

# AVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION

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**Board Members:**

Mele K. Latu, President  
Tamara Sobomehin, Vice President  
Bronwyn Alexander, Clerk  
Ana Maria Pulido, Member  
Jenny Bloom, Member

## MINUTES June 24, 2021

**Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:**

Present:

Bronwyn Alexander  
Jenny Bloom  
Mele Latu  
Ana Maria Pulido  
Tamara Sobomehin

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

Minutes:

President Latu called the meeting to order. Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, Bronwyn Alexander, Ana Maria Pulido, and Jenny Varghese Bloom were present.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Jenny Bloom and a second by Tamara Sobomehin.

Yes Bronwyn Alexander  
Yes Jenny Bloom  
Yes Mele Latu  
Yes Ana Maria Pulido  
Yes Tamara Sobomehin

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Item 6.J pulled for further discussion and updates to Summary for Item 6.E. See Consent Agenda section 6 for more details.

**3. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957:**

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

**4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Minutes:

Resumed to open session at 7:15 p.m.

Board President Latu announced that our meetings are recorded and Spanish translation is available. Trustee Pulido made this announcement in Spanish.

**A. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1**

Minutes:

Board President Latu reported that discussion was held and no action taken.

**5. FROM THE FLOOR**

Minutes:

President Latu announced that any persons wishing to address the Board on matters NOT on the posted agenda may do so at this time. President Latu indicated no hands were raised.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Ana Maria Pulido and a second by Bronwyn Alexander.

Yes Bronwyn Alexander  
Yes Jenny Bloom  
Yes Mele Latu  
Yes Ana Maria Pulido  
Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

President Latu, announced item 6.J was pulled (Health Connected) and discussion was held. See item 6.J. for meeting notes and vote.

Also, a correction was made in the Summary for Item 6.E. from Math to Science.

**A. Consideration to approve Personnel Recommendations.**

**B. Consideration to approve the Payment to Vendors , May 1 to May 31, 2021.**

**C. Consideration to approve the Minutes for the May 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.**

**D. Consideration to approve the Minutes for the June 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.**

**E. Consideration to approve MOU with Child Mind Institute.**

**F. Consideration to approve the MOU with Playworks.**

**G. Consideration to approve the MOU with StarVista's Child and Family Resource Center (CFRC).**

**H. Consideration to approve an MOU with Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen.**

**I. Consideration to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with ParentSquare.**

**J. Consideration to approve MOU with Health Connected.**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommend that the Board approve the MOU with Health Connected. Passed with a motion by Bronwyn Alexander and a second by Jenny Bloom.

Yes Bronwyn Alexander

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Yes Jenny Bloom  
No Mele Latu  
No Ana Maria Pulido  
Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

President Latu reported 6.J was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Cynthia Chin addressed the Board and updated the rationale for item 6.J. Trustee Pulido expressed her concerns around her vote with this item; such as the option for parents to opt in/out, concerns with the consent form and overall context of the curriculum for grades 5th & 7th.

Discussion was held and next steps held to update the parent permission slip with passive consent, consent opt out, to hold information nights for 5th and 7th grade and share an overview of the curriculum with parents in those grades and with the opportunity for parents to ask questions. Information of the specific classes/ guess speaker to be sent via ParentSquare and the correction to the rationale will be made.

President Latu, open up the floor for a motion to approve 6.J.with updates & Board input.

**K. Consideration to approve the Annual Renewal License With InformedK12.**

**L. Consideration to accept a \$15,000 COVID-19 Education Partnership Grant Agreement from San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE).**

**M. Consideration to approve the MOU with San Francisco 49ers Academy.**

**N. Consideration to approve MOU with Children's Health Council.**

**O. Consideration to approve MOU with Samaritan House.**

**P. Consideration to approve contract and data use agreement with In Class Today.**

**Q. Consideration to approve MOU with East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring (After School Program.)**

**R. Consideration to approve an agreement with StaffRehab to establish a bill rate for the candidates referenced in the contract: Merna Bramilla - Nurse [Special Education].**

**S. Consideration to approve an agreement with BMR to establish a bill rate for the candidate referenced in the contract: Rebecca Green [Special Education]**

