

# **APPROVED**

### SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Agenda Item# 11.1g

Meeting Date: December 10, 2020
Subject: Approve Minutes of the November 5, 2020, Board of Education Meeting
☐ Information Item Only   ☒ Approval on Consent Agenda   ☐ Conference (for discussion only)   ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated:)   ☐ Conference/Action   ☐ Action   ☐ Public Hearing
<u>Division</u> : Superintendent's Office
Recommendation: Approve Minutes of the November 5, 2020, Board of Education Meeting.
Background/Rationale: None
Financial Considerations: None
LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment
<u>Documents Attached:</u> 1. Minutes of the November 5, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

Submitted by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent Approved by: N/A



### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

**Board of Education Members** 

Jessie Ryan, President (Trustee Area 7)
Christina Pritchett, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)
Michael Minnick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Trustee Area 4)
Lisa Murawski (Trustee Area 1)
Leticia Garcia (Trustee Area 2)
Mai Vang (Trustee Area 5)
Darrel Woo (Trustee Area 6)
Isa Sheikh, Student Member

Thursday, November 5, 2020 4:30 p.m. Closed Session 6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824
(See Notice to the Public Below)

### **MINUTES**

2020/21-11

#### 1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ATTENDANCE BY LIVESTREAM

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Ryan, and roll was taken.

Members Present:
President Jessie Ryan
Vice President Christina Pritchett
Second Vice President Michael Minnick
Leticia Garcia
Lisa Murawski
Mai Vang
Darrel Woo

Student Member Isa Sheikh (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

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

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#### 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:
  - a) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2020040567)
  - b) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)
  - c) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)
- 3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining TCS, SCTA Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA, SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (District Representative Pam Manwiller)
- 3.3 Government Code 54957 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment
- 3.4 Government Code 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation a) Superintendent

#### 4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4.1 The Pledge of Allegiance
- 4.2 Broadcast Statement
- 4.3 COVID CARES Recognition Teachers in the Parent Teacher Home Visit
  Program were recognized. Training Specialist Gretchen Viglione and Vice
  President Pritchett spoke about the program and the work. They congratulated all
  the teachers recognized. Also, Superintendent Aguilar recognized Vice President
  Pritchett for her years of involvement in the program.

Carla Randazzo-Kindergarten Teacher-Golden Empire Derrick Turner-PE Teacher-Golden Empire Mike Mitchell-Kindergarten Teacher-Golden Empire Margo Stadel-Kindergarten Teacher-Golden Empire

Maria Galarza-Spanish Immersion Teacher-Edward Kemble Patricia Arellano-Spanish Immersion Teacher-Edward Kemble Emmanuel Gutierrez-Spanish Immersion 1<sup>st</sup> grade Teacher-Edward Kemble Xchel Vargas-Spanish Immersion 1<sup>st</sup> grade Teacher-Edward Kemble

Judy O'Sullivan-Counselor-Albert Einstein Middle School Michael Kerze-Math Teacher-Albert Einstein Middle School

Chesshuwa Beckett-Teacher-Rosemont High School Erik Beckett-Teacher-Rosemont High School

4.4 Stellar Student – Samantha Underwood, First Grader at Martin Luther King K-8 School. Samantha's introduction was given by Member Woo, and Principal Faye Sharpe spoke on her behalf.

#### 5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Counsel Jerry Behrens reported that the modification of OAH Case No. 2020040567 passed by unanimous vote.

#### 6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

President Ryan asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made to approve by Vice President Pritchett and seconded by Member Woo. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

#### 7.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

7.1 Approve Request for Waiver of Budget Review Committee

Action Item (Roll Call Vote)

Superintendent Aguilar introduced the topic and explained that this item initially appeared in Consent Agenda at a prior meeting and that it is brought back tonight at Board request as an Action item. He noted that Sacramento County Superintendent David Gordon was available for questions after the presentation. Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos then gave the presentation, which included information on the Budget Review, timelines, and answers to prior questions.

