

# RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Regular Board Meeting

Ravenswood City School District Board members will conduct this meeting via Zoom teleconferencing. Interested members of the public may view the Open Session portion of the meeting by logging in via Zoom <https://ravenswoodschools.zoom.us/j/82206904913> or by telephone by dialing (669) 900-6833. Webinar ID: 822 0690 4913. The Board will convene at 6:30 p.m., approve the agenda and immediately go into Closed Session. They are expected to resume to Open Session at approximately 7:15 p.m.

#### *Board Members:*

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

## MINUTES

### August 26, 2021

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Minutes: President Latu called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, and Jenny Varghese Bloom were present. Trustee Ana Maria Pulido and Bronwyn Alexander joined a few minutes late.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, and Jenny Varghese Bloom, Yes. Motion carried (3-0). Passed with a motion by Jenny Bloom and a second by Tamara Sobomehin.

Absent Bronwyn Alexander

Yes Jenny Bloom

Yes Mele Latu

Absent Ana Maria Pulido

Yes Tamara Sobomehin

Minutes: President Latu announced the approval of the Agenda and open the floor for comments, no speakers for this item.

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

Minutes: President Latu announced the Board will be entering closed session and open the floor to any individuals that wish to address the Board on anything related to what we will be discussing in Closed Session.

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:33 p.m.

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

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#### 4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Minutes: President Latu reconvened to Open Session at 7:16 p.m. And our two Board members are now in attendance (Trustee Alexander and Trustee Pulido).

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

Minutes: President Latu announced that there was discussion held during Closed Session but no action that was taken.

#### 5. FROM THE FLOOR

Minutes: No speakers for this item.

#### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion Passed:** Roll Call Vote: Trustee Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, Bronwyn Alexander, Ana Maria Pulido, and Jenny Bloom, Yes. Motion carried 5-0. 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

- A. Consideration to approve Personnel Recommendations.
- B. Consideration to renew an Individual Service Agreement (ISA) for a student with Esther B. Clark School - Palo Alto.
- C. Consideration to approve the report of the Measure "H" General Obligation Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee Pertaining to the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018
- D. Consideration to renew an Individual Service Agreement (ISA) for four students with Achieve Kids.
- E. Consideration to approve updated Job Description for Principal.
- F. Consideration to approve updated Job Description for Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- G. Consideration to approve an agreement with The Stepping Stones to establish a bill rate for the candidates referenced in the contract: Sheena Roldan (nurse), Holly VanHofwegen and Carol Beaumont(Special Education Teacher), Grace Erhardt (Occupational Therapist) [Special Education]
- H. Consideration to approve the Agreement for Cooperation for Professional Preparation of Teacher Candidates for the 2021-2022 Academic Year between Ravenswood City School District and the Board of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior University ("Stanford").
- I. Consideration to approve MOU with Canopy and Environmental Volunteers
- J. Consideration to approve MOU with Ravenswood Reads
- K. Consideration to approve addendum to the district's food agreement with KIPP Valiant Community Prep
- L. Consideration to approve agreement with SVA to design shade structures at Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School
- M. Consideration to Approve the Agreement and Scope of Work with Sterling Computers to provide device cleaning an classroom cart preparation to 92 iPad and Chromebook carts for the start of the 2021 school year.

#### 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

##### A. Welcome Back to School Message and Update

Minutes: Superintendent Sudaria shared an update about our Welcome Back message and our first two days of school. She shared that a few Trustees were able attend our Welcome Back, shared photos of students and staff and events and introduced school site administration.

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Link to the Welcome Back update presentation: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZegxS3Okjz5ev-LGZ5zN8r6czzASJuG-/view?usp=sharing>

President Latu open the floor for comments. Speakers, Trustee Bloom.

## 8. HUMAN RESOURCES

### **A. Disclosure of Ravenswood Teachers' Association (RTA) and Ravenswood City School District Initial Proposals For The 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years Contract Reopeners.**

Minutes: Toni Stone, Human Resources Director, shared the first item is the disclosure of RTA and Ravenswood District proposals both for the 20-21 and 21-22 school year contract reopeners. This is a discussion item, allowing input from the Board and Public. RCSD/RTA will reopen Article 12: Compensation for 2020-2021. RCSD/RTA will reopen Article 12: Compensation and Article 8: Evaluation Procedure for 2021-2022.

President Latu open the floor for comments, no speakers for this item.

### **B. Consideration to adopt the Ravenswood City School District Initial Proposals To Ravenswood Teachers' Association (RTA) For The 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years Contract Reopeners.**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the Ravenswood City School District Initial Proposals To Ravenswood Teachers' Association (RTA) For The 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years Contract Reopeners.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, Bronwyn Alexander, Ana Maria Pulido, and Jenny Varghese Bloom, Yes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). 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: Toni Stone, Human Resources Director, informed that item 8B is the consideration to adopt the Ravenswood City School District initial proposal.