**T. Consideration to approve an agreement with Eval Group to establish a bill rate for the candidates referenced in the contract: Veronica Garcia - Psychologist, Maycie LaBass, Psychologist [Special Education].**

**U. Consideration to approve the Manzanita Works Transit Consortium Agreement.**

**V. Consideration to approve the Manzanita Works Childcare Consortium Agreement.**

**W. Consideration to approve Contract with Spartan Engineers for the CCRMS Phase Zero Fire Alarm Work.**

**X. Consideration to approve Contract with Lewis & Tibbitts for the CCRMS Phase Zero Low Voltage Underground Pathway.**

**Y. Consideration to accept a \$40,000 COVID-19 Education Partnership Fund Grant Agreement from San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE).**

**Z. Consideration to approve an MOU with the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH").**

**AA. Consideration to approve Service Proposal from New Leaders.**

**BB. Consideration to approve MOU with East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring**

**CC. Consideration to approve contract with Let's Go Learn.**

**DD. Consideration to approve revision of School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs.)**

**EE. Consideration to approve disposal of obsolete science curriculum**

**FF. Consideration to approve agreement with the Literacy and Language Collaborative for Literacy Professional Development.**

**GG. Consideration to approve the agreement with the Unwound Mind.**

**HH. Consideration to approve renewal of Summit curriculum adoption for grades 6-8 and partnership agreement for 21-22.**

**II. Consideration to approve an agreement with EdSped to establish a bill rate for the candidates referenced in the contract: Steve Duralis - AP [Special Education].**

**JJ. Request for Affirmation of Board Adopted Curricula for 2021-2022, Williams Instructional Materials List**

- KK. Consideration to approve an agreement with Nova Therapies to establish a bill rate for the candidates referenced in the contract: Andrew Casaca, SLP. [Special Education]**
- LL. Consideration to approve an agreement with Welldom Inc to establish a bill rate for the candidates referenced in the contract: Vaishali Bauksaur, PT [Special Education]**
- MM. Consideration to approve memorandum of understanding with Counseling and Support Services for Youth.**

## **7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

### **A. Consideration to approve RESOLUTION 2020/2021 -25 In Honor of Michele M. Sharkey.**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Tamara Sobomehin and a second by Ana Maria Pulido.

- Yes Bronwyn Alexander
- Yes Jenny Bloom
- Yes Mele Latu
- Yes Ana Maria Pulido
- Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

Superintendent Sudaria acknowledge Michele Sharkey for been instrumental in the work in the Ravenswood City School District.

Trustee Alexander and Superintendent Sudaria read the Board Resolution 2020/2021 in Honor of Michele Sharkey and congratulated her on her 25 years of service to the Ravenswood City School District and 49ers Academy.

President Latu open the floor for Public comment.

Speakers from the floor include: Trustee Alexander, Heather Hopkings, Ronda White, representing RTA, Viviana Espinosa, Trstee Pulido, Vice President Sobomehin, Trustee Bloom, President Latu, Solomon Hill and Michelle Sharkey.

### **B. Special Presentation by President Latu.**

Minutes:

President Latu, presents on behalf of the Ravenswood City School District Governing Board, we would like to take this time to give a special recognition to Nelly Maldonado. Honoring Ms. Maldonado for her many years of service and commitment to the Board and District. Nelly has played a crucial role in supporting the Board Navigate daily objectives and staying on top of short and long term goals.

Speakers for this item include: President Latu, Vice President Sobomehin, Trustee Bloom, Trustee Alexander, Trustee Pulido, Superintendent Sudaria, Ronda White, RTA President, Solomon Hill and Nelly Maldonado.

## **8. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

### **A. End of Year Reflection.**

Minutes:

Superintendent Sudaria shared her End of the Year Reflection presentation and gave updates on:

- Last summer events: distributed devices and hotspots to every student, established a Reopening Committee, and Decided to teach and Learn Remotely.
- Learning Hubs and partnerships: with the Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula, 49ers Academy, East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring.
- Return to In-Person Learning: TK returned in January then Kinder. Monitored and assess the COVID Context. Offered in-person learning to every child by Mary 4th. Currently have about 60% of students on campus.
- Community Coming Together: providing backpacks, tech. support for families, over a million Meals served, and Holiday Toy Drive.

