

San Rafael City Schools Agenda Online Minutes

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Regular Meeting - SRCS Board of Education

November 17, 2014

Monday, 06:00 PM

District Office - Boardroom

310 Nova Albion Way

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Attendees

Paul Cohen	Board Member	
Linda Jackson	Board Member	
Rachel Kertz	Board member	
Greg Knell	Board Member	
Natu Tuatagaloa	Board Member	
Amy Baer		<i>non-voting</i>
Harriet MacLean		<i>non-voting</i>
Chris Thomas		<i>non-voting</i>
Michael Watenpaugh		<i>non-voting</i>

I. OPEN SESSION

Minutes

President Tuatagaloa convened the November 17, 2014 meeting to Open Session at 5:01 PM.

Board members present were:

Natu Tuatagaloa
Greg Knell
Paul M. Cohen
Linda M. Jackson
Rachel Kertz

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes

None.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes

Pursuant to Government Code sections 48900, 48915, 54957.6, 54956.9 and 54957, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 PM.

Board members present were:

Natu Tuatagaloa
Greg Knell
Paul M. Cohen
Linda M. Jackson
Rachel Kertz

1. CLOSED SESSION: (HSD) Government Code: 48900(k), and 48915(a)(1);

Consideration of Student Expulsion Case #14/15-3

2. CLOSED SESSION: (ESD/HSD) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code 54957.6)

(D)

Name of Agency Negotiator: Michael Watenpaugh, Rebecca Rosales, Chris Thomas

Employee Organization/Title: SRFT, SRTA, CSEA

3. CLOSED SESSION: Gov. Code 54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION -(ESD) Case # 487328 and 489737 (D) (V)

4. CLOSED SESSION: Gov. Code 54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: (2 cases - ESD/HSD) (D)

5. CLOSED SESSION: Gov. Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Superintendent (ESD/HSD)

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Minutes

President Tuatagaloa reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:14 PM.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes

DMS student Lulu Gebbie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. PRESENTATION: (ESD/HSD) "ABOVE AND BEYOND" Recognition

Recommendation: That the Board recognizes nominated staff members.

Minutes

Superintendent Watenpaugh introduced employees nominated to receive recognition as site level staff members who contributed to the success of the opening of the 2014-15 school year. President Tuatagaloa expressed thanks to them on behalf of the Board.

Those recognized were:

Emily Busch
Klaus Christiansen
Ruth Graham
Portia Kelsey
Ike Micu
Molly O'Donoghue
Donni Jo Pipkin
Dayna Reilly
Anabella Reyes
Maria Rodriguez
Sang Bui

VII. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Minutes

Lorrie Narcisse, San Rafael HS:

- The Homecoming parade and dance went well. The juniors float won again for the third year in a row.
- Student tours led by Link Crew have been positive.
- Club Food Day was successful.
- This is college season for seniors. Teachers are all aware and are being flexible to support seniors as they get through their application submissions.
- The fall musical play just finished its run.
- Winter sports are beginning.
- Parking at SRHS has been an issue. Administration has introduced a proposal to add parking spaces at the rear of school near the tennis courts.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes

Len Schultz, representing the Glenwood SCC, requested an update/summary of the process to select a permanent principal for Glenwood.

IX. SPECIAL REPORT

1. UPDATE: Common Core State Standards (D)

Recommendation: That the Board receives any updates since the last Board meeting regarding implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

Minutes

Dr. MacLean introduced Davidson Middle School teachers Alex Chapman and Casey Shannon and students Dante Filippetto and Lulu Gebbie. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Shannon provided examples of shifts with the CCSS for English/Language Arts lesson planning and structure of classroom time, enhancing group work and interactions. They also reviewed examples of shifts to non-fictional reading material and writing. Dante and Lulu shared their experiences with Common Core changes and what they are enjoying about CCSS. The students responded to questions from Trustee Jackson regarding integrated writing.

2. UPDATE: Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) (D)

Recommendation: That the Board receives any updates since the last Board meeting regarding development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Minutes

Superintendent Watenpaugh reported that staff, including new Director of English Learner Programs Oscar Medina, are working to develop action plans for the 14-15 LCAP goals.

With the policy for the development of LCAP Parent Advisory Committees (PAC) now adopted by the board, invitations will be sent out to community groups seeking nominations of district parents to serve on the committees for both ESD and HSD. January 7 will be the first meeting.

3. UPDATE: Facilities Report (D)

Recommendation: That the Board receives any updates since the last Board meeting regarding facilities.

