborative groups, identify goals, research, design lessons, review
- Teach and Observe: one person teaches, other observes, collect data
- Reflect: analyze data
- Revise: repeat steps 2-4

He stated that this was a very effective tool in improving practices and collaborative work across districts and sites.

Dawn O'Connor presented on Inquiry and Science Practices. Her highlights were as follows:

- Rather than teaching in silos, the science field is transitioning to more collaborative and building work that continues from K-12
- Integration of key core areas: Math/Science and English Language Arts (E.L.A.)
- **I.M.S.S. Impacts:**
 - four counties, ten districts, forty four schools
 - middle school teachers get twenty plus days of professional development per year
 - over fifty district and site administrators have attended quarterly district leadership institutes
 - seventeen district professional developments provided to over 140 middle school teachers this academic year
 - ten integrated curriculum units that integrates common core literacy and science practices

Robert Curtis concluded the presentation by acknowledging the support from ACOE in going forward with this project. He asked the Board Members if they had questions.

President Cerrato thanked the staff for the presentation.

Vice-President Rivera stated he was excited about the emergence and

<p><i>Item # 1: Presentation: Integrated Middle School Science Project (I.M.S.S.) (continued)</i></p>	<p>development of science curriculum and the importance of students learning science.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan noted that she would like the Board to continue its involvement and support of this type of work and perhaps would participate in a workshop on the development of common core curriculum.</p>
<p>Request to pull Agenda Item</p>	<p>Trustee McWilson requested pulling item number eight regarding Personnel Commission as he would like to submit another nomination for the position.</p> <p>President Cerrato noted that Item 8 is pulled from the Agenda.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan stated that any nominations for the Personnel Commission should be submitted to her, as noted in the last board meeting held November 13, 2012. Trustee McWilson stated that he would submit his nomination within the week.</p>
<p>Item # 2: Consent Agenda- <i>General Matters</i></p> <p>A. Minutes of the November 13, 2012 Board Meeting</p> <p>B. Temporary County Certificates</p>	<p>Trustee McWilson requested to pull Item A: November 13, 2012 Minutes.</p> <p>Trustee Rivera motioned to approve Temporary County Certificates. Trustee McDonald seconded.</p> <p>Item B passed with a unanimous vote. 7-0 Abst: none</p> <p>Trustee McWilson stated that there were specific questions he had with regard to the appointment of Bert Padua to the Personnel Commission, the training for the position, as well as the appointment and election process which were not noted in the minutes. He also noted that Padua was spelled incorrectly.</p> <p>Trustee Knowles stated that Item 5 from the November 13, 2012 Minutes regarding (SPAS), lacked the detail with regard to concerns about the low attendance of the Bridge Academy as well as additional staffing at the Fruitvale Academy. She also noted that Trustee McWilson requested to see the ADA of Bridge Academy. Trustee McWilson concurred.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan requested a discussion of the Minutes and how much of the discussions were reflected in them. She reminded the Board Members that the League of Women Voters met with ACOE Board members due to an inability to pass Minutes in a timely fashion</p>

<p>Item # 2: Consent Agenda- General Matters (continued)</p>	<p>due to differing opinion on what was said and/or transpired.</p> <p>Trustee Berrick requested to discuss the Minutes at the Policy Committee. He also advised that the Minutes be included in the Board packet for review prior to Board Meetings to avoid lengthy discussions during Board Meetings regarding Minutes.</p> <p>President Cerrato agreed with Trustee Berrick. Superintendent Jordan supported the idea as well and requested she be in attendance for that meeting.</p> <p>V.P. Rivera suggested approving the minutes contingent upon adding changes requested from Trustees Knowles and McWilson. He also corrected the spelling of Judy Apel.</p> <p>Trustee Berrick motioned to pass the minutes. Trustee McWilson seconded. Item A passed unanimously 7-0.</p>
<p>Item # 3: Personnel Action</p>	<p>President Cerrato asked Superintendent Jordan to introduce this item. Superintendent Jordan introduced Chief Human Resources Officer Movetia Salter to present on the Personnel Action Item.</p> <p>Movetia Salter noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Superintendent Jordan is the employer, and all actions are approved by her and then ratified at the Personnel Commission as we are a Merit District ➤ Classified actions throughout the month with regard to hiring, transfers, limited term and certificated actions for the last few months are included in the packet for the Board to review <p>Superintendent Jordan reviewed the process stating the Superintendent does approve the hiring. However Executive Cabinet also reviews hiring and classified hiring is also presented to the Personnel Commission. Hence a strong process is in place. She thanked Mrs. Salter for her presentation.</p>
<p>Item # 4: California College Preparatory Petition Renewal</p>	<p>President Cerrato introduced the Aspire College Preparatory Petition Renewal as the Board is to receive a report on this.</p> <p>Trustee Berrick requested to remove himself due to a conflict of interest and left the meeting.</p> <p>President Cerrato requested a motion to open the public hearing.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously and hearing opened.</p> <p>President Cerrato asked Associate Superintendent (A.S.) Smith to introduce the presenters.</p>

Item # 4: California
College Preparatory Petition
Renewal
(continued)

A.S. Smith introduced Director of Administrative Services Teresa Kapellas and welcomed new Director of Charter Schools Gail Greely.

