Meeting Date: Sept 4, 2014

Subject: Approve August 7, 2014 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

- [ ] Information Item Only
- [x] Approval on Consent Agenda
- [ ] Conference (for discussion only)
- [ ] Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: ____________)
- [ ] Conference/Action
- [ ] Action
- [ ] Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting for August 7, 2014.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

Documents Attached:

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Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

Submitted by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

Approved by: N/A
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1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Kennedy and roll was taken.

Members Present:
Patrick Kennedy, President
Darrel Woo, Vice President
Christina Pritchett, Second Vice President
Jeff Cuneo
Jay Hansen

Members Absent:
Gustavo Arroyo (Arrived at 4:45 p.m.)
Diana Rodriguez (Arrived at 4:35 p.m.)
Asami Saito, Student Member (Arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

A quorum was reached

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

No Public Comment was requested on Closed Session items and the Board retired to Closed Session.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

While the Brown Act creates broad public access rights to the meetings of the Board of Education, it also recognizes the legitimate need to conduct some of its meetings outside of the public eye. Closed session meetings are specifically defined and limited in scope. They primarily involve personnel issues, pending litigation, labor negotiations, and real

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property matters.

3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation:
   a) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of
      Government Code section 54956.9
   b) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section
      54956.9

3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining CSA, SCTA, SEIU,
   Teamsters, UPE, Unrepresented Management

3.3 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board President Kennedy.

Members Present:
Patrick Kennedy, President
Darrel Woo, Vice President
Christina Pritchett, Second Vice President
Jeff Cuneo
Jay Hansen
Gustavo Arroyo (Arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Diana Rodriguez (Arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Asami Saito, Student Member

Members Absent:
None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zelia Gonzalez, a student from The MET High School and a
Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Member Hansen.

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
None.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION
President Kennedy asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made to approve by Second Vice President
Pritchett and seconded by Vice President Woo. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT
Members of the public may address the Board on non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to two (2) minutes with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

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8.0 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.

8.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

8.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreements, Ratification of Other Agreements, Approval of Bid Awards, Approval of Declared Surplus Materials and Equipment, Change Notices and Notices of Completion (Ken A. Forrest)

8.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Ken A. Forrest)

8.1c Approve Revised 2014-2015 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (Gabe Ross)

8.1d Approve Resolution No. 2800: Approving the Sacramento City Unified School District No. 2 Tax Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and Levying and Apportioning the Special Tax as Provided Therein (Cathy Allen and Jim Dobson)

8.1e Approve Resolution No. 2801: Authorizing Signature Authority on Documents Transmitted to the County Superintendent of Schools for José L. Banda (Ken A. Forrest)

8.1f Approve Resolution No. 2802: Authorizing of Personnel to Sign Orders on District Funds, José L. Banda (Ken A. Forrest)

8.1g Approve Resolution No. 2803: Authorizing Delegation of Power to Contract, José L. Banda (Ken A. Forrest)

8.1h Adult Education Calendar 2014-15 (Ken A. Forrest)

8.1i Approve Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Board of Education Meeting (José L. Banda)

8.1j Approve Minutes of the June 7, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting (José L. Banda)

8.1k Approve Minutes of the June 8, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting (José L. Banda)

Public Comment

None.

Board Member Comments:

None

President Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Second Vice President Pritchett and seconded by Member Cuneo. The Board voted unanimously to
approve the Consent Agenda.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- CSA – No report given.
- SCTA – No report given.
- SEIU – Ian Arnold reported on behalf of SEIU.
- Teamsters – No report given.
- UPE – No report given.

9.2 District Parent Advisory Committees:

- Community Advisory Committee – Angie Sutherland spoke on behalf of the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education.
- District Advisory Council – Maria Haro-Sullivan reported on behalf of the District Advisory Council.
- School Site Councils – No report given.
- District English Learner Advisory Committee – No report given.
- Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee – No report given.
- Indian Education Parent Committee – No report given.
- Sacramento Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – Terrence Gladney spoke on behalf of the Sacramento Council of Parent Teacher Association.

