

# RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Room  
2120 Euclid Avenue  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

*Board Members:*

Tamara Sobomehin, President  
Stephanie Fitch, Vice President  
Marielena Gaona-Mendoza, Clerk  
Ana Maria Pulido, Member  
Sharifa Wilson, Member

### Draft MINUTES February 14, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.**

President Sobomehin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. All Board Members were present.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MSC (Gaona Mendoza/Fitch) to approve the agenda with the following changes: Trustee Sobomehin asked the Board to pull Items 11.A, 11.B.1 and 11.B.2 from the Consent Agenda and place them in the regular order of business for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:33 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 7:45 p.m.**

3/4. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1**

President Sobomehin welcomed everyone in the audience and reported the changes to the Agenda.

A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

**President Sobomehin reported that Item 3.A.1 was approved unanimously (5-0).** Appointment of Eric Edwards, Data and Assessment Coordinator to Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction, effective February 4, 2019 through June 7, 2019.

B. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT**

**President Sobomehin reported that Items 3.B.1 through 3.B.4 were approved unanimously (5-0).**

1. Certificated Substitute Employment of Sara Ajayi-Dopemu, Substitute Teacher, effective January 22, 2019.
2. Permanent Classified Employment of Jennifer Mose, Driver/Operator, effective February 1, 2019.
3. Probationary Certificated Employment of Moriah Cordoba, Teacher, effective January 29, 2019.
4. Consideration to approve the Probationary Certificated Employment of Paul Kirsch, Teacher, effective February 5, 2019.

C. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/RESIGNATION**

**President Sobomehin reported that Items 3.C.3, 3.C.4, 3.C.16 and 3.C.17 were approved unanimously (5-0).**

1. Notice of Extended Illness Leave for Bruce Baker, Teacher, effective January 31, 2019 through June 14, 2019.

2. Notice of Family Medical Leave Act concurrent with California Family Rights Act Leave for Gloria Valencia, Integrated Services Teacher, effective October 11, 2018 through October 17, 2018; October 23, 2018 through November 14, 2018; November 26, 2018 through December 21, 2018; January 11, 2019; January 15, 2019 through February 8, 2019.
3. Extended Leave w/o Pay for Illness for Gloria Valencia, Integrated Services Teacher, effective February 11, 2019 through June 14, 2019.
4. Extended Leave w/o Pay for Child Rearing for Christine Batten, Integrated Services Program Specialist, effective March 19, 2019 through June 28, 2019.
5. Notice of Pregnancy Disability Leave concurrent with Family Medical Leave Act and Parental Leave for Lara Burenin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, effective February 4, 2019 through June 7, 2019.
6. Notice of Pregnancy Disability Leave concurrent with Family Medical Leave Act for Lucinda Barron, Secretary II for Curriculum & Instruction, effective February 4, 2019 through April 22, 2019.
7. Notice of accepted resignation of Sandra Yesenia Andrade, After School Program Class Leader, effective January 25, 2019.
8. Notice of accepted resignation of Celia Perez, Teacher, effective June 14, 2019.
9. Notice of accepted resignation of Allison Smith, Teacher, effective June 14, 2019.
10. Notice of accepted resignation of Jennifer Torres, Teacher, effective June 14, 2019.
11. Notice of accepted resignation of Dayna Yonamine, Teacher, effective June 14, 2019.
12. Notice of accepted resignation of Amberlynn Spector, Teacher, effective June 14, 2019.
13. Notice of the Retirement of January Nice, Teacher, effective June 14, 2019.
14. Notice of the Retirement of Nancy Kerrebrock, Teacher, effective June 14, 2019.
15. Notice of the Retirement of F A White-Parker, Teacher, effective August 12, 2019.
16. Consideration to approve and ratify notifications of non-reelection for certificated staff (Probationary Teachers) for the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to Education Code 44929.21. (A, B, C, D).
17. Consideration to approve the Release of a Temporary Teacher. (A)

**D. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

**No reportable actions on all the other items including 3.D**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR.**

District Negotiator: Dr. Gloria Hernández-Goff, Superintendent, and appropriate staff member  
Employee Organization: RTA–CSEA  
Unrepresented Parties (Management/Confidential)