Director Greely briefly discussed the history of the California College Preparatory Charter. She then introduced Chief Academic Officer (C.A.O.) of Aspire Public Schools Elise Darwish who made the presentation.

President Cerrato opened the College Preparatory Public Hearing, noting the request of the Charter to continue for another five years.

C.A.O. Darwish introduced U.C. Berkeley liaison Gail Kaufman, California Preparatory Principals Javier Cabra and Tina Hernandez as presenters as well. She noted that the mission statement of their charter is "Every student is prepared to earn a college degree".

Discussion ensued.

C.A.O. Darwish concluded her portion of the presentation and turned the floor over to those who requested to speak.

President Cerrato introduced those who requested to speak. The following speakers were afforded one minute each to address the Board regarding the California Preparatory Charter renewal:

- Sarah Salazar
- Ismael Pina
- Xavier Taylor
- Vanessa Pina
- Alana Banks
- Ariana Ochoa
- Chandra Williams

President Cerrato asked the Board Members if they had any questions.

Trustee McWilson had a question regarding whether or not the renewal was for K-12 or High School. Director Kapellas confirmed that the renewal is for all grades for a period of five years.

Trustee Rivera noted the following:

- The school had not implemented the 6-8 grade piece in 2011 during the request for the material revision, even though it had already been approved
- The Memorandum of Agreement (M.O.U.) stated that Aspire would fully implement the approved K-12 educational program and yet it has not been implemented
- The M.O.U. specifically stated that evidence of full implementation of the Charter program shall be a requirement for approval. Given that the Charter did not fulfill their part of the deal why should the Board hold up their end of the agreement.
- He had concerns about lack of recruitment from Asian and

<p><i>Item # 4: California College Preparatory Petition Renewal (continued)</i></p>	<p>Caucasian communities and underrepresented racial groups.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Director Kapellas recommended a review of the signed M.O.U. for the specifics and bring it back to the Board.</p> <p>Superintendent Jordan reminded the Board that there is a timeline for the renewal. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee McWilson also had questions regarding the statistics around African American and Latino students. He also had concerns around diversity, the population numbers outside of Oakland and where the majority of the students were coming from.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee McWilson motioned to close the hearing.</p> <p>President Cerrato closed the hearing with unanimous support from the Board.</p>
<p><i>Item # 5: Determination Hearing for Portola Academy Charter School Petition</i></p>	<p>Superintendent Jordan welcomed participants. Director Kapellas introduced Director of Charter Schools Gail Greely to present the report on this petition.</p> <p>Director Greely reported that this petition has been substantially rewritten. The petition met the majority of the standards of Charter Petition requirements; however there are some areas of deficiency, particularly in the areas of achieving racial and ethnic balance comparable from the District. There is no specific plan for outreach to underserved students at the moment.</p> <p>The Board Members had questions about the Charter’s financial issues, dual immersion programs, transportation costs as well as plans for addressing diversity.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>President Cerrato introduced those who requested to speak. The following speakers were afforded one minute each to address the Board regarding the Portola Charter School Petition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwayne Joyner • Hugo Guerrero • Denise Danke • Sylvester Boyd • Kelly Bowers • Chris Van Schaack • Anne White

<p>Item # 5: Determination Hearing for Portola Academy Charter School Petition <i>(continued)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Batchelor • Doug Treadway • Willow Harrington • Nancy Katz • Cate Serraille • Valerie Thomey • Mariah Mills <p>V.P. Rivera asked Kelly Bowers to introduce the Trustees from the Livermore District. Kelly Bowers introduced Livermore Board President Dr. Bill Dunlop, Trustee Anne White, Trustee Kate Runyon and Trustee Chuck Rogge.</p> <p>President Cerrato asked the Board to voice their respective votes. Superintendent Jordan called for the votes.</p> <p>The Board unanimously voted to deny the Portola Academy Charter Petition. 7-0 Abst: None</p> <p>President Cerrato thanked the presenters, speakers and community members for attending the Board Meeting.</p>
<p>Item #6: Yu Ming Charter</p>	<p>Superintendent Jordan asked staff to present to the Board and introduced Director Kapellas and Director Greely. Director Greely stated that the size of the Yu Ming Board has changed, as requested, that all actions be taken by a majority of the seated board as opposed to the majority of a quorum. Location change under the M.O.U. required a material revision to the Charter. She also mentioned that representatives from Yu Ming were present.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>The Board Members had questions regarding the number of Board Members, parent participation on the Yu Ming Board, length of term of Yu Ming Board Members as well as their racial and ethnic composition.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>President Cerrato introduced those who requested to speak. The following speakers were afforded one minute each to address the Board regarding Yu Ming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Lee • Kelly Scribner <p>Superintendent Jordan thanked the Board for identifying the concerns around the Yu Ming quorum and cautioned against micromanaging</p>