Public Comment: Rich Vasquez Maria Rodriguez Nikki Milevsky

**Board Comments:** 

President Ryan noted that in 2017 the statement was made repeatedly at board meetings that the District was in the best fiscal position in its history, and as a result of that a request was made for an \$89 million dollar contract that would have ultimately resulted in an immediate demise of the District. When the contract was settled at half that rate, we were still told that there were no fiscal challenges that would prevent us from reinvesting at much higher levels, and yet here we are, several audits later still debating the reality of a long standing, well documented, independently audited fiscal situation. She said that it is unfortunate that we should be talking about that rather than meaningful solutions to move us away from the fiscal cliff. She asked Ms. Ramos to speak to this idea of what oversight is currently occurring under the County. Ms. Ramos said that the District works very closely with the County, pretty much daily. As far as our budget is concerned, they are partners with us in developing the budget and reviewing our assumptions and projections, to make sure that we have another expert pair of eyes looking at the data we are using to make sure that it is valid and reasonable and makes sense for multiyear projections, as well as on day to day operations when it comes to the general fund. She added that there is a purchasing review committee that meets weekly that includes the County for their review and approval. She spoke about other areas in which the County is involved. President Ryan summarized that what she is hearing is that there are daily conversations happening with our District fiscal advisor in an intense level of oversight that includes a weekly purchasing committee whereby every decision is made at that table, from filling vacancies in positions to key purchases throughout the District, and that this is not a process that was previously in place. Ms. Ramos said that is correct. President Ryan asked when a fiscal recovery plan, as requested by some Board members, will be coming forward, what it will entail. and why the November 19th date was selected. Ms. Ramos said that the fiscal recovery plan will be brought forward November 19th, which will include some of the items that were in the recent FCMAT review. She went over the several reasons why the November 19th date was selected. She noted that due to COVID-19 there was much less spending, and so perhaps a zero deficit and two percent reserve in all three projected years can be achieved, and therefore we would not have to plan for a loan.

Vice President Pritchett said that the idea of having an outside entity come in to review our budget is unacceptable to her. She noted that eight years prior, during her first year on the Board, seven schools were closed. She fears that this will be a recommendation once again. She feels this will result in a loss of average daily attendance (ADA) as families move out of the District and lost jobs for teachers and staff. She feels we will see huge cuts, programs lost, and school closures.

Member Murawski thanked Ms. Ramos and staff for their explanations of this committee. She noted all the past audits and reviews since she became a Board member and said it is remarkable how many different audits we have had which all told essentially the same thing, that the vast majority of our expenses are staff compensation. She said there are two things to do if the resources are not available: lower compensation or lower number of staff. She agrees with the comments of Mr. Vasquez that we do not need to wait and that the Board should have these options. She is glad that staff is working on the fiscal recovery plan and that it will be presented in November. She does not think there will be some magic bullet to have yet again another outside entity, therefore she supports waiving the Budget Review Committee, and she looks forward to the discussion in November. She thinks that if the Board is not satisfied with the fiscal recovery plan options that staff present, that looking for outside help is an option and might be helpful in the right circumstance. She feels the District can improve on budget transparency, yet understands that this comes with a lot of staff time and effort. She moved to approve the item.

Member Minnick said he did not feel we needed to pull this out of Consent Agenda at the prior Board meeting, but he also knows that parents and the community were asking why would the District turn down another opportunity for insight and input from another entity. He understands why they would feel that way, and he appreciates the clarification tonight. He believes we have a direct process given our relationship with the County, and with all the audits we have already had that have all said essentially the same thing. He seconded Member Murawski's motion.