9.3 Superintendent’s Report (José L. Banda)

Superintendent Banda thanked the Board for their confidence in selecting him and gave some information on his background. He mentioned that although he is coming from Seattle, he is originally from California, spending most of the time he lived here in San Joaquin County. He also attended college here in Sacramento. He is therefore familiar with agricultural based communities. He also spent time in Southern California. He came from a large family and went to a small, rural country school. He has always been part of the public education system, received a quality education, and had caring educators. He is first generation college-educated and is proud to say that his two children have also received a college education. He went on to say that the District has some challenges to face, declining enrollment, frequent turnover in key positions, distressed budget due to economic decline, and union relationship issues. However, these challenges also create opportunities, and we have a lot of people in the community and staff committed to providing a quality, world-class education for our children. We are going to be fully committed to preparing our
students for college careers and for life. Another opportunity is to reset the strategic plan. The final year was this past year, so discussions will be held with the Board to create a new blueprint. Another big area of focus is working with family and community, and a primary goal will be that teaching and learning is the driver of the District.

President Kennedy again welcomed Mr. Banda on behalf of the Board.

9.4 President’s Report (Patrick Kennedy)

None.

9.5 Student Member Report (Asami Saito)

Student Member Saito spoke on the Student Advisory Council (SAC). She explained that the SAC consists of a group of students who are advocates for the voice of youth in the District. She has attended school in the District since preschool. She went to Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Bancroft Elementary, Sutter Middle School and now West Campus High School where she will be an incoming Junior this year. This coming school year she and the members of SAC plan to make a few changes within the organization and hopefully within the District as well. Once the school year begins they plan to take District wide surveys of students to learn their perspective of the problems seen in the District. They will use the findings to make their initiatives for this year. They want to make sure that every student in the District has the tools that they need to succeed. Personally, she wishes to serve and represent her fellow students. She wants them to know that they have a voice and can be heard. She knows she will learn much from the mentoring of fellow Board members. She welcomed Mr. Banda and looks forward to working with him.

9.6 Information Sharing By Board Members

Member Rodriguez announced that she is organizing another clean-up day around the neighborhood of Woodbine Elementary School. She hopes that other Board members and those available in the audience can attend. The scheduled date is Saturday, August 16, 2014, at Woodbine Elementary School.

Vice President Woo noted that the District is a member of the Council of the Great City Schools and that a Pledge was signed by the District based on the action of the Board and our staff to create a program such as Restorative Justice. We were represented in Washington D.C. with President Barack Obama during a town hall meeting whereby the CEO of AT&T pledged a million person hours of volunteer time in mentoring from AT&T employees for the remainder of the calendar year and the year 2015. The National Basketball Association pledged mentoring for Boys of Color so that we can move forward and hopefully together as part of the President’s program assist Men of Color. He is proud to have represented the District.

Member Arroyo gave an update on Joseph Bonnheim. In June of this year the Sacramento City School Board approved the Charter for the

New Joseph Bonnheim, and he just wanted to say that within the month they

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immediately went to task and with 22 days of open enrollment the school has already enrolled 219 students. That is as of yesterday. That is a testament to the work that the parents, teachers, and folks that are behind Joseph Bonnheim are working. There is outreach to the community; they are planning to continue to enroll and hopefully will end up with an enrollment between 250 to 300 students. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Saturday and was attended by approximately 100 people from the community. It was a successful showing of the new models of teaching that will be occurring at that campus.

Member Hansen spent time at C. K. McClatchy High School this summer. They are doing a major construction project which has closed the entire campus. They therefore have had to work very closely with the community, sports teams, and others to be able to get the work done. The work has gone very well and is on track and budget. Many of the indoor sports facilities had never had air conditioning in the past. They are also removing gum from the entire campus. Member Hansen had worked with the Principal on this issue which had not been addressed over the last few years due to short custodial staff. All of the paper towel dispensers have been replaced with air hand dryers, and also low-flush bathroom facilities have been installed. All work will be completed for the opening of school. On a personal note, students from William Land Elementary and Leataata Floyd Elementary were invited and hosted Tuesday for National Night Out at Southside Park. Member Hansen hosted the pool and a barbecue that evening with over 150 students and parents attending. Councilman Steve Hansen and the local Sacramento Police Department also attended.

