Meeting Date: March 6, 2014

Subject: Approve Board of Education Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2014

☐ Information Item Only
☒ Approval on Consent Agenda
☐ Conference (for discussion only)
☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: ____________)
☐ Conference/Action
☐ Action
☐ Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Education Minutes Meeting for February 6, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

Documents Attached:

1. February 6, 2014 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A
Submitted by: Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent
Approved by: N/A
1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President Kennedy and roll was taken.

Members Present:
President Kennedy, Vice President Woo, Second Vice President Pritchett, Member Hansen, and Member Rodriguez.

Members Absent:
Member Cuneo, Member Arroyo and Student Board Member Kovalchuk.

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 property matters.

3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing and Anticipated Litigation:

a) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9
b) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9 (1 case)

c) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9 (1 case)

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

3.4 Government Code 54954.5 Public Employment

Title: Superintendent

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Kennedy.

Members Present: President Kennedy, Vice President Woo, Second Vice President Pritchett, Member Hansen, Member Arroyo, Member Rodriguez., and Student Board Member Kovalchuk.

Members Absent:
Member Cuneo

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Nevaya Jordon, 6th grade student from Golden Empire Elementary School and a Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Second Vice President Christina Pritchett.

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

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

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT  15 minutes

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.

- Sonja Martinez commented on concerns parents have about parent involvement being discouraged.

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• Max Mendoza commented on the cleaning of Woodbine Elementary School and the need for ADA compliance.
• Darlene Anderson commented about classified employees having responsibility for documenting student discipline.
• Angie Sutherland expressed concerns about the format of sessions regarding the LCA and provided written recommendations and questions to the Board.
• Grace Trujillo commented on the effect employee life-time benefits have on the District’s budget and the schools.

8.0 CONSENT

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 C.K. McClatchy High School Field Trip to Ashland Oregon April 1 – 3, 2014 (Lisa Allen)

8.1d Approve Resolution No. 2777: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends (Dr. Sara Noguchi)

8.1e Approve Board Ad Hoc Committee – Budget Committee (Patrick Kennedy)

8.1f Approve Board Ad Hoc Committee – Facilities Committee (Patrick Kennedy)

8.1g Approve Board Ad Hoc Committee – Governance Committee (Patrick Kennedy)

8.1h Approve Board of Education Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2014 (Dr. Sara Noguchi)

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

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

• CSA – No report given.

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• SCTA – Nikki Milevsky reported on behalf of SCTA.
• 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 – No report given.
• District Advisory Council – Maria Haro-Sullivan spoke 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 Associations.

9.3 Interim Superintendent’s Report (Dr. Sara Noguchi)

Interim Superintendent Noguchi shared information about a meeting she and staff attended at the Sacramento County Office of Education regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Interim Superintendent Noguchi thanked all stakeholders, including the Board, for their input and support.

Public Comment
• Darlene Anderson commented about the NCLB Waiver and LCAP.

9.4 President’s Report (Patrick Kennedy)

No report given.

9.5 Student Member Report (Margarita Kovalchuk)

Student Board Member Kovalchuk thanked the Board for their expressions of sympathy at the passing of her grandmother. Student Board Member Kovalchuk also shared that she and other members of the Student Advisory Council are posting on the District’s official Twitter account and encouraged other students, staff and community members to follow the posts.

9.6 Information Sharing By Board Members

• Second Vice President Pritchett acknowledged Albert Einstein Middle School and the great job they did at their recent Night of Achievement.
• Member Hansen expressed appreciation for the support he has received in
his recent visits to schools in his Trustee area and made other announcements.

- Vice President Woo shared information about the Governance Committee he is assigned to and about his visit to the California School Boards Association (CSBA).
- President Kennedy commented that he believes the Board would benefit from professional development and that costs for CSBA should be minimal.

10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

10.1 Approve Resolution No. 2776: Recognition of February 19, 2014 as Day of Remembrance (Darrell Woo)  

Vice President Woo read Resolution No. 2776: Recognition of February 19, 2014 as the Day of Remembrance and urged the Board to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Member Hansen. The Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2776. Vice President Woo presented a commemorative Resolution to a representative of the Local Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL).

Public Comment

None.

Board Member Comments

- Vice President Woo shared information about the Time of Remembrance Exhibit at the California Museum.
- President Kennedy also commented about the Exhibit.

10.2 Attendance and Chronic Absence (Teresa Cumming)  

Kenneth McPeters, Coordinator of Attendance, Drop-out Prevention and Recovery, and Barbara Kronick, Director of Integrated Support Services, presented information about the Attendance Office, truancy, and chronic absences. Information was given about next steps for the Departments.

Public Comment

- Darlene Anderson commented about the School Attendance Review Board (SARB).
- Crandal Rankein complimented the District on the work they are doing on student attendance.
- John Taylor urged the Board to continue to support Mr. McPeters’ program.
- Liz Guillen complimented the presentation and commented on chronic absences.
- Jerrica Arriaga commented about chronically absent students.
- Travis Parker urged the District to support the attendance department.

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- President Kennedy clarified that the item was an information item to make the public aware of the work the District is doing.
- Student Board Member Kovalchuk praised the work of Mr. McPeters.
- Vice President Woo had questions about absenteeism in Kindergarten.
- Member Arroyo had questions about the number of students who are absent because of the schools that were closed and made comments about the Genesis School being closed.
- Second Vice President Pritchett had questions about the automated phone calls coming from the school sites.
- Member Hansen had questions about the truancy letters the District sends.
- President Kennedy commended the intervention approach and the community partnerships Mr. McPeters and Ms. Kronick are partnered with.

11.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

✓ February 20, 2014 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop Meeting
✓ March 6, 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 requested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. Member Arroyo made the motion and it was seconded by Vice President Woo. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned 8:41 p.m.

Saroj Durgam
Interim Superintendent and Board Secretary

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