Member Garcia thanked staff for the presentation. She felt this conversation was too important to put in the Consent Agenda. She feels it is important to understand why we are doing something and that hearing from parents is important. She wants to make sure that we increase transparency. She also wants to make sure that we do not dismiss the opportunity for another review committee of any sort to be formed. She noted that we will enter into uncharted territory. not only after we see the fiscal recovery plan, but we also are going to encounter a very tough time post-COVID, and she feels we need to continue to have some sort of body that continues to look at this with a fresh set of eyes. She asked, if the Board were to decide to establish a Budget Review Committee, does that body only come together and exist for a short period to approve or disapprove a budget with recommendations? And what happens to that body after they do their job? Also, how does that interact with the County and the authority of stay and rescind? Ms. Ramos said that the County is telling her that the committees do dismantle after their assignment is completed and that the County is not a part of the Budget Review Committee. Member Garcia asked, in terms of the recommendations that come out of that process, what happens to those recommendations? Superintendent Aguilar said he feels it is important to hear from the County on these questions. County Superintendent Gordon introduced County Chief Business Officer Nick Sweitzer. Mr. Sweitzer responded that the committee recommends approval of the budget as is, or it will recommend revisions to the budget and those revisions come back to the District governing board to implement with the goal that those revisions can get the district to a budget that can be sustainable, balanced, and approved. If that does not happen, then the process continues as it has been, where the county office of education continues to work with the district to move the district forward to where it has an adoptable budget. The state superintendent of public instruction also would take on a greater role in terms of needing to get the district to having a balanced and sustainable budget if the Budget Review Committee is convened and the district does not adopt the recommendations and do not get to an approvable budget. Tami Sanchez, the current County Chief Business Officer who is retiring at the end of December, also spoke, saying that Ms. Ramos has done a very good and thorough job over the past year, and that it is good to stay the course at this point.

Member Vang thanked staff for their hard work. She echoed Member Garcia in that she feels it is important to have a full-fledged conversation on this. She appreciates the parents that called in to comment with their thoughts on this, especially Mr. Vasquez, who shared about making sure we have a fiscal recovery plan. She looks forward to seeing that next month. She clarified that she had asked for a fiscal recovery plan, but she did not say that it was solely for teacher layoff. She wants to see all options on the table, which includes contracts and everything else.

President Ryan asked about having a blue ribbon commission, or something of that nature, that brings in individuals from the legislative analyst's office, potentially the department of finance and other leaders who are steeped in this. She feels this makes more sense than the state superintendent of public instruction short-term support that we would get. She requested that this be looked at alongside this work that we are doing to develop the fiscal recovery plan.

Superintendent said absolutely and he gave a reminder to the Board that this was one of the commitments made when the independent auditor came in and conducted their audit. They requested monthly updates from the District about where the District stands, and the idea of a blue ribbon commission was a little more focused on trying to address the unfunded liability retiree life time medical benefits structure.

Superintendent Aguilar took the roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

# 7.2 Adoption of Re-Opening Metrics (Various Departments) Instruction Action Item (Roll Call Vote)

President Ryan announced that this item is modified from an Action to an Instruction item. Superintendent Aguilar said that the intent is to present, and hopefully clarify to the Board and to the community, conditions of readiness for re-opening as a status update based on public health order requirements that we are obligated to fulfill by demonstrating that certain actions have been taken and protocols implemented to maintain the health and safety of staff and students. There are also measures above and beyond those required that are also being presented for discussion, as well as the tiered status of the Sacramento County Department of Public Health that could potentially shift in either direction.

Vincent Harris, Chief of Continuous Improvement and Accountability, began the presentation. Team members Nathaniel Browning, Director of Facilities, Victoria Flores, Director of Student Support and Health Services, and Keyshun Marshall, Coordinator of Risk Management, also presented.

Public Comment: Renee Webster-Hawkins Angie Sutherland Laney Preheim Nikki Milevsky

#### Board Comments:

Superintendent Aguilar thanked the inter-departmental team for their work. He also thanked the Board and the community for making the distinction between requirements and measures presented that are above and beyond those requirements. He clarified the point Mr. Browning made about a third party assessment. It was decided to implement the measure for learning hubs, and he also recognized many individuals that attended tours, labor partners, District advisory committee representatives, Board members, and members of our legislative delegation and representatives from the state capitol.

President Ryan reaffirmed that this is a discussion item only and not an action item. She hears the frustration of the public that the Board nor the public had access to the re-opening metrics that are being discussed tonight in a timely fashion sufficient to be able to provide comment. Therefore, tonight the Board is receiving and discussing the information, but not taking action on the information. This will ensure that the public and all stakeholders have sufficient time to be able to provide their input before the Board adopts a decision.

