

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 June 24, 2014

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Presiding	President Rivera opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
Roll Call	Conducted by: Supt. Jordan Trustees Present: Joaquin Rivera, Marlon McWilson, Fred Sims, Yvonne Cerrato, Ken Berrick, and Eileen McDonald Aisha Knowles arrived at 7:35 p.m.
Flag Salute	Led by Trustee Berrick.
Mission Statement	Read into the record by Trustee Berrick.
Item #2: Report from President on Board actions made in Closed Session	No action taken.
Item #3: Public Comments	None.
Item # 4: Consent Agenda – General Matters: A. Minutes of June 10, 2014 Board Meeting B. Public Education Service Award (PESA) for Karen Huff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V.P. McWilson motioned to approve items. • Seconded by Trustee McDonald. • Motion approved unanimously (6-0). • AYES: Rivera, McWilson, Berrick, Cerrato, Sims, McDonald • NOT PRESENT: Knowles
Item #5: Determination Hearing Conservatory of Vocal/ Instrumental Arts (COVA) High School Petition	<p>Assoc. Supt. Monroe introduced the item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Greely, Director, Charter Schools, provided staff report and deemed the school unlikely to successfully implement their proposed program due to several deficiencies in terms of facilities, governance, and scope and sequence of curriculum. They did not clearly identify the nonprofit that will hold their charter. • Pres. Rivera allowed public comments on this item for 1.5 min per speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Lottee Garrison – Darla Tuning – Carolyn Jennings - Current K-8 Director – Valerie Abad – Charles Ester – Yosi Solove – Shanale Allen – Dr. Sandy Carpenter – Candice Schnicidor • Pres Rivera opened the floor for Board questions that were responded to

by Dr. Valerie Abad (COVA) and ACOE Staff.

- Trustee McWilson inquired about facility location, charter authorizer, and ethnic balance.
 - Dr. Abad stated it will be in the same location as the K-8 (they have received the approval from the leaser).
 - The school will be chartered by their 501c3 umbrella COVA similar to Aspire, but not as large.
 - Hispanic population is growing (went from 12 to 18%); Asian (6%); African-American (56%).
 - -Not one OUSD public high school is meeting the state API of 800 which demonstrates the need for a COVA high.
- Trustee McDonald - commented on initial request made to OUSD as to why the bar was set so high for COVA.
- Pres. Rivera reminded the Board that OUSD and ACOE staff analysis was pretty much in sync.
- Ms. Greely clarified the concern about the charter entity. It is unclear if the entity that holds the charter is both a California corporation and an IRS 501c3.
- Trustee Berrick asked can a 501c3 oversee both a K-8 and high school? Are there multiple corporations?
- Pres. Rivera commented that the curriculum seems to be underdeveloped. He asked why is COVA needed if they are using shelved material?
 - Dr. Abad stated that COVA instructors use their own classroom management, teaching skills, and creativity in conjunction with shelved material.
- V.P. McWilson commented that a textbook cannot be their entire educational plan.
 - Dr. Abad clarified that it is still being developed and the curriculum will be based on multiple resources. They can provide a detailed written plan within a week.
- OUSD representative, Silke Bradford, responded regarding the required language that was cut and paste from OUSD.
- Trustee Berrick stated he was unable to locate the 501c3 status; this information should be readily accessible in a charter petition.
- Pres. Rivera stated that it seems like a good idea but not a proven business plan that is ready to implement.
- Trustee McDonald stated there is a need for this type of school/ program. Music is always the first thing cut. She hopes that they come back with a stronger petition.
- Trustee Berrick stated he was looking for a way to approve. A lot of schools do not come close to the type of program and diversity. The application is the standard to demonstrate ability to implement the program.
- **A motion to Deny the charter appeal petition of COVA High School was made by Trustee Cerrato.**
- **It was seconded by Trustee Sims.**
- **Motion passed (6-0-1). Appeal denied.**
- **AYES: Rivera, McWilson, Berrick, Cerrato, Sims, McDonald**
- **ABSTENTION: Knowles**
- *[Trustee Knowles arrived at 7:35 p.m.]*
- Dr. Abad hopes to see the Board again and understands the decision made.
- V.P. McWilson stated that he hates to hear the disparaging remarks about OUSD.
- Dr. Abad understands his comment.

