

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 July 8, 2014

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Presiding	President Rivera opened the meeting at 5:20 p.m.
Item #2: Report from President on Board actions made in Closed Session	No action taken.
Roll Call	Conducted by: Supt. Jordan Trustees Present: Joaquin Rivera, Marlon McWilson, Aisha Knowles, Fred Sims, Yvonne Cerrato, Ken Berrick, and Eileen McDonald
Flag Salute	Led by Trustee McDonald.
Mission Statement	Read into the record by Trustee McDonald.
Recording Statement:	Read into the record by Pres. Rivera.
Opening Remarks	Supt. Jordan recognized Jason Arenas for his recognition as a Koshland Fellow. Jason Arenas thanked the Board and Supt.
Item # 3: Consent Agenda – General Matters: A. Minutes of the June 24, 2014 Board Meeting B. Temporary County Certificates C. Student Programs and Services (SPaS) Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure Quarterly Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V.P. McWilson motioned to approve Consent Agenda. • Seconded by Trustee Cerrato. • Motion approved unanimously (7-0).
Item #4: Personnel Actions	None.
Item #5: Public Hearing on E.C. Reems Charter School Petition Appeal from Oakland Unified School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Sims. • Seconded by V.P. McWilson. • Motion passed (7-0). Hearing opened. • E.C. Reems was provided 10 min to present: Lisa Blair - lead petitioner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Brian Reems, Board President, spoke about governance plans. – Ms. Blair continued discussing recruitment and retention strategies and partnerships. – Scott Warner of Charter Management Office discussed budget projections and cash flow and the plan to erase the negative fund balance. Benchmarks were set to improve student performance by 2017 with disciplined implementation. He stated that E.C. Reems is a 14-year old school that serves as a beacon in the community. • OUSD represented by Silke Bradford allowed 10 minutes to present denial reasons.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reems deemed demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement their program based on poor academic performance, did not meet five out of six measurable pupil outcomes, over 33 % decline in enrollment, cash flow problems, poor financial accountability and operations management, late attendance reporting and unable to payout resigning teachers; ineffective leadership with no common core alignment plan, and the principal has resigned. Ms. Bradford also responded to the specific claims made by E.C. Reems. • Pres. Rivera allowed public comments on this item for 1 min per speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pas. Brandon Reems, on the behalf of Bishop Reems - Maria Garcia, resident of the community - Sharon Jones, grandparent of children enrolled at E.C. Reems - Ronald W. Cato Sr. - Valerie Williams, resident of the community - O’Neeka Belle parent of E.C. Reems students - Lenoral Lamb, chaperone for Reems - Tracy Wilson, aunt of E.C. Reems student and volunteer - Brian Reems, Board President - Alejandra Castellanos, parent of E.C. Reems student - Norman Nadley, grandparent of student - Danny Walker - Diona Mason, foster parent and special education teacher at E.C. Reems - Anne Shipp, retired SFUSD teacher and current reading teacher at Reems - Terry McCall, parent of Reems student - Ricardo Scales, teacher of afterschool music program at E.C. Reems - Earthy Smith • A motion to close the hearing was made by Trustee McDonald. • Seconded by Trustee Cerrato. • Motion passed (7-0). Hearing closed.
<p>Item #6: Extension of Deadline for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Oakland Unity Middle School</p>	<p>Gail Greely, Director, Charter Schools Office, briefed the Board on the status of the MOU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Berrick made a motion to approve the deadline extension. • Seconded by V.P. McWilson. • Motion passed (7-0).
<p>Item #7: Student Programs and Services (SPaS) Immediate Action Safety Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Jordan introduced the item and turned it over to Assoc. Supt. Monroe. • Alicia Masri, Director Facilities & Operations, shared changes made to address some of the concerns. Lighting concerns will be addressed in the near future. • Board discussion ensued with questions/ comments by Trustee Cerrato, Trustee Berrick, Trustee McDonald, Trustee Knowles, and Trustee Sims. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responses were made by Assoc. Supt. Monroe, Interim Director Sean McPhedridge, and Supt. Jordan. - Discussion included issues of homelessness, restrooms, human waste, and the lease terms and amount.
<p>Item #8: Reception/ Social</p>	<p>6:36 p.m. – 7:24 p.m.</p>
<p>Item #9: Swearing-In Ceremony -Joaquin Rivera, Trustee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called back to order by V.P. McWilson. Each newly re-elected Board member was sworn-in and signed official Oath of Office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hon. Judge Tara Flanagan commissioner of oath for Trustee Rivera made comments and swore-in Trustee Rivera.