Member Woo asked Mr. Browning a question about the third party consultant for the learning hubs. He asked if Mr. Browning was able to take the existing comments and incorporate them into the plan. If so, would he need the third party contractor. Mr. Browning replied that the third party assessor only reviewed the restrooms and classrooms associated with those learning hubs. He listed which learning hubs and classrooms were assessed and gave more information on testing and assessment details. Member Woo asked about assessment costs, and Mr. Browning provided information from the item on the Consent Agenda, from which he said it was close to half a million dollars. Member Woo asked if the County has approved this expenditure, and Mr. Browning said yes.

President Ryan asked if the third party assessor has been used by other school districts and how they were selected. Mr. Browning said they were selected out of our pool of architects and that the consultant chosen has worked across the state. He also listed local districts that have used the company.

Second Vice President Minnick said he heard the frustration in some of the public comments, and he appreciates Superintendent Aguilar moving this to an information item tonight. He apologized to those that submitted comments that are no longer relevant since the item was changed from action to information. He appreciates the focus on not looking at a specific date to re-open, but more on what we can do to keep students and staff safe. He noted the variable and changeable nature of the virus. He further commented that, as we move forward with the learning hubs, it is an opportunity to see that students needing additional support have it. What seems like an unintended consequence is how much impact having real world experiences has allowed us to get ramped up ahead of time and see what is working. What he has seen makes him feel much more confident about having students come back.

Vice President Pritchett recognized staff for the work they have done. She cited examples from the presentation on safety. She asked, in regard to health screening taking place at the sites, who is doing the screening and what is their training. Ms. Flores answered that because it is our expanded learning partners that are now running the program, it is their staff. Extensive training was done with herself, the school nurses, and other staff. She gave more details on the training and said parents were also included. Vice President Pritchett asked if there is plan for, when all schools open, who would be responsible. Ms. Flores said they are working through some technological ways that will help them efficiently and effectively screen students. Vice President Pritchett asked if all the flu clinics are only open for staff. Ms. Flores said anyone can utilize the clinics. Vice President Pritchett asked Mr. Browning, regarding implementation timelines, how long it will take to do safety requirements throughout the District. Mr. Browning replied, with the exception of the third party assessment being completed, the rest of the facilities can be completed by the first part of December. Vice President Pritchett asked about County Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines regarding filters. Mr. Browning said the CDPH offers soft guidelines; he spoke on those, recommendations from other organizations, and District options. Superintendent Aguilar shared more information as well.

Member Garcia went back to required versus above and beyond measures, and she asked how does that then go back to the negotiations process. She wants to make sure there is distinction between requirements and additional precautions that are self-imposed. Superintendent Aguilar addressed this question and also said that the District will continue on the path of collective bargaining. Member Garcia said she is glad this is an informational item as she was not prepared to take action. She is also glad to hear that many of these metrics were developed with experts in public health. Member Garcia asked if the requirement to wear masks is to be from

transitional kindergarten to 12th grade. Ms. Flores said that the recommendation is for grade two and above. She noted that childcare has stayed open this entire time. She said that when you teach particularly young children about health measures, they thrive. She spoke about the importance of mask breaks and the protocols in place for this to be done safely. She said the science on prevention is sound, and she would be happy to share more with the Board. Member Garcia asked about students that cannot wear a mask for medical reasons and students whose parents are not comfortable with them wearing a mask due to their age. Ms. Flores said the current health care plan does account for exceptional situations and that some cases must be taken on an individual basis. If a student refuses to wear a face mask, the District is required to offer distance learning. Member Garcia said that the metrics implies to her that there is an evaluation process or feedback loop. She asked for more information on this and what the outreach to the public and families looks like in terms of these proposed metrics. Superintendent Aguilar said that when we think of dashboards, we typically think of metrics, and he asks the Board to think of them as conditions of readiness measures that we are taking to prepare and get us ready for re-opening. He spoke in more detail on the metrics and their status. Member Garcia said we are talking about conditions to re-open, but she feels it is also important to start talking about a timeline for re-opening. President Ryan said she agrees that having an actionable timeline is important.