**E. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9**

**No reportable actions on all the other items including 3.E.**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9, Subdivision (d)(1).  
State Case No. WC-CM-611161 (A. Braxton)
2. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9, Subdivision (d)(1).  
Name of the Case: Student v. Ravenswood City School District, OAH Case Number 201910923
3. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9  
Name of the Case: Grace Torsch, Claim Number: 5060-02-0034
4. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9  
Name of the Case: Monica Perez, Claim Number: 5060-03-0020/5060-04-0008/5060-05-0040
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) Significant exposure to litigation.  
One case

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. MSC (Wilson/Pulido) to approve the Minutes for the October 11, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried 3 Yes, 2 Abstain. Trustees Sobomehin and Fitch abstained because they did not attend this meeting as Board Members.
- B. Consideration to approve the Minutes for the November 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Gaona Mendoza stated that she has been very busy with all the community meetings so could not have ready some

changes that she wants to make. She will give them to Nelly before the next meeting. County Counsel Rosendo Padilla indicated that if she is not ready to vote, the minutes will come back at the next Board Meeting.

- C. MSC (Fitch/Sobomehin) to approve the Minutes for the January 10, 2019 Special Board Meeting. Trustees Sobomehin, Fitch, Gaona Mendoza and Pulido, Yes. Trustee Wilson, Abstain. She did not attend this meeting. Motion carried 4, Yes, 1 Abstain.

**6. FROM THE FLOOR.**

- A. Mr. Mark Westerberg, CSEA Labor Relations Representative, came with Classified Ravenswood Employees who serve as Elective Leaders of CSEA-Ravenswood Chapter, to request the Board's assistance with two important matters related to the District's relation with CSEA. The first matter is related to a payroll error made by the District that has resulted in thousands of dollars of non-pay wages to classified employees who performed work in the course of several years. CSEA has been diligently working to resolve these issues, but the District has not cooperated. This issue was discovered over a year ago, and still dozens of classified employees have not been properly compensated. The second matter is the tone, demeanor and attitude of District Representatives in employee relations meetings and Union contract negotiations. They are frequently unprepared, unnecessarily argumentative and disrespectful toward members of CSEA Committees. This conduct has been ongoing for years but has escalated in recent months. Mr. Westerberg provided a letter to the Board that contained more details about these issues, including dates and specific incidents. He asked the Board to intervene and direct the District to change its tone and properly provide the back pay that is owed to RCSD classified employees.
- B. Ms. Bronwyn Alexander, Belle Haven Teacher, addressed the Board regarding teacher retention. She indicated that in order to keep good qualified teachers in Ravenswood, the Board needs to start looking at surrounding salaries and start to match the RCSD salaries with theirs in a near future.
- C. Ms. Jennifer Bestor, longtime Menlo Park Resident, Library Volunteer in the Ravenswood City School District, and the Research Director for Educate Our State, indicated that we have to get the State Funding Formula (LCFF) supplemented in counties with a high regional cost of living. Had the RCSD being supplemented for local cost, it would have received a total of \$9.7 million more this year. The original blue print for LCFF included two components, (1) Student need and regional cost which was omitted in 2013 for simplification. She noted that every property owner in this county pays into the County Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund. She pays \$.50 into that fund for every dollar that she pays into the Menlo Park Elementary School District. That money is available only for LCFF funded districts because only they are entitled to draw. However, because LCFF does not include original supplement, \$193 million of San Mateo County's fund was declared "excess" and distributed outside of education last year. She said that if every LCFF funded school in this county had received a 24% original cost supplement, there would have been \$50 million to redistribute as excess still. The San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo Districts all have excess in excess of what they would have needed. Ms. Bestor provided information to the Board and indicated that she hopes that someone wants to work on this.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

