

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 March 10, 2015

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Presiding	President McWilson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Flag Salute	Led by Trustee Berrick
Mission Statement	Read into the record by Trustee Berrick Provide, promote and support leadership and service to ensure the success of Every Child...in Every School... Every Day!
Recording Statement:	Read into the record by Pres. McWilson. This meeting is being recorded and/or broadcasted at the direction of the Board.
Item #2: Report from President on Board decisions made in closed session	Pres. McWilson reported that there were no actions taken during closed session.
Roll Call	Conducted by Supt. L. Karen Monroe Trustees Present: Joaquin Rivera, Marlon McWilson, Fred Sims, and Eileen McDonald, Yvonne Cerrato Absent: Aisha Knowles Supt. Monroe also introduced new ACOE staff: Monica Vaughan, Chief of Schools, and Dan Bellino, Professional Expert – Sr. Staff Aide. She announced that there was an offer made to Michele Huntoon to fill the Chief Business Officer, Associate Superintendent, Business Services position.
Item #3: Arts Learning Presentation	Supt. Monroe introduced Ray Cagan, Arts Learning Coordinator. Highlights from Mr. Cagan’s presentation are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This is the 15th Art IS Ed month – Inspiring Creative Communities theme – Showcased flyers, posters, and handouts related to Art is Ed month – Encouraged parental involvement – Commented on Integrated Learning Specialist (ILSP) professional development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Cerrato commented that she completed the ILSP program and how it fits in with Common Core and how art crosses all culture and glad that ACOE is leading the way. • Trustee Cerrato moved to approve Res. No. 1985. • Trustee McDonald seconded. Resolution unanimously approved (6-0).
Item #5: Consent Agenda – General Matters: A. Minutes of February 10, 2015 Board Meeting B. Temporary County Certificates	Trustee Rivera moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Cerrato seconded. Unanimously approved (6-0).

