

**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 August 12, 2014**

**Vol. XXIX No. 2**

<b>Presiding</b>	President McWilson opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
<b>Flag Salute</b>	Led by Trustee Cerrato
<b>Mission Statement</b>	Read into the record by Trustee Cerrato. <b>Provide, promote and support leadership and service to ensure the success of Every Child...in Every School... Every Day!</b>
<b>Item #2: Report from President on Board actions made in Closed Session</b>	Motion made to find alternative site need to be secured by June, 2015, otherwise Hayward Community School will be held at ACOE conference center on a temporary basis. <b>Motion approved (4-3).</b> <b>AYES: Knowles, Berrick, Cerrato, McWilson</b> <b>NOES: Rivera, Sims, McDonald</b>
<b>Recording Statement:</b>	Read into the record by Pres. McWilson. <b>This meeting is being recorded and/or broadcasted at the direction of the Board.</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>	Conducted by: Assoc. Supt. L. Karen Monroe Trustees Present: Joaquin Rivera, Marlon McWilson, Aisha Knowles, Fred Sims, Yvonne Cerrato, Ken Berrick, and Eileen McDonald  Supt. Jordan not present
<b>Item #3: ACOE Staff Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assoc. Supt. Monroe introduced Alysse Castro, Interim Director of Student Programs &amp; Services, Earl Crawford Jr., Summer School Principal of Hayward Community School, and Christina Faulkner, Director of Categorical Programs.</li> <li>Each made a brief statement about their position and background.</li> </ul>
<b>Item #4: Charter School Update -FAME -American Indian Model Schools (AIMS)</b>	<p>Gail Greely, Director, Charter Schools Office presented the updates of charter schools.</p> <p><u>FAME</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiver request will not be heard by the state Board until September but they will receive retroactive funding, there is pending litigation involving FAME (3 cases), and there have been leadership changes.</li> </ul> <p><u>AIMS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 3 locations opened 2013-14 with enrollment down about approx.30%, injunction was granted allowing the schools to operate the 2013-14 and the state declined to act and appeals court upheld the injunction.</li> </ul> <p>Questions from the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trustee Rivera: Will that AIMS decision tie the hands of a Board in the future that student achievement outweighs everything else?</li> <li>Trustee Cerrato: Wasn't the student population of AIMS from a subgroup that is typically high-achieving?</li> <li>Trustee Berrick: When is the AIMS case expected to go to the state board? What was the basis of the injunction?</li> <li>Pres. McWilson: How much more time remains on the AIMS renewal with OUSD? 2016-17 is the longest remaining term.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Item # 7: Consent Agenda – General Matters:</b></p> <p>A. Minutes of the July 8, 2014 Board Meeting</p> <p>B. Temporary County Certificates</p> <p>C. 2014 – 15 Consolidated Application</p> <p>D. Endorsement of Summit for Youth Justice &amp; Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V.P. Knowles pulled items C &amp; D</li> <li>• Trustee McDonald pulled Item A</li> <li>• <b>Trustee Rivera motioned to approve item B.</b></li> <li>• <b>Seconded by Trustee Berrick.</b></li> <li>• <b>Unanimously approved (7-0).</b></li> <li>• <b>Item A – Trustee McDonald complimented the clarity of the minutes then motioned to approve.</b></li> <li>• <b>Seconded by Trustee Cerrato.</b></li> <li>• <b>Unanimously approved (7-0).</b></li> <li>• Item C – V.P. Knowles noted that there had been considerable turnover in the last 4 years and raised questions regarding policies on parent involvement (Response provided by Assoc. Supt. Monroe and Christina Faulkner).</li> <li>• <b>V.P. Knowles moved approval of Item C.</b></li> <li>• <b>Seconded by Trustee Rivera. (Commented that he is happy to hear that the policies will be updated.)</b></li> <li>• <b>Unanimously approved (7-0).</b></li> <li>• Item D – V.P. Knowles asked for clarification on the sponsorship levels and display of various organization’s logo as advertising in return for sponsorship. (Response provided by Assoc. Supt. Monroe: intent was sponsorship and advertisement to be linked to this event alone. More information will be sought from Communications dept. and provided to the Board.)</li> <li>• Pres. McWilson asked if donations or sponsorship are being made to Foundation or ACOE? Are there any conflicts from accepting those contributions? (Response provided by Assoc. Supt. Smith that it is ACOE and the donations are tax deductible. Assoc. Supt. Monroe regarded the contributions as partnership. She referenced Teacher of the Year.)</li> <li>• Trustee Rivera stated that it is common and referenced CCBE (CA County Boards of Education).</li> <li>• <b>Item D was moved for approval by Trustee Rivera.</b></li> <li>• <b>Seconded by Trustee McDonald.</b></li> <li>• <b>Motion approved (6-1).</b></li> </ul> <p><b>AYES: McWilson, Rivera, Berrick, Cerrato, Sims, McDonald</b>  <b>NO: Knowles</b></p>