<p>Item #6: Yu Ming Charter (continued)</p>	<p>Charter schools in areas that should be handled by the Charter. Trustee Sims supported Superintendent Jordan’s remarks.</p> <p>Trustee Berrick motioned to approve the range expansion to nine member maximum Yu Ming Board. V.P. Rivera motioned for a substitute motion to approve the original request of an eleven member maximum Yu Ming Board. Trustee McDonald seconded.</p> <p>Vote: 5-2 in favor of Yu Ming Board eleven member maximum. YES: 5 - Trustees Rivera, Cerrato, Sims, Berrick, McDonald NO: 2 – Trustee Knowles and McWilson Abst: None</p> <p>V.P. Rivera motioned on Part B: Change of location. Trustee Berrick seconded. It passed unanimously 7-0.</p>
<p>Item #7: First Interim Financial Report FY 2012-13</p>	<p>President Cerrato asked if there were any items from the floor; there were none.</p> <p>President Cerrato introduced staff to present the Financial Report. Superintendent Jordan introduced A.S. Damon Smith to present the financial report to the Board.</p> <p>A.S. Smith introduced executive Director Leigh Ann Blessing as the point person to do the run through of the presentation. He also invited the Board Members to meet with the finance department regarding any concerns or questions. He noted we are not expecting cuts due to the passage of Prop 30. He also stated we are awaiting the new proposal from the Governor regarding the delegation of education funds.</p> <p>Executive Director Leigh Ann Blessing thanked the finance staff Vicki Chang, Donna Rose, and Genevieve Hahn-Kerr for their support in developing the presentation.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Trustee Sims, as head of the finance committee thanked the business staff for their hard work and complimented them on a job well done.</p> <p>Trustee Sims motioned to approve the budget report. Trustee Berrick seconded. It passed unanimously 7-0. Abst: none</p>

<p>Item # 9: Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report</p>	<p>Associate Superintendent (A.S.) L. Karen Monroe stated that there were no complaints reported.</p>
<p>Item # 11: Items from the Board</p>	<p>Trustee Berrick reported on the following: *He attended the California County Board of Education (C.C.B.E) Board Meeting and the California School Board Association (C.S.B.A.) Assembly and Board meeting. He stated that he will no longer be serving as President of C.C.B.E. He thanked Trustee McDonald for the poem she wrote that was read at that board meeting. He also mentioned that how effective the state association is right now and applauded the success of partnerships with C.S.B.A. and California County Superintendent Educational Services Association (C.C.S.E.S.A.).</p> <p>Trustee McWilson reported on the following: *He thanked staff for their support of his annual Turkey Drive in November 2012. 1700 turkeys were given away to families of need.</p> <p>*He attended an education policy meeting in Los Angeles. He was very encouraged by the direction the state and country is going with regard to education and will share what he learned with colleagues.</p> <p>*He was part of the Administrative Assistant interview committee and was pleased to have met so many qualified candidates.</p> <p>*He reminded the Board of a Resolution 1867 with regard to going green and recycling and recommended using double sided paper going forward.</p> <p>Trustee McDonald reported on the following: *She took the discussion from the board Workshop retreat to heart and was able to use some of what she learned to help resolve a situation with FAME charter school.</p> <p>Trustee Sims: *He attended a fundraiser for Moreau High School and met numerous Alumni and donors who were there to support a new athletic field. It was a wonderful event.</p> <p>*He attended the Building Trade Luncheon at the Oakland Hilton hotel which went well</p>

Item # 11: Items from the Board
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Trustee Knowles reported on the following:

*She served as a volunteer waitress at the “Save our Schools” Castro Valley Fundraiser at Don Jose’s.

*She attended the “Write to Read” ceremony with Superintendent Jordan and A.S. Monroe.

*She was asked to swear in two new San Leandro Unified School District members Corina Lopez and Vince Rosato and was honored to do it.

*She visited Unit 6 at Juvenile hall on Thanksgiving and spent 3 hours with 22 young ladies and engaged in activities with them.

V.P. Rivera reported on the following:

*He attended the C.S.B.A. Delegate Assembly and Annual Conference, as well as the C.C.B.E. Board of Directors and General Membership meeting as well. He stated that he will be running for the C.S.B.A. Delegate Assembly.

President Cerrato reported on the following:

*She attended the Alliance for Arts Learning Leadership Steering Committee which discussed how to use social networking with the educational initiative.

*She attended the Boys Team Charity event with her son which collected gifts for kids in need in the Oakland area. This was very successful, and now there is a waiting list for the community youth to be involved. She mentioned to the Board that she would like to invite them to present at future events.

Superintendent Jordan reported on the following:

*She noted that a brief summary was submitted by Director Kapellas on the progress with the recommended FAME auditor and the issues mentioned by Trustee McDonald are under review.

*She congratulated New Haven School District in Trustee Sims’ area on being awarded thirty million dollars over 5 years.

*Alameda Unified School District lost the law suit regarding parcel tax with variable rates and initiative. This will impact other Districts as well. She will be meeting with Superintendent of Piedmont discuss the implication for their parcel tax.

Adjournment

**Having no further business the Board adjourned the meeting
at 10:17 p.m.**

Yvonne Cerrato, Board President

Sheila Jordan, Board Secretary