Member Murawski thanked staff. She asked that we think also about why schools are closed right now; she said we do know a lot more now than when the pandemic started, and feels we are not overthinking this. She mentioned some COVID-19 risk factors and feels all of the metrics laid out are in keeping with best practices. She feels the two best ways to limit the spread of virus in school is to identify those that are infected and by reducing COVID-19 in the community. She mentioned and explained a "swiss cheese" model of disease prevention. She noted that we will never get to a place where transmission risk is totally eliminated. A vaccine. which may not be available until next academic year, will significantly decrease the risk of COVID-19, yet it is not a viable scenario for us to wait for that. She also noted that we do not know some of the long-term consequences of COVID-19, nor some of the long-term consequences of the academic, social, emotional, and developmental disruption students are going through now. It does not seem all that likely that we will have significant additional resources to catch students up in support of all the remediation that we need to do, and in that regard there is an urgency in getting students back to school. Regarding the role of negotiations, she said ensuring safety for workers is a bedrock fundamental right, and the reasons that unions exist. In addition, we are talking about serving children, so we all collectively need to think about our moral obligation, as a society, to figure out how to do that within the bounds of what is supported by evidence and what is viable; there are lots of different paths to get to the same mitigation goals, so she feels that this is the time that we have to collaborate around how we get there. She said we are balancing risks and benefits of two different groups, children, parents, teachers, staff, and public. She feels the more explicit we can be about that, the better. She is very supportive of masks for all and commends the staff for going beyond state guidelines also on ventilation. She feels reporting COVID-19 infections at school sites is key and that it should also be done at the state level. She agrees that we need to look at a timeline and that we need to think about where we are at in terms of the fact that we are in red status and may be heading rapidly to purple in Sacramento County. She asked if we will ask for a waiver for elementary schools to re-open if we go back to purple status. She said she would like to know District readiness in terms of non-health and safety regarding staffing and instructional models. She asked if we are ready to provide support if a third of families want to stay home. Finally, Member Murawski said she has been very interested in the idea of rapid on-site COVID-19 testing. She feels we need to look at all of these things in terms of

mitigation. Ms. Flores said that the District works very closely with Sacramento County Public Health, and they are getting a rapid COVID-19 test for all schools in our county. Its use is for individuals that are symptomatic. Member Murawski said she is glad to hear this, and would like to hear any more information available about when tests can be given.

Member Vang thanked the staff, Superintendent, and Ms. Webster-Hawkins and Ms. Milevsky for their comments. She appreciates that this item is being changed to discussion so that there can be more thorough conversation regarding the metrics. She said that her take away from the presentation is that the metrics proposed are to minimize harm, to maximize learning benefits for students, and to find a balance between these two things. She believes that if we are implementing mitigation strategies that have been proved to minimize harm we can then begin to open schools in a way that is safe. Member Vang also said that in the decision making process to open school, it must be centered on local data. She noted that some schools that have opened across the nation have come up with grade level target recommendations for in-person instruction, and she is interested to know, in addition to the conditions of readiness, what our current grade level target would be, based on cases of our surrounding community. She feels it is important to hold a public forum, as Member Garcia mentioned earlier.

President Ryan echoed the sentiments expressed in thanking staff. She spoke about the plexiglass stations installed for the learning hubs and special education assessments. She said that, as we discuss a plan and date for re-opening schools, we have to realize that the most vulnerable students are suffering. She noted that the learning hubs are only serving a lucky few, and so as we look for a perfect proposal to mitigate and contain, we are grappling with students that are experiencing trauma in their home, an inability to access key supports in a school community that for some is their reasons for getting up every morning, and learning loss might even be the least of the challenges that they are encountering. Therefore, as we look toward this more robust and safe re-opening plan, she urged the Superintendent, Board, and staff to figure out what can be done within the confines of our legal and moral imperative to serve more of the vulnerable students who do not have any support options.