### **C. Disclosure of California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Chapter 303 and Ravenswood City School District Initial Proposals For The 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years Contract Reopeners.**

Minutes: Toni Stone, Human Resources Director, explained this is the disclosure for CSEA and District for initial proposal for contract reopeners for the 20-21 and 21-22 school. The Articles that will be open for negotiations with CSEA is Article 6 wages and benefits.

President Latu open the floor for comment, no speakers for this item.

### **D. Consideration to adopt the Ravenswood City School District Initial Proposals to California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Chapter 303 for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years Contract Reopeners.**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the Ravenswood City School District Initial Proposals To California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Chapter 303 For The 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years Contract Reopeners.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, Bronwyn Alexander, Ana Maria Pulido, and Jenny Varghese Bloom, Yes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Passed with a motion by Tamara

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Sobomehin and a second by Bronwyn Alexander.

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

Minutes: Toni Stone, Human Resources Director shared this item is for Board action. It's the consideration to adopt the District's initial proposals to CSEA for the contract reopens.

**E. Consideration to approve the Assignment of Caroline Morales as Preschool Special Education Teacher on the Basis of a Subsequent Credential Waiver, Effective August 25, 2021.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Assignment of Caroline Morales as Preschool Special Education Teacher on the Basis of a Subsequent Credential Waiver, Effective August 25, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, Bronwyn Alexander, Ana Maria Pulido, and Jenny Varghese Bloom, Yes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). 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: Toni Stone, Human Resources Director mentioned this item is a consideration to approve the assignment of Caroline Morales as a Preschool Special Education teacher on the Basis of a Subsequent Credential Waiver.

President Latu open the floor for comments, no speakers for this item.

**9. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

**A. Consideration to approve contract with FM3 to conduct voter research survey on a possible bond issuance in the summer or fall of 2022.**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the board approve this contract.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, Bronwyn Alexander, Ana Maria Pulido, and Jenny Varghese Bloom, Yes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Passed with a motion by Jenny Bloom and a second by Bronwyn Alexander.

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

Minutes: William Eger, Chief Business Official shared a proposal to bring on a surveying company to survey our community at some point over the next few months for a potential bond issuance in 2022. He shared that with middle school construction set to begin, we are approaching the end of our available bond funds. And shared we have spent these funds to achieve the goal of "safe, warm, and dry" by making significant investments in new roofs and safer locks, as well as modernizing classrooms and adding new play areas. We have also sought to minimize the burden on our community by aggressively seeking external funding opportunities and that we continue to have substantial and ongoing facility needs across all of our schools. Because of this, we are exploring going out for a

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school construction bond in the summer or fall of 2022 and are interested in surveying our community to understand if they are interested in supporting this project.

William shared that with approval from the Board for this proposal the next steps are to proceed with the survey before the Holidays, bring the results back to the Board and to proceed in the summer 2022 or fall 2022.

Link to the Bond Survey Presentation:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RVzJE1Jqu1zTQpTkJf2D5ovi3y5Dd7fL/view?usp=sharing>

President Latu open the floor for comment from the Board, Speakers for this item Trustee Sobomehin, and Trustee Pulido.

**10. BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**A. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 2021/2022 -2, Board Members Excused Absences.**

**B. Performance Evaluation**

**1. Title: Superintendent**

Minutes: President Latu reported the Board administered the evaluation for Superintendent Sudaria last year with the results being satisfactory.

**C. Board Policy revision, Second Reading and Action, AR: 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures and AR: 5141.4, Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

**Motion Passed:** Roll Call Vote: Trustees Mele Latu, Tamara Sobomehin, Bronwyn Alexander, Ana Maria Pulido, and Jenny Varghese Bloom, Yes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). 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: Superintendent Sudaria explained, there were several Board Policies and Administrative Regulations provided to the Trustees the last meeting for first reading so this is the Second reading and Action.

**D. Board Reports/Communications**

Minutes: Trustee Alexander announced that every Monday of a Board meeting week she will be holding open office hours via zoom from 6-6:30. And the zoom meeting link can be found on the Board members page on the District website.

Trustee Bloom shared she had the opportunity to attend the closing ceremonies at Belle Haven for the Big Lift program and that the programs and kids were amazing, she was able to hear the penguin dance and it was fun even. She was able to see the teachers dancing and the parents were so excited at how much their kids have learned and was able participate with the group. Trustee Bloom shared it was great to see the summer programs offered at our campuses.

President Latu, mentioned she had the privilege of visiting all of the schools and it was a great experience. She congratulated the staff and families on being able to reopen and bring back students in a safe manner. She shared it has been an amazing process to be able to still be present in school and wanted to take the time to thank each and every one of you for playing your part and showing up for Ravenswood. President Latu has only been hearing great things and hopes we can continue to work

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together. She ended her comment by saying Great job to everyone!

**E. A Closed Session Board Retreat/Special Board Meeting will be held on August 28, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Minutes: President Latu announced a Closed Session Board Retreat/Special Board Meeting will be held on August 28, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**F. The next Regular Board meeting will be held on September 9, 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 September 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Board meeting will be held virtual until further notice.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes: President Latu adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

September 9, 2021  
Date of Approval

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Clerk's Signature