

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1h

Meeting Date: December 10, 2020

Subject: Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2020, Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Conference/Action

- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2020, Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

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Member Garcia thanked Member Murawski for her suggestions, and she said she thinks we do need to have some sort of date on the horizon. She has heard from other districts that starting with primary grades is easiest. She asked how we can make school fields available outside of the school day for athletes through recreational leagues in the community.

Student Board Member Sheikh emphasized Member Murawski's point on COVID testing and asked if there has been consideration for waivers for students.

David Fisher

Yelena Kopylov

Lauren Saldivar
Celina Barrameda
Christine Olmsted
Lana Martin
Breanna Chavez
Gus Bailey
Ashley Simmons
Davy Bui
Jason Roberts
Sara Bailey
Sonja Micocci
Eric Richards
Rosie Yacoub
Sarah Federico
Sarah Wenstrand
Katie Towers
Kesi Hattan
Megan Wygant
Elizabeth Stone
Amalia Saavedra
Jill Kupelian
Allison Cagley
Ursula DeWitt
Gayle Davis
Traci Perry
Chardonnay Kelly
Jack Mitchell
Virginia Diaz
VicVygant

Superintendent Aguilar acknowledged and thanked Sacramento County Office of Education Superintendent David Gordon and his staff who were present to answer questions.

President Ryan said she understands the stress that many in the community are feeling in seeing the menu of options for potential cuts and she

identify ways to achieve savings. Superintendent Aguilar replied that he is very open to having those conversations.

Vice President Pritchett thanked staff for this report, and parents and community members that have reached out to her. She asked for an explanation of the salary schedule step and column. Ms. Ramos explained certificated step and column. Vice President Pritchett commented that teachers are very valuable and that she wants to bring us to the root of this problem. She has been on the Board for eight years, and for at least eight years we have been talking about reducing benefits. She spoke about past painful and noted that we are now in an even worse situation. She spoke about the reasonableness and urgency of benefit reduction, and she refuses to make direct cuts to students without coming to the table with the Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA). She asked that all work together.

Member Murawski thanked Ms. Ramos and staff for the presentation and said we have been talking about this since before she was sworn in two years ago. She said we need to get out of this crisis and get to stability. She said she is 100 percent committed to avoiding receivership and that there is a lot of social justice issues we are dealing with in the District. She feels the social justice issues are about how we are serving students and not about changes to health benefits to make them comparable to what we see in surrounding districts that are still very generous. She hopes that this presentation puts to rest a lot of myths and rhetoric around the District budget. One area of the presentation where she wanted more is a clearer explanation of some of the specific cuts or options. Ms. Ramos gave more detail. Superintendent Aguilar said we will do everything we can to provide information with the details for which she asked, such as hyperlinked in the website copy. Member Murawski said she appreciates this and is sure the community will appreciate this greater level of explanation and transparency also on line items. She asked about the improved state revenue picture. Ms. Ramos said that the process is that we would wait until January when the governor comes out with his proposed budget, and that will give us a much better indication. We are still not done with COVID-19 and do not know what impact that may have. Mr. Bozio spoke on negotiable savings in regard to slide 15.

Member Vang thanked Ms. Ramos for her work on the presentation. She commented that if we were able to make these cuts, we still would not make the two percent reserve required in the budget projections. She spoke about the last time schools were closed and the negative effects of school closure. She said that during tough times labor will negotiate to save the District and that the Board also makes cuts during tough times. She feels our inability to control healthcare costs puts everything in jeopardy and everyone

suffers. She feels that, while we need to have a negotiated solution all of these options are short-term solutions. She shared that we all operate in a system that is set up to fail at a time when we need to be focusing attention on supporting distance learning students. She also noted that at the end of the day it is the health insurance companies that win, and she hopes that the Board's priority is to protect students and the District while also protecting workers under the system that we are in. She said we do not want state receivership. She said we have to find a negotiated plan and also we need to stand together.

Student Board Member Sheikh said this presentation was incredibly easy to understand, and said he had many constituents asking specifically about Waldorf schools, so he asked if we are closing Waldorf schools. Ms. Ramos said no, that is not one of the proposals on the list.

President Ryan gave her appreciation for the expertise that went into developing the presentation. She said the Board has a moral imperative to ask what is their obligation to students. She feels it is sad that we continue to debate the validity of the budget crisis and said that Ms. Ramos did a phenomenal job of outlining the reality and the choices before the Board. She said that this information item will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

9.2 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Update (Steven Ramirez Fong and Vincent Harris)

Information

Chief Continuous and Accountability Officer Vincent Harris and LCAP/SPSA Coordinator Steven Fong gave the presentation. They gave a recap on context and purpose of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, shared revisions to the plan following the 9/3/20 public hearing and prior to the 9/17/20 adoption, outlined key updates made to the plan following adoption, and reviewed the required elements of the 2020-annual update specific to the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

Public Comment:

Rosie Yacoub
Sarah Williams Kingsley
Renee Webster Hawkins
Grace Trujillo
Angel Garcia
Angie Sutherland
Johanna Pack

Board Comments:

None

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Generally routine items are approved by one motion without discussion. The Superintendent or a Board member may request an item be pulled from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.

10.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session

10.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreement;
Ratification of Other Agreements, Approval of Bid Awards,
Approval of Declared Surplus Materials and Equipment,
Change Notices and Notices of Completion (Rose Ramos)

10.1b Approve Personnel Transaction (Cancy McArn)

10.1c Approve Donations to the District for the Period of October 1, 2020
(Rose Ramos)

10.1d Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks, and
Electronic Transfers Issued for the Period of October 2020
(Rose Ramos)

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