- A. Superintendent's Report.  
Dr. Hernández-Goff reported that they had a very busy time since the last Regular Board Meeting. There have been series of Board Meetings and Board Study Sessions since then. The Board has been working hard to gather all the information needed to make the best possible decisions. She stated that the main topic and reason why many individuals are here tonight is the Proposition 39 request from KIPP. She noted that the District has a legal obligation to provide facilities for students who are residents of the Ravenswood City School District and attend the KIPP Charter. She stated clearly that at no point the RCSD is closing any of its schools and no one made any recommendation regarding closing a school regarding the KIPP request. There are some rumors that the Board Community Meetings are due to budget issues and that is definitely not the case. Last week, the San Mateo County Office of Education issued a Positive Certification on the District's budget for this year and for the following two years. This is clearly expressing that RCSD is on a solid footing as long as we continue the implementation of the Fiscal Reform Packet that was adopted last year. Dr. Hernández-Goff indicated that she has witnessed the community over the last six years and consequently, the families of our community faced challenges that many other in our region do not. For example currently 40% of our students meet the McKinney-Vento definition for Homeless which is absolutely appalling that so many of our families are in this situation. The RCSD students need a stable place where they can have access to support where they can feel safe and secure and throughout this time, the RCSD Board has supported this, from the installation of washers and dryers at each school site to our

monthly food program and supplemental programs, including Counseling, and stability for the community. She pointed out that they will continue to seek any available support necessary to continue to support the RCSD community and sometimes very difficult decisions will have to be made for the RCSD students and community.

B. Consideration to accept a \$10,000 donation from Mr. & Mrs. Matt Tracy.

Dr. Hernández-Goff informed the Board that Mr. & Mrs. Matt Tracy from Pleasanton read an article regarding the situation that many of our students are facing. Therefore, they sent her an e-mail stating that they wanted to make a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to help some of the needs of our students. She submitted this donation to the Board for its acceptance.

MSC (Fitch/ Pulido) to accept a \$10,000 donation from Mr. & Mrs. Matt Tracy. Motion carried unanimously.

8.. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A. Action to approve Preliminary Facilities Proposal to KIPP Valiant Charter School FY 2019-2020. President Sobomehin stated that they will be approving Resolution 1256 for a multi-site temporary offer for Facilities Request from KIPP for next school year, and direct staff to give KIPP a proposal based on Resolution 1256.

1. The following students from the Ravenswood Middle School asked the Board to please do not allow KIPP Academy to join the RMS School site for the 2019-2020 school year, because it will be very difficult to share the facilities with them: Ofa Esafi, RMS Student Body President, Faauga Talamoa, RMS Student Body Secretary, Luisa Pahulu and Lemotusialealosaleatua Sausi.

The following individuals asked the Board to keep KIPP in the same location/single site:

2. Ms. Jennifer Yáñez, KIPP Parent.
3. Ms. Flor Martínez, KIPP Parent.
4. Ms. Marisela Landa, Community Member for 21 years and KIPP Parent.
5. Ms. Julieta Bravo, KIPP Parent.
6. Ms. Kate Belden, KIPP Principal.
7. Ms. Jesusita Rivera, East Palo Alto Resident and RCSD Teacher, thanked the Board for taking the community input for this very difficult decision. She is grateful that the Board is not closing a school campus. She feels the pain of the Middle School teachers because had the superintendent listened to them when they did not want the rollup of the RMS the way it was, they would not be having this problem now. She noted that she has been watching KIPP and does not like what she sees. They promised a good education and when she visited its campus last year, the students were left alone outside and were throwing rocks at each other and at the windows, and she was very displeased.
8. Ms. Andrea Reyna, Belle Haven Teacher, addressed the Board in support of the RMS. She thanked the RMS students for advocating for themselves before the community. She also thanked the Board for taking into consideration the concerns of the community members, the teachers and the families. She asked KIPP that if they are not willing to share –educators know that sharing is caring- and if they want something much better than what the RCSD has, they need to look for outside support to fund their dream school.
9. Ms. Lauren Magchrowicz, Belle Haven 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, thanked the Board for holding the community meetings seeking out information and listening to the community and to the teachers. She asked the Board to please do not stop. RCSD has lost so many incredible teachers due to the frustration of feeling undervalued and even disrespected and ignored by the District. While they know they do not have ultimate control over what decisions are made, they appreciate to be part of the conversations and to have feedback view as an essential piece of the decision making process. Former U.S, Assistant Secretary of Education Diane Ravitch said, “You do not improve education by Demoralizing the People Who Have To Do The Work Every Day.” Ms. Magchrowicz stated that she came to the Meeting because she loves her students and her family. She asked the Board to continue to be open and seek out the teachers input, because they cannot put students first when they keep putting teachers last.
10. Miss Stephanie Contreras Valencia, Belle Haven Student, asked the Board to please do not close Belle Haven because its teachers are the best.
11. Mr. Jose Ibarra, Belle Haven Teacher, thanked the Board and everyone who worked very hard last year to create this proposal for KIPP. He indicated that he wanted to talk about friendship. The Board has seen how worried the students are about closing a school. He said that this is a good opportunity for us