Superintendent Aguilar said we currently have seven learning hubs with 280 students total, and there are over 40,000 students in the District. We did not do it strategically for the reason that the impact of the learning hubs, even if we continued to expand, would still not serve the necessary number of students that right now are suffering the greatest given the hardships that have come with this unprecedented pandemic. He added that it is important to recognize publically all of the community based organizations that have come forward and leaned in to serve students through supplemental support through the learning hubs. These are community based organizations that used to work with students after school hours, and are now doing it during the day. The Superintendent expressed his appreciation for their adaptability in doing everything they could with this model that the District wanted to pursue.

#### 8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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length of time allowed for public comment. 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.

Public Comment:
Rich Vasquez
Maria Rodriguez
Sarah Williams Kingsley
Renee Webster-Hawkins
Sarah Williams Kingsley
Angie Sutherland
Angel Garcia
Grace Trujillo
Terence Gladney
Amanda Connolly
Alex Read
Shannon Schmidt

#### 9.0 PUBLIC HEARING OF INTENTION TO CONVEY PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

9.1 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 3173: Resolution of Intention to Convey Public Right of Way Easement Entitlements to the City of Sacramento at John Cabrillo Elementary School (Nathaniel Browning)

Information

Director of Facilities Nathaniel Browning explained that this public hearing is based on the City of Sacramento seeking permanent easement for public right of way at John Cabrillo Elementary School for a traffic and pedestrian signal improvement project. The project is to enhance safety at the intersection of Seamas Avenue and Lonsdale Drive by replacing signal poles and upgrading signal equipment. The City desires to acquire an area of approximately 36 square feet for the easement. To initiate the process for an easement, Education Code 17557 signifies that the District has to provide a resolution of its intent to dedicate real property. At the October 15, 2020, Board of Education meeting the governing board adopted Resolution No. 3170 which declared the District's intent to convey District property located at 1141 Seamas Avenue, Sacramento, California to the City of Sacramento for a public right of way easement. The next steps in the process is to hold this public hearing for any public comment regarding the District's intent to grant a public right of way easement to the City of Sacramento. After this public hearing, the Board will vote on Resolution No. 3173 on Consent Agenda for the action of granting a public right of way easement to the City at John Cabrillo Elementary School.

Public Comment: Terrence Gladney

Board Comments:

Member Garcia asked for explanation of the process. Counsel Jerry Behrens replied that under Education Code a public hearing must be held and that the Consent Agenda item is to approve the easement so that the City can make the improvements. A public hearing is being held because it is specified by the Education Code, and approval is on Consent Agenda; therefore, it is a two-part process, but no separation is required. It can be done on the same agenda.

President Ryan asked for clarification on why this is coming at this moment in time; the City has already exhausted their end of the process, including public comment and input. Now we are the last piece via Education Code of the hearing process. Mr. Behrens said that the City of Sacramento has a long process itself and has plans. What they are asking is for a very small easement in order to construct those plans. An easement is not title; it is the right to use it for traffic improvements.

#### 10.0 COMMUNICATIONS

#### 10.1 Employee Organization Reports:

**Information** 

- SCTA David Fisher reported on behalf of SCTA
- SEIU No report given.
- TCS No report given.
- Teamsters No report given.
- UPE No report given.

#### 10.2 District Advisory Committees:

*Information* 

- Community Advisory Committee No report given.
- District English Learner Advisory Committee DELAC Council reported on behalf of DELAC, and Leanna Sanchez commented.
- Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee – Maria Rodriguez reported on behalf of LCAP
- Student Advisory Council No report given.