<p>Area 1 –Aisha Knowles, Trustee Area 4 –Yvonne Cerrato, Trustee Area 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hon. Surlene Grant former San Leandro City Councilmember commissioner of oath for Trustee Knowles made comments and swore-in Trustee Knowles. – Supt. Jordan commissioner of oath for Trustee Cerrato recognized other dignitaries and former Board members and swore-in Trustee Cerrato. • Pres. Rivera allowed the sworn in trustees to make a few comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Trustee Cerrato thanked attendees and celebrated her 12 years on the Board. – Trustee Knowles thanked guests and looked forward to four years. – Trustee Rivera thanked the constituents of Area 1 for continued trust in him and his family and spouse. He asked elected officials to stand in recognition. – Trustee Knowles thanked Hon. Surlene Grant for her continued support.
<p>Item # 10: Election of Officers A. Election of President B. Election of Vice-President</p>	<p>A. Supt. Jordan opened the nominations for President of the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Cerrato nominated V.P. McWilson. • Trustee McDonald seconded. • Nominations closed. • Motion passed. (7-0) • Gavel passed to newly elected President McWilson. <p>B. Pres. McWilson opened the nominations for the election of Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Berrick nominated Trustee Knowles for V.P. • Trustee McDonald seconded. • Motion passed. (7-0) • Trustee Knowles took the position of Vice President.
<p>Item #12: Remarks of Outgoing President</p>	<p>Former President Rivera made remarks. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to be President and acknowledged Administrative Assistant to the Board.</p>
<p>Item #11: Recognition of Outgoing President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres. McWilson presented Trustee Rivera with a gift. • Supt. Jordan likewise acknowledged Trustee Rivera and made comments and the role of the president.
<p>Item #13: Introductory Remarks of Incoming President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres. McWilson presented each of the Board members with name badges. He thanked staff, friends, family, and colleagues for their support. Reactivating of Interagency Committee
<p>Item #14: Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Berrick thanked Trustee Rivera for his presidency and inclusiveness. • Trustee McDonald congratulated Pres. McWilson and V.P. Knowles. She thanked Trustee Rivera for his leadership. • Supt. Jordan acknowledged staff, Executive staff for assistance, Phil Grasso for technical support, and support of Board. She congratulated Pres. McWilson and looked forward to them working in strong partnership. • Larry Moody, East Palo Alto City Councilmember made comments and extended invitation to Glad Tidings Hayward Empowerment Week July 22-26
<p>Item #15: Presentation of Education Service Awards (PESA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Jordan and Pres. McWilson presented Melinda Martin with PESA for her award as CCDAA Contributor of the Year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Martin made remarks. • Pres. McWilson presented PESA to Karen Huff (being received by her husband Otis Huff). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Otis Huff gave comments on Karen's behalf. • Trustee Rivera moved to approve PESA for Melinda Martin and was seconded by Trustee Sims.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed. (7-0)
Item #16: FY 2014-2015 Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Cerrato asked that additional meeting dates in October, January, and February. • Discussion ensued with comments by Trustee Berrick, Trustee McDonald, and Trustee Rivera. • Trustee Rivera moved approval with the condition that additional dates be added. • Trustee McDonald seconded. • Calendar approved with corrections. (7-0)
Item #18: President's Report	Pres. McWilson announced that the Interagency Committee will be reactivated appointments will be made at the next week. He acknowledged Earl Crawford as appointment to Principal of Hayward Community School during the summer.
Item #17: Items from the Board	Tabled.
Item #19: Items from the Secretary	Tabled.
Adjournment	<p>Pres. McWilson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. in the memory of Jermaine Tarver.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Marlon McWilson, Board President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Sheila Jordan, Board Secretary</p>