

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 April 14, 2015

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Presiding	President McWilson opened the meeting at 6:32 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.
Roll Call	Conducted by Supt. L. Karen Monroe Trustees Present: Joaquin Rivera, Marlon McWilson, Aisha Knowles, Fred Sims, and Eileen McDonald, Yvonne Cerrato
	Pres. McWilson set the tone and pace for the agenda and provided rules of order for the evening. He requested that all speaker cards be submitted prior to Item #5.
Item #1: Civic Learning Presentation	Supt. Monroe introduced Hon. Justice Henry Needham and the Power of Democracy Initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Justice Needham presented for approximately 10 min. Key points are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There is a lack of civic learning in schools for a variety of reasons and a low voter turnout among young people. It is important to teach students the importance of voting and civic duties prior to 18 to possibly increase voter turnout. – He referenced the findings of the civic engagement task force study. As a spinoff from that study several pilot groups have been formed to implement tactics to improve civic learning in the classroom and the community. – Hon. Needham requested that the Board make a commitment to promote civic learning by possibly providing an award to schools or districts that are actively engaged in civic learning programs. • Trustee McDonald invited Jus. Needham to visit Irvington H.S. in Fremont who has a model program in civic learning. • Supt. Monroe echoed that many Fremont schools are featured in the civic learning video. • Trustee Rivera moved approval Res. No. 1987. • Trustee Cerrato seconded. Res. No. 1987 unanimously approved (7-0).
Item #2: Consent Agenda – General Matters: A. Minutes of March 10, 2015 Board Meeting B. Temporary County Certificates C. Resolution No. 1988 – Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)	Trustee Rivera moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee McDonald seconded. Unanimously approved (7-0).

<p>D. Student Programs and Services (SPaS) Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure Quarterly Report E. Resolution No. 1989 – Earth Day (April 22, 2015)</p>	
<p>Item #3: Personnel Actions</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Item #4: Personnel Commission Appointment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres. McWilson opened the floor for additional Board comments. • Trustee McDonald nominated Jerome Wiggins. • Trustee Sims seconded. • Supt. Monroe polled the Board. <p>AYES: Cerrato, Berrick, Sims, McDonald, McWilson ABSTAIN: Rivera NO: Knowles Jerome Wiggins was appointed by the Board to Personnel Commission (5-1-1). Pres. McWilson thanked Ms. Ornellas for her time.</p>
<p>Item # 5: Public Comments</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Item # 6: Determination Hearing—FAME Charter Schools Renewal Petition</p>	<p>Pres. McWilson clarified the role of staff, the purpose of the staff evaluation and the process. Supt. Monroe welcomed everyone and introduced the item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Kapellas, Executive Director, Administrative Services presented an overview of the renewal process, the evaluation team and the complexity of the FAME petition. <i>[In summary]</i> FAME has five sites and over 1200 students and interviewed over 100 staff and parents. She provided background of FAME’s renewal, investigations, and audits. • Gail Greely, Director, Charter Schools commented on the academic, financial and governance performance. <i>[In summary]</i> FAME had some improvements in API 10-11 and 12-13 in all groups except for white. Only 4 total point API growth overall in the past five years. In comparison to district schools in Fremont—where the majority of students would attend—Fremont schools outperform FAME. Charter review team also found a high rate of teacher/ faculty turnover and the management team is not strong. FAME’s Governing Board fails to hold management accountable for results. There is no accountability in place by the FAME Board. In spite of heightened oversight intended to help FAME, FAME continues to have problems. Charter review team found FAME demonstrably unlikely to implement the program as proposed. <p><u>Board Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Trustee McDonald commented on her involvement with the FAME community. She asked Mr. Malik to comment on how things are going with sharing the campus with Fremont USD’s Durham School. Response: Mr. Malik said they felt bullied. – Trustee McDonald clarified that there were comments made that FAME did not follow the safety rules. She also commented that Fremont USD’s Thornton Middle School stated there is a huge disparity in the academic performance of students entering from FAME. – Trustee Rivera asked why 2012-13 data was not submitted. Response: Mr. Malik stated that software technology errors were the

cause of the gap in data.

- Trustee Rivera asked about how they will address academic performance.

Response: Mr. Malik said they plan to use i-FAME.

- Trustee Berrick asked about current Board recruitment.

Response: Mr. Malik stated that he will use a democratic process. There are five current Board members with two vacancies (Board bylaws allow for seven board members).

