

Sacramento City Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Education Members

Diana Rodriguez, President (Trustee Area 5)
Darrel Woo, Vice President (Trustee Area 6)
Jeff Cuneo, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 2)
Ellyn Bell, MA, LMSW (Trustee Area 1)
Christina Pritchett (Trustee Area 3)
Gustavo Arroyo (Trustee Area 4)
Patrick Kennedy (Trustee Area 7)
Katrina Ye, Student Member

Friday, December 7, 2012 5:30 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms 5735 47th Avenue Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2012-28

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by President Rodriguez.

Members Present: Arroyo, Cuneo, Kennedy, Pritchett, Rodriguez, Woo and Student Board Member Ye.

Members Absent: Member Bell.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Board Member Ye.

Board Member Arroyo made a motion to move item 5.0 to item 4.0 and item 4.0 to item 5.0, seconded by Vice President Woo. The motion carried unanimously with Board Member Bell absent.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- John Fox commented on behalf of candidate Bina Lefkovitz.
- Lucero Rodriguez commented on behalf of candidate Bina Lefkovitz.
- Nhu Hoang commented on behalf of candidate Bina Lefkovitz.
- Laura Reed commented on behalf of candidate Bina Lefkovitz.
- Annette Deglow commented on questions to be asked to the candidates.
- Jeanne Chasko commented on an election process for Trustee Area 1.
- Michael Minnick commented on behalf of candidate Bina Lefkovitz.
- Mike Breverly commented on an election process for Trustee Area 1.
- Ralph Merletti commented on the candidates for Trustee Area.
- Ian Arnold commented on an election process for Trustee Area 1.
- Steve Hansen commented on behalf of himself as a candidate.

4.0 NEXT STEPS FOR APPOINTMENT PROCESS (Discussion if Needed by Governing Board)

Conference/Action

Public Comment

Annette Deglow commented on an election process for Trustee Area 1.

Roard Comment

- Board Member Arroyo commented on the election process verses an appointment and the next step.
- Vice President Woo commented on two options, to make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy or order an election and the process that would entail and asked clarifying questions regarding clarification of what would happen if a Trustee is appointed.

- Jerry Behrens responded to Vice President Woo's question and stated that the appointment would be terminated and the seat would be vacant until an election is held, certified and position is filled.
- Vice President Woo stated in light of testimony and many communications received vis-à-vis moving forward with the election as stated for the record.
- Member Arroyo also commented on the statement made by Vice President Woo.
- Second Vice President Cuneo commented on the appointment process and the candidates being brought forward. He also commented on the fiscal aspects of holding an election and felt that we go forward with the appointment.
- Board Member Pritchett commented on the election process verses the appointment and the candidates being brought forward.
- Board Member Kennedy commented on the appointment process and candidates being brought forward. He also commented on the money amount of holding an election.
- Board Member Arroyo made more comments on moving forward with the appointment process.
- President Rodriguez commented on the Board's decision on the appointment process and commended the Board for their transparency throughout the process.
- Board Member Kennedy commented on the cost estimates from the county and asks clarifying questions regarding the facts and cost estimates from the county.
- Jerry Behrens responded to Board Member Kennedy's questions.
- More questions were raised by the Board.

President Rodriguez stated that being that there is no motion on the floor to move for an election, the Board will move forward with the agenda.

5.0 INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT (TRUSTEE AREA 1)

Information

President Rodriguez read the process for the Interview of Applicants for Board Member Appointment for Trustee Area 1.

The applicant names were drawn in the order below:

Applicant #1 - Katherine Tobias

Applicant #2 - Bina Lefkovitz

Applicant #3 - David Ross

Applicant #4 - Jay Hansen

Applicant #5 - Gwynnae Byrd

Applicant #6 - Anna Molander

Each applicant was given a 3 minutes introduction followed by interview questions from each Board Member and a closing statement by the applicant.

Board Comment

- Vice President Woo commented on Item 4.0 Next Steps being completed and wanted to bring Item 4.0 back for discussion.
- President Rodriguez responded that the Board is supportive of going into Item 4.0 Next Steps for Appointment Process.
- Board Member Kennedy recommended that we spend the next 13 days reviewing all six candidates and come back on the December 20, 2012 and finalize it at the Board meeting.
- President Rodriguez also stated that the Board will bring back all six candidates on December 20th to ask additional questions. President Rodriguez asked for a motion to agenda this on the next Board meeting.
- Jerry Behrens responded to President Rodriguez' by stating that additional questions can be asked of the prospective candidates and that would be the only items on December 20th unless staff is instructed otherwise.
- Board Member Arroyo asked for more clarity.
- Jerry Behrens responded to Board Member Arroyo.
- Board Members asked more questions regarding when the applicant would be seated and Board Member Bell's last day of office.
- Jerry Behren's responded to Board Members' questions.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Student Board Member Ye made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 10.30 p.m., seconded by Second Vice President Cuneo. The motion carried unanimously with Board Member Bell absent.

Jonathan P. Raymond

Superintendent and Board Secretary

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