to come together. It will be a great opportunity if they can put the RCSD Middle School students with KIPP Middle School students working together. She asked the KIPP parents if they are loyal to KIPP or to the site. He stated that they want to bring all parents together.

12. Ms. Kendra Guard, RMS Teacher, read a letter from the RMS Leadership Team regarding concerns about KIPP potential shared space at the RMS.
13. Ms. Pamela Jones, Resident of Menlo Park and Belle Haven Parent, stated that she had a deep understanding of the school system. It appears that there is a fracture on the District that is going to have to be healed once this process is completed. They heard people's concern about their program and their school as oppose to looking at how we are going to educate all our children to the highest quality possible. She personally recommended keeping KIPP where they are now, because it would cause the least disruption. She asked the Board to instruct the administration to look at how they can redeveloped the schools in such a way that students can attend local schools rather than being bussed somewhere else.

Ms. Elizabeth Mori, Legal Counsel, informed the Board that under the California Law, there is a requirement that if the Board is going to make a multi-site proposal to a Charter School, it needs to make a finding that RCSD cannot accommodate the school in a single site and explain the reason why. Resolution 1256 is in satisfaction of that legal obligation with regard to the 2-site offer between Brentwood and RMS. It contains the requirements as well as the basis for making that finding. The Statement of Reasons really reflects back on all of the input that the Board received at the community meetings, specifically about safety, transportation and impact on existing district programs. Under the umbrella concept or the statement in the law that says that Charter School students are not to be treated better than District students and District students are not to be treated better than Charter School students. Resolution 1256 is proposed to support a preliminary proposal to KIPP which needs to be sent tomorrow. The action that the Board will take tonight will be to approve Resolution 1256 and give direction to staff to issue a preliminary facilities proposal to KIPP consisted with room allocation set forth in this resolution.

Trustee Fitch wanted to clarify if what they vote on tonight means that it is happening. Ms. Mori indicated that it is a requirement that the District provides a preliminary proposal with detailed information regarding classroom allocation, teaching stations, specialized and non-teaching space as well as developing of things like prorated share calculation, how much KIPP will be charged for using District facilities and KIPP or any Charter School has the right to present its concerns regarding the preliminary proposal, and the district then will have the opportunity to take those considerations or those issues and concerns into consideration prior to the development is final for facilities. She noted that the final version usually does not divert much from the preliminary proposal, but the final proposal is what is going to happen. The final offer is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Mori answered questions regarding KIPP expansion, RMS, Facilities Master Plan, flexibility for changes/negotiations.

MSC (Fitch/Sobomehin) to approve Resolution 1256 for a multi-site temporary offer for Facilities Request from KIPP for next school year, and direct staff to give KIPP a proposal based on Resolution 1256. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Sobomehin, Fitch, Gaona Mendoza, Pulido and Wilson, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consideration to approve Resolution 1253 – Board Members Excused Absences. All Board Members were present.

- C. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4222 were presented to the Board for First Reading.

- D. Board Reports/Communications.