<p><b>Item #5: Public Comments</b></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>Item #6: Determination Hearing - Dashmesh Academy Charter School Petition</b></p>	<p>Assoc. Supt. Monroe introduced the item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gail Greely, Director, Charter Schools Office and Teresa Kapellas, Executive Director, Administrative Services, presented the Evaluation Summary Review deemed demonstrably unlikely to succeed: no clear plan for training, unclear sources of startup funding, questionable 501c3 status.</li> </ul> <p>Pres. McWilson opened the floor for Board questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee McDonald asked facilities related questions, no site earmarked. Ram Singh, Dashmesh Director, responded.</li> <li>• Trustee Rivera asked about diversity on the Board. Ram Singh responded that he is not aware of any law that the Board has to be proportional to the population.</li> <li>• Pres. McWilson allowed public comments of 1 min 30 sec per speaker (3 min if translation needed):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Blanca Salas (translation required)</li> <li>– Emerita Alvarado</li> <li>– Vinni Walia</li> <li>– Ben Manor</li> <li>– Aman Sandhu</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allison Lasser</li> <li>- Satueer Kler</li> <li>- Auninder Singh</li> <li>- Harinder Singh –Board member</li> <li>- Damanjit Sra- consultant for Dashmesh (actively pursuing SELPA membership and meeting the special education requirements)</li> <li>- Lance Nishihmra In favor of NHUSD</li> <li>- Michael Ritchie NHUSD Board member</li> <li>- Taruh Singh</li> </ul> <p>Board deliberations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Rivera asked question regarding class size / 25:1 but a little confusing and unclear across the various grades. Areas of deficiencies are not easily fixed</li> <li>• Trustee Cerrato based on staff report 10 areas that did not meet the requirement that her vote will be no.</li> <li>• <b>Trustee Rivera moved denial of the Dashmesh Appeal petition.</b></li> <li>• <b>Trustee Cerrato seconded.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>AYES: Cerrato, Sims, Berrick Rivera, McDonald, Knowles, McWilson Charter appeal denied unanimously (7-0).</b>                  Recessed at 7:54 p.m. Reconvened at 8:05 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Item #8: Public Hearing on FAME Material Revision</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. Supt Monroe introduced the item.</li> <li>• A motion to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Rivera.</li> <li>• Seconded by Trustee McDonald.</li> <li>• Motion passed.</li> <li>• Ms. Greely briefed the Board on the item.</li> <li>• Naim Malik presented on the behalf of FAME.</li> </ul> <p>Board questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Berrick asked for clarification of the request.</li> <li>• Trustee Berrick moved to close the public hearing.</li> <li>• Trustee Sims seconded.</li> <li>• <b>Trustee Berrick moved to approve the material revision and the conditions as enumerated by staff.</b></li> <li>• <b>Trustee Rivera seconded the motion.</b></li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee McDonald asked for clarity where the classroom will be located.</li> <li>• Response provided by Ms. Greely: Based upon Prop 39 FAME has the right request facilities from Fremont USD based on the resident number of students. The initial offer from Fremont was based on 139 residents, but current litigation that there are in fact over 300 Fremont resident students enrolled in FAME.</li> <li>• Trustee Sims asked who is the superintendent? Naim Malik is the current CEO of FAME.</li> </ul> <p><b>Material amendment of FAME unanimously approved (7-0).</b></p>