<p>Item #6: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Berrick echoed V.P. McWilson's comments. There are places in Oakland that are terrific. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc. Supt. Monroe introduced the item and recapped last meeting's discussion and development. • Board was sent the matrix and updated LCAP via email. • Dr. Sean McPhetridge, Interim Student Programs & Services Director came forward to assist in answering questions. <p>Board Comments/ Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Cerrato asked if Tier 3 program be continued? • V.P. McWilson asked to clarify what is T-3? • Assoc. Supt. Monroe responded that Tier-3 is alternative teacher pathways. Once the cohort finished then they will discuss how it will be continued. • V.P. McWilson asked if there were community members present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – In response to Board comments made last meeting Assoc. Supt. Monroe described the outreach efforts made by staff. • Pres. Rivera commented. • V.P. McWilson asked if there were any issues with the teachers/ bargaining unit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There was one teacher representative that was a part of the drafting committee. Assoc. Supt. Monroe read a comment about what was important in relation to foster students. • Trustee Knowles inquired about archiving comments submitted that were not incorporated into the plan. Trustee Knowles expressed additional concerns regarding feedback. • Trustee McDonald inquired about: transfer credit, career fair for Sweeney, and expulsion conditions for students re-entry into district schools. • Pres. Rivera reminded staff that the email sent by Assoc. Supt. Monroe outlined what feedback was included in the plan. • Trustee Berrick described the process and expressed that the timeline is very compressed and assumes that this is the first iteration. • Assoc. Supt. Monroe noted that the California State Department of Education has not clearly identified what they want to see in the LCAP for County Offices of Education. • Trustee McDonald and V.P. McWilson made additional comments regarding specific suggestions that were not clearly addressed in the LCAP. • Pres. Rivera reiterated that the LCAP is more general than the specific suggestions that were given. Pres. Rivera allowed 2 min per speaker for comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Diana Levy, Community member commented on things being lost in translation and she felt very appreciated. – Scarlet Rivera, REACH Ashland member, commented about being happy and passionate about the process. • Trustee Cerrato suggested spending time talking to students during the school day. • Assoc. Supt. Monroe requested that Dr. McPhetridge make comments and introduced himself. • Trustee Knowles and V.P. McWilson responded to Dr. McPhetridge regarding school site council meeting attendance. • Trustee Knowles inquired about credit recovery. • Pres. Rivera would like to approve with the condition that the issue of credit recovery is inclusive of all students we serve.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Berrick would like to schedule a workshop to work through the details of LCAP and moved approval. • A motion to approve the LCAP with the condition of credit recovery for all students was made by Trustee Berrick. • Seconded by V.P. McWilson. • Motion passed (6-1) • AYES: Rivera, McWilson, Sims, McDonald, Cerrato, and Berrick • NO: Trustee Knowles <p><u>BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy committee reviewed and recommended approval and reiterated that staff should follow the normal procedure with first and second reading. • Trustee Berrick made a motion to waive first reading. • Trustee McDonald seconded. • A motion to approve was made by Trustee Berrick. • Seconded by Trustee Sims. • Motion passed unanimously (7-0).
<p>RECESS</p>	<p>8:32 p.m. – 8:41 p.m.</p>
<p>Item #7: Public Hearing on Dashmesh Academy Charter School Petition Appeal from New Haven Unified School District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gail Greely introduced the school and the parties representing Dashmesh and New Haven USD. • A motion to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Sims. • Seconded by Trustee Cerrato and the • Motion passed (5-0). Hearing opened. • AYES: Rivera, Sims, McDonald, Knowles, Cerrato • NOT PRESENT: McWilson, Berrick • Each party was granted 10 min to present to the Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ram Singh presented for Dashmesh an overview of the petition and their focus on whole child and personalize/ blended learning model – Akur Varadarajan, Interim Co-Supt. for NHUSD presented the reasons for denial and recognized NHUSD Board members present. Provided a timeline and detailed the process for petition review. Found deficiencies and the petition was not comprehensive. – Paul Stickland New Haven Teachers Association president spoke regarding the current schools of New Haven USD. Urged the Board to deny the charter petition appeal. • Pres. Rivera opened the floor to allow Board questions/ comments • Trustee McDonald asked where in the petition was a list of school holidays observed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – p. 39 • Public comments on this item allowed for 1.5 min per speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Jonathan Soerno – Damanjit Sra – Amandeep Singh, Dashmesh Board member – Ginny Walia – Kashmir Singh Shahu, Community Investor – Kirat Singh Shahi, Student – David Hernandez, New Haven Teachers Association – Akur Varadarajan, Co-Supt. NHUSD – Ram Singh, Dashmesh lead petitioner – Irman Mashiana, Student – Harinder Singh – Balbir Singh Ragi – Tarnin Singh – Amandeep Saudhu • A motion to close the hearing was made by Trustee McDonald.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seconded by Trustee Cerrato and the • Motion passed unanimously (7-0). • The determination hearing will be held on August 12, 2014 with possible opening in Fall 2015 (original petition was for Fall 2014). It is at the discretion of the Board for Fall 2014 or 2015 opening