Trustee Wilson reported the following:

☞ Last night, Trustee Wilson and Trustee Pulido attended the Teacher Housing Town Hall Meeting at Sequoia Union High School District. Trustee Wilson reported that many teachers presented their challenges to stay in this area due to high rent. The idea is to provide information for policy makers to look at ways to create housing opportunities for teachers, some examples were provided. Mayor Ray Mueller was the Facilitator and Flood School was used as an example of how RCSD can partner with the City of Menlo Park. Trustee Wilson will be looking forward to continue conversations with them to move this project forward. Trustee Pulido added that Mayor Mueller was very favorable and said that they are looking forward to work with Ravenswood in helping with a potential project for workforce housing. This opens the door for a big first step and we have to continue looking for funding options. There was also a non-profit organization that helps districts so it does not come necessarily from Bonds or facility funds. They are trying to find ways to fund this project without impacting the RCSD current budget. Trustee Wilson noted that Chris Bradley, RCSD Architect, was also there.

Trustee Gaona Mendoza reported the following:

☞ Trustee Gaona Mendoza reported that the experience of these couple of weeks was amazing. She liked to see the community involved in Board decisions. This is the first time that she sees everyone involved - teachers, parents, community, and people from KIPP.

- E. President Sobomihin reported that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on February 28, 2019, and a Special Board Meeting regarding the budget will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

9. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- A. Consideration to approve the addition of a BCLAD stipend to the Management/Confidential Salary Schedule. Ms. Toni Stone, Director of Human Resources, informed the Board that currently, Certificated Teachers possessing a Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development or other Bilingual Authorization are eligible to receive a \$3,000 annual stipend. This item is to approve the addition of a BCLAD stipend to the Management/Confidential Salary Schedule and the estimated cost is \$12,000 a year. Dr. Hernández-Goff indicated that the District requires a BCLAD for the administrators who work in the Dual Immersion Program but they do not qualify for this additional stipend, and sporadically at different times, administrators do a lot of interpretations and translation at meetings, conferences and presentations when other people are not available.

Mr. Jose Ibarra, Belle Haven Teacher, indicated that a lot of translations have been done by secretaries and classified people who work in the office and he does not believe that they have BCLADs. Therefore, they do not qualify for this stipend. He asked the Superintendent to explain why the \$12,000 are going to be for managers. Trustee Gaona Mendoza stated that due to the RCSD financial situation, they need to use this money in a better way. Due to the time and the number of questions raised by the Board, Trustee Wilson asked the Board to continue this item at a budget discussion. The Board agreed with Trustee Wilson request.

10. **BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

- A. Election of 2018, Series 2018 General Obligation (GO) Bond Issuance Wrap-up Presentation. Mr. Steve Eichman informed the Board that the District recently completed the issuance of the first series of General Obligation (GO) Bonds, the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds. The bonds were authorized under Measure S and approved by voters in June 2018. The issuance provides \$25 million for facilities improvement projects anticipated to commence during the summer of 2019. The District's Financial Advisors, Eastshore Consulting LLC, provided a summary of the results of the issuance process. Mr. Shin Greene, Financial Advisor of Eastshore Consulting, provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the Board. Overview: (a) Through a robust facility master planning and community engagement process, the Ravenswood City School District evaluated facilities needs at all schools arriving at an estimated total cost of more than \$300 million; (b) To proceed with the most critical repairs, the District sought a voter approved Prop 39 GO Bond (Measure "H") in June of 2016, authorizing the District to issue up to \$26 million in General Obligation (GO) Bonds; (c) Measure "H" received 86.7% approval with a projected tax rate of \$30 per \$100,000 of taxable property value; (d) Measure "H" was sold in two series and beat expectations, with the cost of borrowing – and cost to taxpayers – being less than projections; (e) In June 2018, the District again approached voters for an additional GO Bond measure to continue improving classrooms and other facilities, addressing safety improvements and reconfiguring campuses to accommodate the comprehensive Middle School; (f) The 2018 GO Bond measure, Measure "S", authorized \$70 million in additional bonds and received 69.8% with a discrete tax rate of \$30 per \$100,000 of taxable property value; (g) In late 2018, the District sold the first series of Measure "S" GO Bonds in the amount of \$25 million. The presentation summarized the recently completed Election of 2018, Series 2018 Measure "S" bond sale. The PowerPoint presentation included: (a) Preliminary official statement dated on November 28, 2018. Mr. Greene informed the Board that the District's Bond Counsel, Orrick, prepared documentation required to conduct the sale of the Election of 2018, Series 2018, including: Resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds, Preliminary and Final Official Statements used to market the Bonds and Closing certificates and documents to memorialize and formalize the sale of the District's Election of 2018, Series