<p><b>Item #9: Determination Hearing - E.C. Reems Charter School Petition Appeal from Oakland Unified School District</b></p>	<p>Assoc. Supt. Monroe opened the item. Charter Review Team comprised of Gail Greely, Director, Charter Schools Office, Teresa Kapellas, Executive Director, Administrative Services, and Spencer Meade, Director II, District Business and Advisory Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charter Review Team found the proposal to be incomplete in 8 of the required 16 areas, education program has been unsound, has been twice recommended for revocation based on CDE standards. Only met 1 of 5 measurable pupil outcomes. Demonstrably unlikely to implement the plan. Many and substantial changes are needed to turn the school around.</li> <li>• Pres. McWilson allowed public comments of 1 min 30 sec per speaker:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adrienne Shelton – Reems Board member</li> <li>- Lisa Blair – Principal and Exec. Director</li> <li>- Swameka Martin Holland - former parent and volunteer</li> <li>- Lee Lancaster - Reems Board member</li> <li>- Brian Reems - Board President</li> <li>- Kevin McIven – Reems Board member</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keith Courts</li> <li>- Pruncilla Pierre - art teacher and Solan</li> <li>- Ashanti (Alejandra) Sylva – Reems student</li> </ul> <p>Board deliberations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Rivera: when will the start date be and timeline for improving the deficiencies if approved.</li> <li>• Trustee McDonald my vote is deny because it should be an OUSD charter.</li> <li>• V.P. Knowles options for students if 2014-15 denied (Response provided by Silke Bradford in regards to enrollment alternatives).</li> <li>• Trustee Rivera late in the school year due to what reasons? (Late in renewal submission to OUSD and same for ACOE appeal)</li> <li>• V.P. Knowles asked Blair why such a delay (Respondents stated that there was illness by new Principal and other unforeseen circumstances).</li> <li>• Pres. McWilson what number of enrollment needed to be successful (245 is break even number inc. special ed). Concerned about the delays in response and meeting deadline. Will be voting in the affirmative but with a lot of conditions.</li> <li>• Trustee Rivera reminded Board of EOLAH and the timeline of only 13 days to workout a MOU and the deficiencies. He stated that he cannot support this charter at this time.</li> <li>• Trustee Berrick knows some of the students and the number of special needs student Reems’ serves. But the administrative delays puts them into a corner to deny.</li> <li>• Trustee Sims stated ACOE staff is overworked and understaffed and urged the Board to say no.</li> <li>• <b>Trustee McDonald moved to deny the charter renewal appeal.</b></li> <li>• <b>Trustee Sims seconded.</b></li> <li>• <b>Charter denied (4-3).</b></li> </ul> <p><b>AYES: Sims, Berrick, Rivera, McDonald</b>  <b>NOES: Cerrato, Knowles, McWilson</b>                  Recessed at 9:11 p.m. Reconvened at 9:18 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Item #10: Public Hearing on Resolution No. 1971 Sufficient Textbooks and Instructional Materials</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee McDonald moved to open the hearing.</li> <li>• Trustee Rivera seconded.</li> <li>• Hearing opened.</li> <li>• Trustee Berrick asked if there is a review conducted of the electronic curriculum.</li> <li>• Trustee Sims moved to close.</li> <li>• Trustee Rivera seconded.</li> <li>• Hearing closed.</li> <li>• <b>Trustee Rivera moved approval of Res. No. 1971.</b></li> <li>• <b>Trustee Sims seconded.</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved unanimously (7-0).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Item #11: Hayward Community School Site Plan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. Supt. Monroe reviewed the updates to the matrix and proposed to have a comprehensive plan by October meeting, lease agreement hopefully in September.</li> <li>• Trustee Sims asked about potentially reaching out to the Matt Jiminez Boys &amp; Girls Club.</li> <li>• V.P. Knowles expressed concern about the crawl space and inquired if an introduction of staff had been made to the local substation to connect with Police in the area.</li> <li>• Pres. McWilson inquired if the crawl space is currently closed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item #12: Public Hearing on Yu Ming Material Revision</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Rivera moved to open the public hearing.</li> <li>• V.P. Knowles seconded.</li> <li>• Assoc. Supt. Monroe introduced the item.</li> <li>• Ms. Greely briefed the Board.</li> </ul> <p>Gloria Lee presented on the behalf of Yu Ming an additional site for the 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> grade students</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Berrick moved approval with staff conditions.</li> <li>• Trustee Cerrato seconded.</li> <li>• V.P. Knowles inquired about timing and timeline (Response letter of intent received on 4<sup>th</sup> of July from Oakland USD. Formal notification required for 30 days. Lease approval still pending with Oakland USD. It is Oakland USD’s Board agenda for tomorrow (8/13/14).) Will there be an effort made to meet with local law enforcement?