10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

10.1 Election of Second Vice President (Board)

President Kennedy explained the election process regarding the upcoming vacancy. Once the President’s position is open, the Vice President becomes the Board President and the Second Vice President becomes the Vice President. There will then be a need for a Second Vice President. This election will take effect tomorrow, August 8, 2014. President Kennedy will take nominations, which do not require a second. Once nominations are complete and the Board has fulfilled what they feel is enough nominations, President Kennedy will close nominations. The Board will then vote on those nominations as they came in. The first Board member to receive four affirmative votes will be elected Second Vice President. The vote will be a roll call vote which with Board Secretary, Superintendent Banda, will assist President Kennedy. President Kennedy then opened nominations. Vice President Pritchett nominated Jay Hansen as Second Vice President. Diana Rodriguez stated that she appreciates serving with President Kennedy on the Board and wanted to share with the Board that it is not necessary to fill the position of the Second Vice President’s seat. She feels there are some advantages to not filling the seat. The biggest concern she has heard is that it is difficult for the Board to be informed as a whole as to why certain things are put on the agenda and why things are omitted. Therefore if there are only two committee members that are creating the agenda then it allows for them to talk to other Board members without violating the Brown Act. She also stated to please not be offended if she does not vote in anyone’s favor, it is just that she

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prefer to see the seat be left open. It would be an opportunity to try leaving the seat open for the rest of the year until the Board goes forward with a new Executive Committee at the end of the year. However she will follow the Board’s desire in any case.

Vice President Woo moved to close the nominations. President Kennedy closed nominations and stated that a roll call vote is not required. Member Hansen was appointed Second Vice President by a 5 to 2 vote with President Kennedy and Member Rodriguez abstaining.

10.2 Facilities Update, Summer 2014 (Cathy Allen and Jim Dobson)

Cathy Allen gave an introduction to the presentation and introduced Jim Dobson and Barry Evpak. Jim Dobson went over a sample of several bond projects being completed this summer: gym renovation at C. K. McClatchy High School, fire alarm testing and upgrades District wide, classroom additions at Earl Warren Elementary, Elder Creek Elementary, Elder Creek Childrens’ Center, and Matsuyama Elementary, gym renovation at Hiram Johnson High School, and synthetic track and field projects at John F. Kennedy and Rosemont High Schools. Mr. Dobson then shared a slideshow of summer project highlights.

Mr. Dobson then introduced Barry Evpak, who gave an update on summer maintenance projects. Mr. Evpak went over a set of slides highlighting the following jobs: roofing projects at Pacific Elementary, Matsuyama Elementary, Leataata Floyd Elementary, Bowling Green Elementary, Caleb Greenwood Elementary, and H. W. Harkness Elementary, roofing and security camera upgrade at Fern Bacon Middle School, roofing and tile for two classrooms at Hollywood Park Elementary, paving of the play area and resealing of parking lot at John Still K-8, additional security cameras at Luther Burbank High School, repaving the playground at Nicholas Elementary, playground paving and roofing at Phoebe Hearst Elementary, and playground and parking lot repaving at Sequoia Elementary.

Ms. Allen then spoke on the Project Green projects. These are student submitted projects, evaluated by a panel, and then implemented. Popular projects are skylights, restroom renovations, and outdoor learning areas. A new project this year was a water catchment system to house water for a garden at a campus. Ms. Allen then went over example slides. She also stated that all project concentrations are health and safety. She went over other projects and projects planned and in progress. She also thanked the Facilities staff, especially for all the hard work that is done in the summer.

Public Comment:

- Terrence Gladney observed that portables were installed at Earl Warren Elementary and noted that must have been done before the approval of New Joseph Bonnheim. He had concern that the initial purpose of the portable was in regard to capacity. If there is now excess space he would like to see it used as community service or parent resource center in a permanent capacity. He also has concerns regarding safety directives and notices on the paving at John Cabrillo Elementary.

Board Member Comments:

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• Member Hansen thanked Ms. Allen for the presentation and strong oversight of Bond funds that make such projects possible. He then followed up on Mr. Gladney’s comment by asking if John Cabrillo is scheduled for work. Ms. Allen answered that it is on the schedule; she is not sure if it is scheduled for next year or not, but she will find out. Member Hansen asked that the information be e-mailed to him or shared directly with Mr. Gladney.
He also feels that it is important to work on getting the Facilities Committee and the Board members active over the coming months to make sure projects are staying on track and prioritized. He also mentioned working with labor partners to make sure contractor language is being adhered to. He is comfortable with the work that is being done at the projects that he has seen.