2018 GO Bonds. Included in this process was extensive work to ensure that the Official Statements reflected certain unique rating matters which could impact the District's sale of bonds using a "AAA" rating. After the successful completion of the bond pricing process on December 4, 2018, Orrick and Eastshore finalized all documents and, on December 18, 2018, funds were transferred, bonds released to buyers and the issuance 'closed.' Mr. Greene stated that an electronic version of all final documents has been provided to the District and other members of the financing team.

Ratings: On October 30, 2018, the Superintendent and Chief Business Official conducted a conference call with rating analysts from Fitch Ratings to review the credit strengths of the District. Examining only the tax base, a "AAA" was assigned to the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds, the highest possible rating. While this "AAA" rating was beneficial to reducing the overall interest rate for the District's bonds, there were some technical questions related to how such ratings are assigned which required additional focus. In addition, Fitch Ratings affirmed the "A" rating of the District's General Fund.

Structuring and Strategy: The Bonds' strong "AAA" rating was advantageous and weakness in the interest rate market environment saw a recent spike in rates mitigated in the days prior to the planned pricing (or setting of interest rates) for the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds. After conversations with the underwriter, Siebert Cisneros Shank & Co., LLC, it was determined that the best rates could be obtained through efforts to target 'institutional purchasers.' The Preliminary Official Statement was released to the public on November 26, 2018, detailing the proposed bond issuance and providing potential buyers with information on the District's finances and tax base. Given some volatility, the District, Eastshore and Siebert conducted a series of pre-pricing calls to evaluate the markets and determine proposed interest rate levels for the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds. With a limited number of competing bond issuances in the market during the week of the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds pricing, the District received strong investor participation, resulting in orders in excess of bond being offered.

Pricing: At the opening of the markets on December 4, 2018, rate levels trended lower for the second day in a row after an extended period of increases across all maturities. With hints of some economic instability – and the prospect that rates may continue to trend lower – the District's offering of the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds received \$69.5 million in orders for \$20 million in bonds being offered. Due to these market conditions, demand was very strong, allowing staff at Siebert to sell all bonds offered. Due to the downward interest rate trend, buyers sought higher coupon rates, allowing for more premium generation from the bond sale. These premiums, legally limited in use, were applied to prepayment of interest, allowing for the repayment of additional principal sooner than anticipated, further reducing the overall cost of borrowing. The District's sale of Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds was the first to receive bids for all bonds offered in recent years and Seibert did not need to underwrite any of the bonds maturities.

Issuance Costs: Total issuance-related legal, consultant and ancillary costs were \$165,000.00; underwriter compensation totaled \$236,738.87. All expenses were paid from bond proceeds and no General Fund resources were required to complete the transaction. Underwriting compensation was paid from premiums generated on the sale of Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds, minimizing the impact to project funding for such costs. Closing: On the morning of December 18, 2018, Siebert transferred proceeds net of their compensation to fund deposits to the Capitalized Interest Fund, the Cost of Issuance Account, and \$24.835 million to the Project Fund held by San Mateo County. A deposit to the Election of 2018, Series 2018 Capitalized Interest Fund of \$2,427,251.98 from Net Original Issue Premiums generated on the sale of bonds will allow for the first payment from tax collections to occur in 2018-19 without any impact to tax rates. After confirmation of the transfer of funds, BNY Mellon, the Paying Agent, released the Bonds to the Depository Trust Company and the transaction was officially complete. Repayment schedules for the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds were transmitted to the County for calculation of tax levies in future years.