#### 10.3 Superintendent's Report (Jorge A. Aguilar)

**Information** 

Superintendent Aguilar said he saw this month's newsletter from the Student Advisory Council, and he is very impressed and thanked the students for taking on that project and

doing magnificent work on it. He spoke about the work and plans for re-opening schools. He said he knows students are doing the best they can in the current distance learning environment, although we know it does not match the learning that takes place when students are in school with their teacher, peers, and school staff. We want students to come back to school and in a safe and responsible manner. The health and safety of students, staff, and community is our highest priority and always has been. This is why we are committed to going above and beyond the state and county guidelines when it comes to COVID-19 mitigation measures at each site and facility. The Superintendent shared that we have learned of the experiences other districts and have had the advantage of making adjustments to our plan as needed based on best and current practices. He feels we are making good progress to meet the bench marks that we have discussed with the Board and community so that we can be better prepared to safely welcome students and staff back to campuses. He also spoke more about the learning hubs and said we hope to expand those in the near future to serve the most vulnerable and marginalized students across the District. He shared information on recent tours of the hubs that were given and said we will continue to remain committed to the collective bargaining process with labor partners, and he hopes that we will have a memorandum of understanding on assessments for students with exceptional needs, for our English language learners, for hearing and vision screening, and for athletic conditioning and practices.

#### 10.4 President's Report (Jessie Ryan)

President Ryan spoke about parents who are doing the hard work of understanding the budget and recommending radical reform in policy change day in and day out. She said these individuals easily could step into any of our Board seats, and have been here over the long haul, calling our inequities and civil rights violations, and demanding that our system and the stakeholders that have the power to control the education of our children within our system do better for our children. She shared and spoke about her participation in the Public Education Leadership Program.

#### 10.5 Student Member Report (Isa Sheikh)

Student Member Sheikh said he is disappointed that the goal of reaching orange status in Sacramento County before Halloween was not reached. He is also disappointed in his peers for celebrating Halloween with little to no social distancing. He reminded that the way to return to in-person learning is to contribute by following health measures. He shared that the common theme among students he spoke to this week, as a result of months of distance learning, was apathy. He reported a lack of participation in the distance learning and little productivity. He feels a delay in returning to in-person learning is unreasonable as current

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data suggests there is only limited transmission from young children to adults. He has confidence in the plans staff has put together, and is excited to move away from distance learning. He also spoke about the election, and thanked District students that voted and worked as poll workers, and he thanked all poll workers as well. He reminded that these events we are watching collectively will shape a generation of students as we all move into a world where civic engagement is incredibly important. He shared that he has discussed with Member Garcia about implementing the state seal for civic engagement as introduced by Assembly Bill 24. He is looking forward to working on implementing that this year.

#### 10.6 Information Sharing By Board Members

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Second Vice President Minnick shared that earlier this year he made the decision not to run for re-election to represent Trustee Area 4 on the Board. He reported that two very well qualified people stepped up to run for the seat. He thanked the candidates that stepped forward, Nailah Pope-Harden and Jamee Villa, and he looks forward to supporting whoever ends up taking over for him in December.

Member Murawski shared that she wants to know more about what is on the mind of parents, families, and students in her area regarding re-opening of schools, so she plans to hold additional listening sessions before the next Board meeting to get feedback on what was presented in terms of re-opening metrics.

#### 11.0 CONSENT AGENDA

(Roll Call Vote)

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.

- 11.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:
  - 11.1a 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 (Rose F. Ramos)
  - 11.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)
  - 11.1c Approve Resolution No 3173: Resolution to Convey Public Right of Way Easement Entitlements to the City of Sacramento at John Cabrillo Elementary School (Nathaniel Browning)
  - 11.1d Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2020, Board of Education Special Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)

- 11.1e Approve Minutes of the October 1, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)
- 11.1f Approve Minutes of the October 15, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)
- 11.1g Approve 2020-21 Cash Flow Report (Rose Ramos)

President Ryan asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. A motion was made to approve by Member Woo and seconded by Student Member Sheikh. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

#### 12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

Receive Information

- 12.1 Business and Financial Information:
  - Enrollment and Attendance Report, Month 1 Ending Friday, September 25, 2020 (Rose Ramos)

President Ryan received the business and financial information/reports.

#### 13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- November 19, 2020 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting
- ✓ December 10, 2020 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting

#### 14.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Member Murawski and seconded by Student Member Sheikh. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 19.78 p.m.

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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