</li> <li>• Trustee Rivera asked about Yu Ming’s history of timeliness. (No problems to report).</li> <li>• Pres. McWilson asked that staff to remind the charter schools of the processes.</li> <li>• Trustee Berrick complimented Ms. Greely on her responsiveness.</li> <li>• Trustee McDonald motioned to close public hearing.</li> <li>• Seconded by Trustee Rivera.</li> <li>• <b>Trustee Berrick moved approval with staff conditions.</b></li> <li>• <b>Trustee Cerrato seconded</b></li> <li>• <b>Revision approved unanimously (7-0).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Item #13: Policy and Legislation Committee Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– BP 0460 Local Control Accountability Plan</li> <li>– BB 9324 County Board Minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Rivera spoke on the behalf of the Policy Committee.</li> <li>• No questions or comments.</li> <li>• The policies will return on the next Board meeting for Second Reading and possible action.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item #14: 45-Day Budget Revision</b></p>	<p>Assoc. Supt. Smith stated that there are no revisions proposed.</p>
<p><b>Item #15: Board Committees</b></p>	<p>Pres. McWilson appointed Board members to Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Budget Committee</i> Chair will be V.P. Knowles [Trustee Cerrato and Trustee Sims members].</li> <li>• <i>Governance/ Board Workshops Committee</i> will remain the same [Trustee Berrick (chair), V.P. Knowles and Pres. McWilson members].</li> <li>• <i>Policy and Legislation Committee</i> will remain the same [Trustee Rivera (chair), Pres. McWilson and Trustee Berrick members].</li> <li>• <i>Liason to the Tri-Valley SELPA</i> will remain Trustee Cerrato.</li> <li>• <i>Representatives to ACOE’s Educational Partnerships Foundation (ACOE-EPF)</i> will remain Trustee Sims &amp; Trustee Knowles.</li> <li>• <i>Representatives to ACOE’s Personnel Commission</i> will remain Pres. McWilson and Trustee Sims.</li> <li>• <i>Representatives to the Alameda County School Boards Assoc. (ACSBA)</i> will remain Trustee McDonald and Trustee Berrick.</li> <li>• <i>Representatives to the Interagency Committee (ACOE, AC Board of Supervisor, and AC Probation)</i> will be Pres. McWilson and V.P. Knowles.</li> <li>• <i>Representative to the California Boards of Education (CCBE)</i> will remain Trustee Rivera.</li> <li>• <i>Representative to the Wellness Committee</i> will be Trustee Sims.</li> <li>• <i>Student Access to Governance Committee</i> will be a new committee to identify and work with district and schools and hold mock Board meetings chaired by Pres. McWilson and Trustee McDonald and Trustee Knowles will be members</li> <li>• <i>Representative to CSBA LCFE Statewide Collaborative Working Group</i> will be Trustee Cerrato, and Assoc. Supt. Monroe will represent Supt. Jordan (Trustee Berrick will be added as ad hoc member).</li> </ul>

<b>Item #16: Items from the Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Rivera reminded Board of CCBE conference in Monterey, CA September 13-15.</li> <li>• Trustee Cerrato attended Summer Institute at Chabot Space &amp; Science Center invited Board to reception August 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Trustee Berrick passed.</li> <li>• Trustee McDonald met with reps from SAVE and has a dvd to share with ACOE to reduce teen dating violence. She also participated in Newark Relay for Life, which raised approximately \$90k.</li> <li>• V.P. Knowles participated in San Lorenzo Relay for Life, which raised over \$45k.</li> <li>• Trustee Sims attended Glad Tidings Empowerment week and Sup. Valle's meeting in Union City about health concerns in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Item #17: President's Report</b>	Pres. McWilson visited Washington D.C. and met with leaders regarding a program called Gear Up! He commented on the potential opportunity for ACOE to be a LEA for GEAR Up, and met with Congresswoman Yvette Clark and Sam Pierre to discuss the parallels between Brooklyn to Oakland and possible duplication of efforts and programs.
<b>Item #18: Items from the Secretary</b>	Rewiring in Board room completion expected by September Board meeting. Trustee McDonald commended Pres. McWilson for a well-run meeting.
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Pres. McWilson adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Marlon McWilson, Board President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Sheila Jordan, Board Secretary</p>