Bond Program Maintenance: Like the District's other bonds, the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds do have certain legal requirements, including: (a) Annual SEC Rule 15c2-12 disclosures ("Continuing Disclosure"); (b) Compliance with IRS requirements related to tax-exempt bond proceeds; (c) Periodic arbitrage rebate calculations. As they have previously done for the District, Eastshore Consulting will continue to assist with compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 requirements. Additionally, refinancing opportunities will be available to the District which may be able to reduce taxes for previously issued bonds by taking advantage of shorter terms and lower interest rates. On August 1, 2026, approximately \$10.7 million of the Series 2016 GO Bonds and \$9.0 million of the Series 2018 GO Bonds will be eligible for redemption.

Series 2018 Summary and Tax Rate: The District successfully conducted the sale of the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds during a period of still historically low interest rates and on a date when market weakness allowed for lower than projected interest rates. Strong tax base growth and a top "AAA" rating allowed for a reduced term for the Series 2018 GO Bonds of 25 years, while maintaining capacity for issuance of the remaining \$45 million in authorized GO Bonds in an efficient manner. The repayment ratio of 1.69 to 1 (or 69 cents of interest for each dollar borrowed) was achieved, outperforming promises made to voters. Tax rates are projected to remain near voter estimates of \$30 for the first two years, after which, Election of 2018, Series 2018 repayments are reduced to allow for the planned issuance of additional bonds within the next 18 months.

Measure "S" Summary: With the sale of the Election of 2018, Series 2018 GO Bonds, the District has received the first \$25 million of the funds authorized by voters with Measure "S", leaving capacity for \$45 million of additional bonds to be efficiently issued. The sale of bonds is expected to fund portions of the new Middle School construction and other projects outlined in the facilities master plan. Through the Elections of 2016 and 2018, the District has: (a) Reroofed ALL District campuses; (b) Completed other critical safety repairs; (c) Funded construction of new science labs and other improvements to the comprehensive Middle School; (d) Funded technology infrastructure needs at all campuses. Additionally, similar to Measure "H", the Measure "S" bonds beat expectations shared with voters, and were delivered at a total net repayment cost of \$42.3 million and a total duration of only 25 years.

The Board thanked Mr. Greene for the report and indicated that they are very proud of the "AAA" rating.

- B. Consideration to Approve the Contract with Beals Martin and Associates, Inc. for the Ravenswood Middle School Realignment - Phase I Project. Mr. Steve Eichman introduced Mr. Chris Bradley from SVA Architects and Ms. Norine Bruno from Telacu Construction Management, who provided background information regarding the RCSD Facilities Master Plan, this project, including an overview of the work and tasks completed today that allows to bring to the Board the recommendation for the contractor to begin the work.

The PowerPoint presentation included Ravenswood Middle School Phase 1: (a) **The Process:** Project and educational goals identified as part of the Facilities Master Plan Process; Districtwide Stakeholder input on Science facilities; Construction Manager Hired; Architect Hired; Incorporation of educational goals and stakeholder input into preliminary design; Proposed design reviewed with site teachers and feedback incorporated into final design; Final design completed; DSA Submittal; Resolution of old, existing DSA projects; DSA Approval; Formal, publicly advertised bid process according to Public Contract Code requirements; Award to the lowest responsive bidder; Start of Construction.

(b) **Project Scope Overview. Science Lab Scope:** Four New Science Labs in the "A" Wing. The four new science labs will be approximately 1340 square feet each. Building A will receive a structural upgrade as required by code due to the wall changes. Each of the science labs will receive: New chemical resistant laboratory cabinets



New teacher's demonstration table; new emergency shower and eye wash; New resilient flooring; New, more energy efficient windows; New doors; New wall finishes; New whiteboards; New HVAC system; New LED lighting; New acoustical ceilings; Fume hoods, gas cocks are not required; Prep space is provided in the lab in lieu of a separate prep room and correspondingly smaller labs. **Music Room Scope:** New Music Room. A new music room will be provided at the current computer lab location behind the stage (where the original music room was). The existing office and storage spaces in this room will be reconfigured to provide two practice rooms and an instrument storage room. The door to the stage will be removed and infilled and the stairs will be removed to provide more useable floor space. The new music room will receive: Music storage cabinets (existing cabinets to be reviewed for suitability of reuse); New sink and cabinetry; New resilient flooring; New, more energy efficient windows; New doors; New wall finishes; New whiteboards; New HVAC system; New LED lighting; New acoustical ceilings; New acoustical wall treatments. **Locker Room Renovations:** Locker Room Revisions. The existing Boys' and Girls' Locker Rooms will receive: Approximately 100 new 12"x12"x12" 3-tier steel lockers at each locker room; New epoxy flooring; New wall paint; New ceiling paint; New whiteboards; New LED lighting; ADA upgrades to the existing restrooms; Existing HVAC system to remain.