• Member Cuneo asked if the Bond and Project Green expenditures are accessible to the public. Ms. Allen answered that they are in several areas. The Bond Oversight Committee website will have some of that information. We are currently in the process of setting up E-Builder. That is the program that will be utilized to communicate all information. The summary expenditure reports are available through either Mr. Forrest’s business office portal or on the Facilities website page. Mr. Cuneo asked what is shown. Ms. Allen replied that what the Bond Oversight would show is more global, for example, recaps of Measure I, Q, and R; project totals are shown, but not separated by hard costs, soft costs, or legal. Member Cuneo said about four months ago he requested expenditures on Measure Q and R monies and Project Green. He appreciated that information and would like to have an update for himself and the other Board members. He also thanked Ms. Allen for her and her staff’s work regarding the Theodore Judah Elementary expansion.

• Vice President Woo asked Ms. Allen where New Tech High School paving is in the queue. She answered that the job is completed.

10.3 Parent Engagement Leadership Pathway (Tu Moua-Carroz)

Ms. Moua-Carroz introduced her staff, Sean Alexander, Supervisor of Parent Resource Center, and Parent Facilitators Cathy Morrison, Nora Castro, Oswaldo Hernandez, and Johnny Vue (who was not in attendance). She also recognized Malinda Chambers, administrative support, and Luda Hedger, MOC Supervisor. She also honored parent partners, the PTA, school principals, teachers, and school building educators who support parent engagement. She then gave an introduction to the presentation. Ms. Alexander then gave information on parent engagement history and background. Her focus was workshop training series, Parent Leadership Pathway, which is currently being developed. She also gave information on recent parent involvement and general plans for the upcoming school year. Ms. Moua-Carroz then presented specifically on Parent Leadership Pathway program. A video was then shown. Ms. Moua-Carroz then thanked and introduced two parents that were highlighted in the video, Maria de Jesus Moreno and Bianca Bridgeway. She also thanked retired District employee Gary Bell for helping to create the video. The team then came forward to discuss what the Parent Leadership Pathway may look like. In conclusion Tu asked that all past participating parents and Board members present to stand and be recognized.

Public Comments:
• Alexis Hippard, a former participant in Parents’ Partnership, said that the program empowered her to ensure that her daughter is getting the best education and also to ensure her daughter that she supports her throughout the way. She would like to see the program succeed in more schools and be in more areas.
Christal Robinson said that she enjoys working with the Parent Resource Center and hopes that it continues to make a good impact on future students.

Otis Cross, a parent from Martin Luther King, Jr., said that he was introduced to the parent partnering program last year. It was a great learning experience; it taught him a lot of ways to empower himself as an active parent in his child’s life as well as a member of his child’s school. His experience was that a support system developed that grew each week. He is looking forward to the program that was covered in the presentation.

Terrence Gladney, a leadership academy alumni, was involved in the past as a participant and in recruitment. His concern is that regionalizing the program will take away from it. He would like to continue the discussion with Ms. Alexander and Ms. Moua-Carroz to make sure that what happens is best for all parents.

Alex Visaya hopes that support will continue for the Parent Engagement Center.

Alma Alcala, using a translator, stated that she is a parent in the District and that, thanks to the program, her children have been more responsible at home and in the classroom. Also, when she completes the program, it will be a good example for her children, and she has shared information about the program with other parents.

Velvet Leggrew, using a translator, stated that she is a parent in the District. She is thankful for the help she received from the program. She learned more about education and developed a better relationship with her children.

Board Member Comments:

Vice President Pritchett thanked all the parents for their hard work and dedication during Parents as Partners. She mentioned that she also is an alumna of the academy, and she learned a great deal. She also agrees with Mr. Gladney that different areas need different ways of teaching. This is something to keep in mind going forward with the different pathways. Some areas may need the program scheduled at times different from the others, for example. Ms. Tu Moua-Carroz interjected that she will be reaching out to Mr. Gladney.