<p>C. Resolution No. 1986 – Women’s History Month (March) D. Court School Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)</p>	
<p>Item #6: Personnel Actions</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Item #7: Policy and Legislation Committee Report – BP 4222 Teacher Aides/ Paraprofessionals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Rivera introduced the item and stated that the Committee recommended approval. • Trustee Rivera moved to waive second reading and approve BP 4222 on the first reading. • Trustee Berrick seconded. <p>Unanimously approved (6-0).</p>
<p>Item #8: Education for Change - Cox Academy Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Rivera commented that Committee recommended approval of the MOU. • Trustee Berrick moved approval. • Trustee McDonald seconded. <p>Unanimously approved (6-0).</p>
<p>Item #4: Public Comments</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Item #9: FAME Charter Schools Renewal – Public Hearing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Rivera moved to open the hearing. • Trustee McDonald seconded. • Supt. Monroe introduced the item. • Pres. McWilson allowed FAME to present 10 min. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Naeem Malik, CEO of FAME Charter Schools – Neil McChessney – Provided a presentation of FAME’s background and academic achievements and prospects for the future. Highlights detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤Mission statement and goals for next renewal period ➤5 members on current board and hope to gain two more ➤Plans to form a ELT – Ed. Leadership Team (CEO, Principals of all sites, Lead teachers, and other staff as necessary) ➤Has met Ed. Code 47607 requirements <p><u>Pres. McWilson opened the floor for Board questions/ comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>Board allowed public comments for 1 min each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – JoHanna McCormack, FAME Kearney Principal (support) – Chad McCain, FAME Kearney ELA Teacher (support) – Faisal Ahemed, FAME Kearney parent (support) – Heratib Mehmood, FAME Kearney student (support) – Dr. Cervante, FAME San Leandro Director (support) – Ryan Johnson, FAME San Leandro Teacher (support) – Rachel Uthman, FAME Leslie Campus Principal (support) – Christopher Tang, FAME Leslie Campus Teacher (support) – Laura Mercer, FAME Independent Study (I.S.) Principal (support) – Justine Kwikel, FAME I.S. Transition Coordinator (support) – Seima Herroon, FAME parent (support) – Erum Siddiqui, I.S. Former FAME student – Nahil Irieqat, FAME Arabic Teacher (support) – Nawal Laymoun, FAME Dual Immersion Program (support) – Sean McGan, CFO clean audits and 8% fund balance (support) – Lori Nardone, FAME Academic Counselor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tagreed Badwai - Faisal Ahmed, FAME Math Teacher (support) - ELD Specialist Luis Guitierrez (support) - Aaliyah Gaphoor, FAME Parent Leader (support) - Student comments of why they like FAME: Amal Obad, AJ, Marwan, Uness, Edgar, Saga, Max, Fareedah Bashiel - Denny Fisher Sullivan, Behaviorist (support) - Sumbul Rehman, FAME Parent - M. Yasin Nagori (support) - Buthiendah Taha (support) - Leena Rehman, FAME student - Guillermo Nava, FAME student - Vidy Sudarsan, FAME special needs student parent - Claudia Delacruz, FAME parent - Pas. Sandra (support) - Geety Waziri, FAME Parent - Will Pease, FAME Kearney PE Teacher - Supt. Jim Morris FUSD data performance (against) - Rebecca Patterson, FAME I.S. Parent and Board member - Lillian Roncari, Dual Immersion parent - Ariana, FAME student - Jemal Saeed - Dr. Robert Chisolm (donated 49 sec to Maram Alaiwat) (against) - Maram Alaiwat spoke 1 min 49 sec about FAME governance practices and litigation (fraud, oppression, and malice) (against) • Trustee Rivera moved to close the public hearing. • Trustee McDonald seconded. • Hearing closed.
<p>Item # 10: Personnel Commission Appointment – Public Hearing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Sims moved to open the public hearing. • Trustee Cerrato seconded. • Supt. Monroe introduced the item. • Pres. McWilson allowed each nominee 5 min to speak: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cindy Ornellas -Jerome Wiggins <p><u>Pres. McWilson opened the floor for questions/ comments by the Board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee McDonald asked Ms. Ornellas why she was not re-appointed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pres. McWilson responded that CSEA decided not to re-appoint and appointed V. Toni Adams. • Trustee McDonald asked: will there be a conflict with Mr. Wiggins’ role on ACSBA? • Trustee Cerrato asked: are any of you CSEA? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Wiggins is a federal employee (no) - Ms. Ornellas is a district CSEA member • Pres. McWilson asked about the tension of not being reappointed and how that would work if appointed by the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response: seasoned Commissioner who respects the process and know the role is to uphold the merit system not be a mouthpiece of the appointing body • Pres. McWilson asked Mr. Wiggins: as a former Board member what value would that bring to your role as the Commissioner? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response: Role is to best represent the policy of the Board. • Trustee Rivera asked candidates how they would juggle meeting attendance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response: Ms. Ornellas will use her lunch hour plus personal time (in close proximity at San Lorenzo USD). - Response: Mr. Wiggins says he has plenty of personal time (meetings are only once a month) • Trustee Rivera asked Mr.Wiggins what his experience was with merit system and why he wanted to serve on the Commission. • Pres. McWilson expressed concerns that Ms. Ornellas is a CSEA employee and a former CSEA appointee and how that could possibly skew the Commission Board and also his concern that she sought the nomination out. • Trustee Rivera asked Ms. Ornellas to respond to Pres. McWilson’s comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ornellas stated she took stance based on merit system rules and regulations and was not a CSEA rubber stamp. • Trustee Sims asked Mr. Wiggins about his strong points pertaining to leadership. • Pres. McWilson allowed 30 sec for summary by each nominee. • Trustee Berrick thanked both candidates. <p>Public Comments allowed for 2 min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juanita Parker, Job Steward CSEA, felt that Ms. Ornellas’ possible appointment is ethically wrong. • Trustee Berrick moved to close. • Trustee Cerrato seconded. • Hearing closed. <p>Pres. McWilson stated deliberation and vote will be conducted at next meeting (April 14, 2015).</p>
<p>RECESS</p>	<p>Board took a break at 8:34 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 p.m.</p>
<p>Item #11: Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) Second Interim Report – FY 2014/2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Monroe introduced staff Jeff Potter, Executive Director District Business & Advisory Services, acting Chief Business Officer and Leigh Ann Blessing, Executive Director, Internal Business Services. • Mr. Potter acknowledged staff effort DeKarlos Kaigler, Director III, Fiscal Services and Ms. Blessing. • Ms. Blessing presented and noted the significant changes and declining ADA in SPaS resulting in \$1.2 million reduction in LCFE funding and she anticipates closing the fiscal year at a deficit which is estimated much more conservatively than the presumed actuals. <p><u>Board Comments/ Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Berrick asked about decreases in personnel cost in line with ADA drop. • Trustee Rivera asked about our current ADA. Response: 517 • Trustee Rivera asked about what adjustments we are considering. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response: Increase ADA in community schools and other • Trustee Rivera expressed awareness of the size of our budget being small relative to our size. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supt. Monroe responded that we are looking for new revenue services and how other districts have large ROP programs and Special Ed programs. • Trustee Cerrato moved approval and thanked staff for the way they handled themselves in the absence of CBO. • Trustee Rivera seconded. <p>Unanimously approved (6-0).</p>
<p>Item #12: Items from the Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Sims attended fundraiser for Assemblymember Sandre Swanson Youth Foundation. He exited the meeting at 9:00 p.m. • Trustee Cerrato finished ISLP program on Saturday and wrote a unit on

	<p>parent advocacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Berrick attended and invited the Board to attend an exhibit for loss childhood that offered a reflective experience of foster youth. • Trustee Rivera attended the CSBA Policy Platform Committee meeting, CCBE Planning Committee (Annual Conference Sept 11-13 in Monterey), and attended CCBE Governance Workshop with Supt. Monroe and Dan Bellino. • Trustee McDonald is on the Parks and Historical Commission and is working with Board of Supervisors to have an Alameda Co. Day to commemorate the 1915 opening of the Panama Canal. She is also working with Supt. Monroe regarding Newark issues on Community Day School.
<p>Item #13: President’s Report</p>	<p>Pres. McWilson stated he is in discussion for one June SPaS graduation. He invited ACOE Employees to participate in Oakland Run Festival. Pres. McWilson is planning Board photos to be taken next month and arranging Board school sites tour.</p>
<p>Item #14: Items from the Secretary</p>	<p>In response to Trustee McDonald’s comment Supt. Monroe stated that her grandmother attended first World Fair in San Francisco. Supt. Monroe attended JJC Graduation on Feb. 20; Principal for the Day in Livermore; and announced the Civic Engagement Breakfast on Friday March 13th.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Pres. McWilson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marlon McWilson, Board President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L. Karen Monroe, Board Secretary</p>