The Board thanked them for the report and complimented staff for the tremendous amount of work done.

Ms. Andrea Reyna indicated that during the November Election, four out of five received significant campaign donations from the Company that the RCSD is working right now. At the Board Study Session on Monday, Ms. Reyna noted that tonight was going to be this vote, and given the substantial campaign contributions received by Board Member Pulido, she respectfully asked her to abstain in this vote. Trustee Pulido clarified that she or her campaign did not receive or ask for any financial contributions from any of those agencies.

County Counsel Rosendo Padilla stated that Trustee Pulido has made that assertion in the past and her decision to vote is based on her assertion.

Mr. Eichman stated that as Mr. Bradley said, RCSD Administration in conjunction with SVA Architects and Telacu Construction Management requested proposals from contractors for the Ravenswood Middle School Realignment - Phase I project. The District advertised for this project in the local newspaper twice and posted the RFI in the local trade journals as well. There was also a job walk at RMS for all prospective bidders so they had an opportunity to review the areas of work. Four (4) bid proposals were received and evaluated by the Facilities Committee, Administration, Telacu Construction Management, and the Architect. By law the District is required to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

Based on the review and discussions of the proposals received, the recommendation is to award the contract to Beals Martin and Associates, Inc., which was the lowest bidder. Their bid was for \$5,808,211.00.

Trustee Gaona Mendoza wanted to know why these companies gave campaign donations to people who were running. She wanted to let the Board know that for this reason, it is hard for her to vote on this item.

MSC (Pulido/Wilson) to approve the Contract with Beals Martin and Associates, Inc. for the Ravenswood Middle School Realignment - Phase I Project. Trustees Sobomehin, Fitch, Pulido and Wilson, Yes. Trustee Gaona Mendoza No. Motion carried 4-1.

President Sobomehin indicated that before approval of the Agenda, she pulled items 11.A, 11.B. and 11.B.2 from the Consent Agenda and place them in the regular order of business for discussion.

- 11.A President Sobomehin said that on page 1 she saw a charge for \$7,432.60 for Voler Strategic Advisors under office and other supplies and she wanted to know what that was. Dr. Hernández-Goff stated that

it is the cost to develop a communication that went to all of the households in our attendance area that included development, printing and postage. She indicated that she asked them to produce this because she did not have the staff to do it. President Sobomehin noted that she was concerned about this contract in particular because she wants to be careful about using these services in ways that are not stipulated in the contract. President Sobomehin requested to see the mailer and the contract for the work.

MSC (Gaona/Fitch) to approve Payments to Vendors for January 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11.B.1 and 11.B.2 President Sobomehin indicated that she pulled these two items because she wanted to be sure that there is a termination clause in the contracts. Dr. Hernández-Goff indicated that these two contracts are for Special Education Services. President Sobomehin directed the Superintendent to add a termination clause to all the contracts. Mr. Eichman indicated that there is a termination clause in the summary page.

MSC (Gaona/Fitch) to approve Item 11.B.1 Contract with EdSped Solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

MSC (Fitch/Sobomehin) to approve Item 11.B.2 Contract with SMCOE - NPS/NPA. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA.**

MSC (Fitch/Pulido) to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consideration to Approve the Following Contracts: 3) Practi-Cal, 4) Department of Health Care Services, 5&6) Notre Dame de Namur University, 7) Pacific Oaks College, 8) SMC Health, Family Health Services Div., 9) Touch A Soul, 10) Central Drug System, Inc.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sobomehin adjourned the Meeting at 9:57 p.m.

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June 13, 2019  
Date of Approval

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Clerk's Signature

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