<p>Item #8: Policy & Legislation Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BP 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/ Harassment - BP 5157 – Gender Identity and Access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion to approve was made by Trustee Berrick. • Seconded by V.P. McWilson. • Motion passed unanimously (7-0).
<p>Item # 9: Student Programs and Services (SPaS) Safety Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc. Supt. Monroe presented current practices and compared with proposed changes and best practices based on National School Climate Standards. <p><u>Board and staff discussion ensued. Highlights are below.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Cerrato asked the name of the afterschool grant? ASSETS Grant. • Trustee Berrick hoped for a more specific implementation plan, with point persons named and timeline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response from Assoc. Supt. Monroe was that those will be the next step. This is an initial invitation for Board input. • Assoc. Supt. Monroe brought Shene Onye, Executive Director of Healthy Kids State Resource Center, forward to address some more concerns. • Dr. Onye stated other stakeholders need to be involved. • Trustee Berrick stated while the premises are a great starting point it does not address the specific safety concerns brought forward by staff. There is a need for something more concrete; an actual implementation plan with dates. • Dr. Onye commented that they are in the process of applying for grants/ contracts to address some of the concerns. • Trustee Berrick asked that this item be a standing item on the agenda until it is resolved. • Pres. Rivera asked what are the next steps? • Assoc. Supt. Monroe would like to draft a next step plan. She would like to explore the Campus Monitor role. • Trustee Cerrato was not clear on what the concerns are. • Trustee Sims asked about the involvement of Sup. Valle and if it was possible to obtain health department report on the condition of the facility? • Trustee McDonald stated windows are boarded up. • Assoc. Supt. Monroe stated that M&O staff is now stopping by every morning to check on the facility and as a lessee we have to make sure our needs are met and what our responsibilities are. The lease is up for renewal soon. • Trustee Berrick would like to explore our partnership with Sup. Valle like Trustee Sims had mentioned. • Trustee Cerrato commented that we should just get portables. • Assoc. Supt. Monroe stated we will bring some estimates forward. • Trustee Berrick clarified his intention in contacting Sup. Valle. • Dr. Onye introduced herself • Short-term plan due by July and longer term plan due by August • Trustee Knowles concerned that we are at crisis level due to the comments made by staff and students.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Sims asked if there are security cameras on our school sites. • V.P. McWilson moved to extend the meeting until 11 p.m. • Trustee Berrick seconded. • Motion passed. • V.P. McWilson commented about his response to Dr. McPhetridge.
<p>Item # 10: Alameda County Office of Education’s (ACOE) 2014/2015 Proposed Budget</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc. Supt. Damon Smith introduced two Bus Services staff members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dina Stewart, acting exec director in Leigh Ann's absence – DeCarlos Kaigler, Director <i>[Trustee Cerrato exited the meeting at 10:15 p.m.]</i> • Trustee McDonald asked if we had enough money for portables, plumbing etc. • Pres. Rivera asked if reserved fund designation document will be added to online budget document. • A motion to approve the 2014/2015 proposed budget was made by Trustee Sims. • Seconded by Trustee McDonald. • Motion passed. Budget approved (6-0). • AYES: Rivera, Sims, McDonald, Knowles, McWilson, Berrick • NOT PRESENT: Cerrato
<p>Item #11: Education Protection Account (EPA) Resolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc. Supt. Smith explained that the Education Protection Account is by product of prop 30. • A motion to approve was made by Trustee Berrick. • Seconded by Trustee McDonald. • Motion passed unanimously (6-0).
<p>Item #12: Reorganization Meeting and FY 2014-2015 Calendar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V.P. McWilson proposed start the reorg meeting at 5 p.m. to hold the Reems public hearing and to review the short-term safety plan. • He explained the program schedule. • A motion to approve the meeting time change was made by Trustee Berrick. • Seconded by Trustee Knowles. • Motion passed unanimously (6-0). <p><u>FY 2014-15 Calendar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November meeting may need to be the 3rd Tuesday due to Veteran's Day • Trustee Knowles asked to reserve August 19th also in case of interdistricts.
<p>Item #13: Items from the Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee McDonald shared an email about FAME concerns from Lara York of Fremont USD. • Trustee Berrick, Trustee Cerrato, Trustee Sims, Trustee Knowles, and V.P. McWilson passed.
<p>Item #14: President’s Report</p>	<p>Passed.</p>
<p>Item #15: Items from the Secretary</p>	<p>Assoc. Supt. Monroe stated negotiations settlement was sent via email.</p>
<p>Adjournment in the memory of:</p>	<p>Pres. Rivera adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joaquin Rivera, Board President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sheila Jordan, Board Secretary</p>