Vice President Woo congratulated all the parents that have graduated from the program. He believes that when the parents are engaged, they help their children become engaged. He is impressed with the next steps, but has a concern that the other English language communities, the South Asian communities for example, are new to being exposed to education in the United States and making changes could be difficult for them. Also, because Common Core is trying to engage critical thinking rather than rote memory, those parents may need a little bit more attention and assistance in understanding what the program is. So he encourages outreach into those communities. Ms. Moua-Carroz commented that her intention is to make sure staff members that are hired can speak the languages that we serve, and therefore the Southeast Asian communities will definitely be targeted.

Superintendent Banda congratulated the parents and thanked the staff. He is pleased with the commitment shown and looks forward to being part of this initiative moving forward.

Member Arroyo said that he attended a parent workshop meeting at Will C. Wood Middle School a few months ago. Presentations were being given on different topics. The topics included drugs and sex for example, and how do students go about discussing these issues with their parents. He also stated that the scope of work as far as goals, challenges, and outcomes is great, however he would eventually like to see governance and decision making embedded in the program at some point with parents in mind as the lead decision makers for schools. He feels this is important because it is a concept fundamental to the creation of the Nation. Also school boards were
created with the idea that it was parents that have to give guidance to the professionals hired so that they provide the services that are needed for children.

- Member Rodriguez gave her personal history with parent engagement. She was asked to speak with Manuel Guillot, before becoming a Board member, about parent engagement and what it meant for the Sacramento City Unified School District. It was there that she became informed on parent universities, section 1118 of Title II, and other matters. Manuel Guillot was the founder of many parent engagement programs, and she would like to give him credit for his vision and insight regarding programs we are celebrating today. She also appreciates the parents in attendance and agrees that there should be more training for governance. She would also like to know how lessons learned at the parent engagement workshops could be translated into building more and stronger PTA’s and more PTO’s at school sites. She also asked if there were any principals in the audience and feels that a principal component should exist as well, representing in a leadership capacity. She also feels we should perfect what we are doing here at our District before we take on regionalization.

- President Kennedy made note of how important the work is, how well it’s being done, and that he appreciates it.

**10.4 Approve Declaration of Need to California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Cancy McArn)**

Cancy McArn explained that this declaration is an annual process that happens as we strive to ensure that the schools are fully staffed and that we meet the qualifications we have for flexibility to do what we need. This will allow us to apply for emergency credentials and waivers to fill hard to staff positions.

**Public Comments:**
None.

**Board Member Comments:**
- Member Cuneo asked how many were requested last year. Ms McArn replied that the number requested last year was similar. We did not have a large number of layoffs as in previous years. We are at the point where we are trying to do more posting and outreach. As noted in some of the Board back-up documents, this piece asks us how we are reaching out to our intern programs. Therefore we anticipate, since we have a higher need to post positions, that we may need more flexibility. Member Cuneo asked that we make it a priority to keep the number down. He would like to see the need filled in a more sustainable, long-term way. However, he sees and appreciates the problem. Ms. McArn went on to say that there is a new process to help teachers that are dedicated and in the classroom remain in the classroom through coursework or other options, but we first try to cast a large net so that we can get qualified candidates.
- Member Hansen asked if the teachers are then permanent educators coming in to the system? Ms McArn replied yes, some of them are employees who will be offered contracts or who have contracts, and sometimes for the extentions and waivers there are a limited number of years, but it may take them two or three years to get the appropriate certification so we need to do this on a multiple years basis. Member Hansen asked if we do internships or training within our District ourselves? Ms McArn answered that we rely on

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others to do that at this point. We did have our own program approximately eight years ago, however we now partner with others that offer those services.

President Kennedy asked for a motion to approve staff recommendation. A motion was made by Vice President Woo and seconded by Second Vice President Pritchett. The motion passed unanimously.

11.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

✓ August 21, 2014 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop Meeting
✓ September 4, 2014 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop Meeting

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting in the name of the mother of Vice President Pritchett, Judith Castro, who recently passed. There was a moment of silence. The motion was seconded by Vice President Woo. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

[Signature]
Jose L. Banda, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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