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- **All Things COVID:** Temperature checks/Health Screening Questions, Curative testing, Antigen Testing, Distribution of vaccines, constantly monitoring the COVID context. Meanwhile: hired new team members, school merged and developed new school communities, new Governance Team, New learning for Staff and Students, Prepared to launch our largest in-person summer learning program, updated our Strategic Plan and LCAP, Developed a comprehensive budget to strategically align REF and Stimulus funds, and send middle school students to the world's robotic championship.

President Latu, open the floor for comments, speakers on this item: Vice President Sobomehin, Trustee Bloom, Trustee Alexander, President Latu, Ronda White, RTA President.

### **B. Fourth Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints 2020-2021, Education Code 35186 (April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.)**

Minutes:

Superintendent Sudaria reports no complaints have been filed with any of our schools in the District during the 2020-2021 4th quarter.

## **9. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

### **A. LCAP Local Indicators**

Minutes:

Lara Burenin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Cynthia Chin, Director of Student Services presented on LCAP Local Indicators. Reviewed the 8 State Priorities and the Indicators by State Priority Area. Went over the following priorities

- **Priority 1:** Basic conditions at school of appropriately assigned teachers, access to curriculum, and safe, clean and functional school facilities.
- **Priority 2:** Implementation of State Academic Standards, First area is in Progress in providing professional learning for teaching to the adopted academic standards and curriculum frameworks identified. Second area is in Progress in making standards-aligned instructional materials available in all classrooms where the subject is taught. Next area is Progress in implementing policies/programs to support staff in identifying areas where they can improve in delivering standards-aligned instruction. Next area is Progress in implementing the following academic standards adopted by the state board for all students. Next area is success at engaging in the following activities with teachers and school administrators during the prior school year (July 2019 - May 2020).
- **Priority 3:** Parent Involvement and Family Engagement, Cindy presents on, building Relationships between School Staff and Families. What we were already doing? Conferences at various times of day to adjust for families, Interpretation for meetings, Composition of SSC/ELAC and DAC/DELAC, How have we changed? Virtual meetings, Family Workshops, 2 way communication system. Building Partnerships for Student Outcomes, What we were doing already? Meetings with families, Work with a variety of non-profit organizations in the community How have we changed? Technology and software support for staff and families for communication, Developed a tool to evaluate ongoing partnerships. Seeking Input for Decision-Making. What we were doing already? SSC/ELAC meetings, DAC/DELAC meetings, Family event committees. How have we changed? Community in Action meetings, Survey families, Actively seeking input.
- **Priority 6:** School Climate, review of the California Healthy Kids Survey Results.
- **Priority 7:** Access to a Broad Course of Study, on the local measures or tools are used to track the extent to which all students have access to a broad course of study. And goes over the Summarize the extent to which all students have access to a broad course of study. Reports on what identified barriers prevent Ravenswood from providing access to a broad course of study for all students. And explains in response, what actions will Ravenswood implement to ensure access to a broad course of study for all students. Local Indicators shared are connected to LCAP and the CA Dashboard.

President Latu open the floor for discussion.

Speakers on this item: Trustee Alexander, Cynthia Chin.

**B. Consideration to approve and adopt Ravenswood's 21-24 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board approve Ravenswood's 21-24 LCAP. Passed with a motion by Jenny Bloom and a second by Ana Maria Pulido.

- Yes Bronwyn Alexander
- Yes Jenny Bloom
- Yes Mele Latu
- Yes Ana Maria Pulido
- Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

Documents to reference LCAP with required components, SELPA consultation letter, LCAP with action goals 2021-2024, Overview graphic and Superintendent's written response.

President Latu open the floor for comment. No speakers for this item.

**10. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

**A. Consideration to approve the 2021-22 Budget.**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed 2021-22 district budget and multiyear projection. Passed with a motion by Bronwyn Alexander and a second by Tamara Sobomehin.