- Pres. McWilson allowed for comments for 1 min each:

- Hafsan Khan & Hana Florahim, FAME Students
- Karen Napoles, FAME Student
- Ashley Martinez, FAME Student
- Saajida Zubair, FAME Student
- Pam Swaine, Mother of I.S. FAME students
- Faisal Ahmed, FAME Parent
- Claudia Delacruz, FAME Parent
- Yasmeen Kasem, FAME Parent
- Tasha Pierce, FAME Parent
- Raeyann Agrama, FAME Student
- Diya Kabir, FAME Student
- Vanessa Teran, FAME Parent
- Eugenio Vargas, FAME Parent
- Ashon Siddiqui, FAME supporter
- Desiree Adel, FAME Parent
- Buthenthia Taha, FAME Parent
- Karen Baumann, FAME Teacher
- Jasmine Raines, FAME Parent
- Gina D' Angelo, FAME Student
- Claudia Perez, FAME PTSA
- Sawleha Zubair, FAME Parent
- AJ Jamal & Uness Mohammad, FAME Students
- Homaira Ashrabi, FAME Parent
- Steven Suarez & Edgar Lomeli, FAME Students
- L. Saga Abuodeh & Marwan Aljunam, FAME Students
- Inaya R., FAME Student
- Nabawiya Zubair, FAME Student
- Umm Kalthoum Baaghil, FAME Student
- Sumbul Rehman, FAME Parent
- Isha Ali, FAME Student
- Leena Rehman, FAME Student
- Lillian Roncari, FAME Parent
- Janet Crocker, Newark USD Board
- Aryan Ashrafi, FAME Student
- Aryan Mom, FAME Parent
- Tawakalt Bashiru, FAME Parent
- Tagreed Badwai, FAME Parent
- Neil McChesney
- Naeem Malik, FAME CEO
- Sameera Siddiqui, FAME Parent & Staff
- Nahil Ireiqat, Dual Immersion Teacher, FAME
- Nawal Laymoun, FAME Parent
- Sean McGiun, FAME CFO
- Yasmin Vanya, FAME supporter
- Rachel Uthman, FAME Leslie Principal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Laura Mercer, FAME I.S. -Justine Kunkel, FAME supporter -Lori Nardone, FAME Staff -Chris Tang, FAME Teacher -Johanna McCormack, FAME PTSA -Dr. Cervantes, FAME Director Special Ed. -Janet Crocker -Lisa Cole, Circle Independent Learning in Fremont -Supt. Jim Morris, Fremont USD -Anne Crosbie, Fremont USD Board Member -Maram Alaiwat, Former FAME founder • Pres. McWilson opened the floor for Board comments and deliberations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trustee Rivera commented on the history and the chances provided to FAME, when all the facts and evidence considered that the Board had no choice but to deny the charter renewal. • Trustee Rivera moved to deny • Trustee Cerrato seconded • Trustee McDonald asked if there would be a way for students to continue to learn Arabic if FAME is not renewed. • Supt. Monroe polled the Board • AYES: Cerrato, McDonald, Rivera, Sims, Berrick, Knowles, and McWilson • Board voted unanimously (7-0) to deny renewal of FAME Charter Schools. • Supt. Monroe offered support to Fremont USD during the transition. <p>Recessed the Board meeting 8:47 p.m.</p>
<p>Item # 7: Resolution for Missed Board Meetings</p>	<p>Reconvened at 9:07 p.m. Trustee McDonald moved approval. Trustee Rivera seconded. Res. No. 1990 unanimously approved (7-0).</p>
<p>Item # 8: Print Shop Surplus</p>	<p>No comments.</p>
<p>Item #9: Items from the Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Rivera announced the CCBE Annual Conference 9/11-13 and he was re-elected to CSBA Delegate Assembly. • Trustee Cerrato passed. • Trustee Berrick passed. • Trustee McDonald noted the Op-Ed article in the newspaper in response to comments made referencing ACOE students and another article recognizing Amy Cheney, Alameda County Librarian, for her efforts in literacy. She will be attending Annual Dragon Gala for the Creative School for Ed. • Trustee Sims passed. • V.P. Knowles attended the Cherryland Association Easter Egg hunt and Assemblymember Bill Quirk’s Women of the Year Event. • Trustee Rivera announced the Trustee Knowles is the Region 7 County Delegate for CSBA.
<p>Item #10: President’s Report</p>	<p>Pres. McWilson attended Madame C.J. Walker event and attended JJC Graduation. He happily reported that there will be one spring graduation on June 17th.</p>
<p>Item #11: Items from the Secretary</p>	<p>Supt. Monroe made the following announcements: – ACSBA/ CCCSBA Event on Thursday, April 16th @ 6 p.m. – Job Fair on Wednesday, April 22nd</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hayward USD Ed Summit on Saturday, April 18th- Integrated Learning Program Awards on Saturday, April 18th <p>Pres. McWilson announced that Personnel Commission meeting will be on Thursday and the newest Commissioner will be sworn-in.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Pres. McWilson adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Marlon McWilson, Board President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ L. Karen Monroe, Board Secretary</p>