

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/87002462851> or by telephone by dialing (669) 900-6833. Webinar ID: 870 0246 2851. 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

September 23, 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 at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Motion carried unanimously (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

Minutes: President Latu, indicated if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on Closed Session matters may do so at this time. No speakers for this item.

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:32 p.m.

3. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/RESIGNATION

B. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9

1. Conference with legal Counsel - anticipated litigation significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code 54956.9: (3 cases)

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Minutes: President Latu reconvened Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

A. Report of action taken in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1

Minutes: President Latu, reported for item 3-A no discussion was held, and for item

3-B1 discussion was held and action was taken.

5. FROM THE FLOOR

Minutes: President Latu opened the floor to the Public. No one addressed the Board on this item.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Agenda (excluding item 6.D.)

Motion carried unanimously (5-0). 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: President Latu, pulled item 6.D for further discussion. Chief Academic Officer, Jennifer Gravem provided background information around the contract with ProCare.
Reference item 6.D for motion.

- A. Consideration to approve Personnel Recommendations.
- B. Consideration to approve the Minutes for the August 28, 2021, Special Board Meeting
- C. Consideration to approve the Minutes for the September 9, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- D. Consideration to approve an agreement with ProCare to establish a bill rate for the candidates referenced in the contract: Shaarika Blunt - Speech and Language Pathologist. [Special Education]

Motion Passed: *President Latu pulled item 6.D for further discussion and vote.*

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

- E. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the San Francisco 49ers Academy and the Ravenswood City School District
- F. Consideration to approve an MOU between The Art David Athletic League and Ravenswood City School District.
- G. Consideration to approve contract with NatureBridge.
- H. Consideration to approve MOU with Vida Verde for the Outdoor Education Program.
- I. Consideration to approve the MOU with Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
- J. Consideration to approve MOU with Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE)
- K. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Brackney Consulting LLC. and the Ravenswood City School District
- L. Consideration to approve MOU with San Mateo County Office of Education for Professional Development in English Language Development
- M. Consideration to approve MOU with San Mateo County Office of Education for Math Professional Development
- N. Consideration to approve metal lockers installation from Consolidated Partitions Incorporated
- O. Consideration to approve contract with Lewis and Tibbits to build a haul road for Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School construction
- P. Consideration to approve payments to vendors, 6/1/21 to 8/31/21

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-2022 -5: Recognizing September 15-October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and Latinx Heritage Month in the Ravenswood City School District

Motion Passed: Motion carried unanimously (5-0). 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: Trustee Pulido read Resolution 2021-2022 -5: Recognizing September 15-October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and Latinx Heritage Month in the Ravenswood City School District.

B. Staff Core Value Recognition: Integrity.

Minutes: Superintendent Sudaria shared a staff recognition presentation on the core value of Integrity. Staff recognized for modeling transparency and honesty to build trust, relationships and community: Lauren (Traube) Hahn, Patricia Norton, Tina Collier, and Adelaida Valencia Ramirez.

8. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A. Public Hearing

Motion Passed: 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: Lara Burenin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained the Public Hearing was to address the William Sufficiency Hearing requirement on or before the eighth week of school each fall.

1. Opportunity for Members of the Public to comment on the Adequacy of Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials FY 2021-2022

Minutes: President Latu, opened the floor for public comment. No speakers for this item.

2. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Passed with a motion by Bronwyn Alexander and a second by Ana Maria Pulido.

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

B. Consideration to approve Resolution #2021/2022-4: Resolution on Sufficiency of Textbooks or instructional Materials FY 2021-2022

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution 2021/2022-4: Resolution on Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials. Motion carried unanimously (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

9. STUDENT SERVICES

A. Enrollment Report

Minutes: Director of Student Services, Cynthia Chin shared a presentation and update on current enrollment and trends. Trustee Sobomehin inquired about the cause of declining enrollment and Cynthia explained the decline has been due to Charter schools and to a large number of families moving out of the area. Trustee Alexander mentioned this report strengthens the need to advertise what the District has to offer and encourage families with school age children not attending Ravenswood to come and visit Ravenswood. Trustee Bloom thanked the staff, student, and community for helping us get to do the renovations stage at our middle school and is excited to see enrollment numbers increase.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

A. Strategic Plan Update for the 2021-2022 School Year

Minutes: Superintendent Sudaria shared a presentation on the five-year Strategic Plan update, initiatives and milestones, and explained the plan was adopted in the spring of 2020 right before COVID.

- Curriculum and Instruction Director, Lara Burenin, shared updates and highlights on Strategic Priority 1.1: Mathematics, and Priority 1.4: Professional Development.
- Chief Academic Officer, Jennifer Gravem, shared updates and highlights on Strategic Priority 1.2: English Language Arts, Priority 1.3: Multi-Tiered System of Supports, and Priority 1.5: Acceleration.
- Jennifer Gravem and Lara Burenin shared an update on District partners.
- Student Services Director, Cynthia Chin, shared the update to Strategic Priority 2, on 2.1: Student Culture and 2.2: Social Emotional Learning, and Priority 4.1: Family Engagement.
- Director of Human Resources, Toni Stone, shared an update on negotiations per Strategic Priority 3.
- Superintendent Sudaria announced the modification of Priority 4.2 Community Services.
- Chief Business Official, William Eger, shared an update on Strategic Priority 5.1: Budgeting.
- Superintendent Sudaria shared on Strategic Priority 6, and the launch of a new Ravenswood Newsletter featuring a new District logo and the development of a Parent/Family Involvement Policy.

President Latu, opened the floor for public comment. Trustee Pulido requested information on how we're strengthening relationship and increasing engagement amid COVID. Superintendent Sudaria shared how Parent Square stem from last year's implementation and has been successful. She also shared that holding meeting through zoom has proven to be supportive to families. Student Services Director, Chin, shared about the family workshop covering various topics of family interest from different non-profits in the community. And how sites and District office

now have an outreach coordinator to help coordinate with families on needs, engagement, and help build lines of communication. Trustee Bloom, shared staff at sites utilize both in-person and online meetings to obtain parent engagement and finds this strategy to be helpful as parents can decide to participate in an in-person meeting if on site or join remotely from off-site. She also shared the response to messaging via ParentSquare has a quick turnaround by teachers.

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 2021/2022 - 3, Board member excused absences

B. Consideration to approve the Ravenswood City School District Governance Handbook 2021.

Motion Passed: 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: President Latu open the floor for public comment. Trustee Pulido thanked everyone for their patience and understanding while incorporating the elements to the Governance Handbook.

C. Board reports / communication

Minutes:

- President Latu shared information on the Youth Conference in East Palo Alto and pop-up COVID clinic this Saturday (9/25/21).
- Trustee Sobomehin shared she joined the Stanford Graduate School of Education program and encouraged everyone to explore the free program.
- Trustee Bloom shared she will be hosting a College application clinic on Tuesday (9/28/21) at 7 p.m. Clinic is open to all high school Senior students applying to the UC's that are in need of help completing their application.

D. The next Regular Board meeting will be held on October 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom with Open Session to start at approximately 7:15 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes: President Latu adjourned the Regular Board meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Date of Approval

Clerk's Signature