- Yes Bronwyn Alexander
- Yes Jenny Bloom
- Yes Mele Latu
- Yes Ana Maria Pulido
- Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

William Eger, Chief Business Official notes on presentation positions being retained with stimulus funding.

President Latu open the floor for comments. No comments on this item.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING regarding temporary transfers of monies between funds for payment of obligations, per Education Code 42603.1.**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Jenny Bloom and a second by Tamara Sobomehin.

- Yes Bronwyn Alexander
- Yes Jenny Bloom
- Yes Mele Latu
- Yes Ana Maria Pulido
- Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

President Latu, opened the Public Hearing and notes that for Public Hearings we were approving before comments and approving at the top for Public Hearing and going forward we just approve at the begging and then approve at the end.

**1. Opportunity for Members of the Public to comment on the temporary transfers of monies between funds for payment of obligations (Resolution 2020/2021 -26)**

Minutes:

President Latu open the floor for public and Board to comment. No speakers for this item.

**2. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to close the Public Hearing, Passed with a motion by Ana Maria Pulido and a

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second by Tamara Sobomehin.  
Yes Bronwyn Alexander  
Yes Jenny Bloom  
Yes Mele Latu  
Yes Ana Maria Pulido  
Yes Tamara Sobomehin

**C. Consideration to approve Resolution 2020-2021 - 26 Authorizing 2020-2021 Year End Temporary Interfund Transfer (Loan)(Education Code Section 42603).**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Tamara Sobomehin and a second by Bronwyn Alexander.

Yes Bronwyn Alexander  
Yes Jenny Bloom  
Yes Mele Latu  
Yes Ana Maria Pulido  
Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

Trustee Alexander read the Resolution.

**D. Consideration to approve Resolution 2020-2021 -27 For 2020-2021 Budgetary Increases And Transfers At Year End.**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the board approve this resolution. Passed with a motion by Tamara Sobomehin and a second by Jenny Bloom.

Yes Bronwyn Alexander  
Yes Jenny Bloom  
Yes Mele Latu  
Yes Ana Maria Pulido  
Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes:

Trustee Alexander read the Resolution.

President Latu open the floor for Public comment and comment from the Board. No speakers for this item.

**11. BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**A. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 2020/2021 -22, Board Members Excused Absences.**

**B. Board Reports/Communications.**

Minutes:

- Trustee Bloom, expressed It was great to be at the celebrations, the ground breaking ceremony meeting Steve Young. She is thankful and excited to have been there and see the kids, teachers and families. Great to see how amazing it was to be celebrating our community and the kids we have. Also announced that Job Train would be hosting an in person job fair, information posted on the City's website.
- Trustee Alexander, announced that if you live in East Palo Alto or Belle Haven to not set off fireworks at all hours of the night as it is illegal and dangerous. Also, wants to remind everybody, and you don't have to be a resident of East Palo Alto, to fill out the survey for the urban forest. It was a great school year and she looks forward to the break over the summer and the hard work we're going to do next school year coming up. Thanked everyone who came out to raise the progress pride flag this week at the District office.
- Trustee Pulido, Congratulated everybody for ending another school year. It was a tough one but we got through it together and to Superintendent Sudaria's presentation a lot was accomplished even with the obstacles and challenges of the school year. Kudos to our staff to our students and families and

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community. It was great attending the ground breaking ceremony there's much more work to be done at all of our school sites, looking forward to be a part of our community.

- President Latu, thanked all for a great year, to the board, District staff congratulations to our 8th graders and all that promoted. Please stay safe and hopes you all have a wonderful summer.

**C. The Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on August 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Open Session at 7:15 p.m.**

Minutes:

President Latu announced the next Regular Board meeting will be held on August 12, 2021 at 6:30pm. And that we will continue to work out the logistics of in person and virtual Board meetings and update the Public accordingly.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

President Latu adjourned the Ravenswood City School District Board meeting at 9:15pm.

YouTube recording of the June 24, 2021 Regular Board meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiZslB2mRRo&t=2521s>

August 12, 2021  
Date of Approval

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Clerk's Signature