1. Review Phase Two Sound Wall for Venetia Valley
2. Master Facilities Plan

Minutes

CBO Thomas presented a proposal for 44 additional parking spots to be added to the SRHS campus, the equivalent of 45% more spaces for staff. The proposal has been reviewed with the site facilities committee and staff. She responded to trustee questions regarding size of the spaces, design options for covered parking with solar panels, wheel stops, potential for electric vehicle spaces, the durability of the existing blacktop, potential puddling issues, and lighting.

Ms. Thomas reviewed the status of the second phase of the noise abatement at Venetia Valley School, with an addition onto the current sound wall while maintaining fire lane access by angling the nearby gate, and adding another container that would butt up against the existing container to create another sound barrier - cost estimates - \$65K-\$70K. She responded to questions from trustees regarding how this plan differs from the original plan, and potential to phase in to break down costs.

Trustees discussed the proposal, noting it appears to be piecing together a potential fix. They also discussed potential cost estimates. After additional discussion trustees suggested leaving the current sound wall as is, reorienting the gate and adding the additional container, then do noise readings after this fix is in place to compare against the original noise level readings.

4. UPDATE: (ESD/HSD) Labor Unions: CSEA, SRTA, SRFT (D)

Recommendation: That the Board receives updates from district labor leaders:

- 1) CSEA
- 2) SRTA
- 3) SRFT

Minutes

CSEA:

Ms. Puga noted CSEA is eagerly awaiting the start of negotiations.

There was no update at the time from SRTA or SRFT.

X. CONSENT AGENDAMinutes

Trustee Jackson requested Item #1 be pulled for correction.

President Tuatagaloa recused from voting on item #9.

M/S/C (Cohen, Jackson) the Board voted 5-0 to approve Consent Agenda items 2-17, by the following vote:

Natu Tuatagaloa - yes (recused from item #9)

Greg Knell - yes

Paul M. Cohen - yes

Linda M. Jackson - yes

Rachel Kertz - yes

1. BOARD BUSINESS: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2014 (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves these Minutes.

Minutes

Trustee Jackson requested an amendment to page 4 of the October 27th minutes. Her statement should read "...the law had changed to require student engagement..."

Approved: The Board approved these Minutes as amended by Trustee Jackson.

Motion made by: Linda Jackson

Seconded by: Paul Cohen

Votes

Paul Cohen Yes

Linda Jackson Yes

Rachel Kertz Yes

Greg Knell Yes

Natu Tuatagaloa Yes

2. FINANCE: (ESD) Ratification of Warrant Register for Warrants Issued October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 by the San Rafael Elementary School District (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board ratifies the warrants for ESD - October 2014.

Minutes

Approved: The Board ratified the warrants for October 2014.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

3. FINANCE: (HSD) Ratification of Warrant Register for Warrants Issued October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 by the San Rafael High District (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board ratifies the warrants for October 2014.

Minutes

Approved: The Board ratified the warrants for SRCS HSD - October 2014.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

4. FINANCE: (HSD) Approval of AB 1200 Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the San Rafael High School District and the San Rafael Federation of Teachers (SRFT) for 2014-15 (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the AB 1200 Disclosure Documents (SRFT) for 2014-15.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved the AB 1200 Disclosure Documents (SRFT) for 2014-15.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

5. FINANCE: (HSD) Approval of Agreement Between the Marin County Office of Education and the San Rafael High School District for the Regional Occupational

Program Services for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the agreement.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved the agreement.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

6. PERSONNEL: (ESD) Approval of Elementary School District Personnel, Certificated/Classified (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves all hiring, terminations, transfers and retirements of employees in the Elementary School District.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved all hiring, terminations, transfers and retirements of employees in the Elementary School District.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

7. PERSONNEL: (HSD) Approval of High School District Personnel, Certificated/Classified (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves all hiring, terminations, transfers, and retirements of employees in the High School District.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved all hiring, terminations, transfers, and retirements of employees in the High School District.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
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Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

8. PERSONNEL: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Joint School District Personnel, Certificated & Classified (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves all hiring, terminations, transfers and retirements of employees in the Joint School District.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved all hiring, terminations, transfers and retirements of employees in the Joint School District.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

9. PERSONNEL: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Technical Revision to Certificated Substitute Daily Rates for the San Rafael City Schools Elementary & High School Districts (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the technical revision to the certificated substitute daily rate.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved the technical revision to the certificated substitute daily rate.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Recuse

10. PERSONNEL: (ESD/HSD) Personnel Recommendations (9-12) for Appointment of Extra Pay for Outside Work for the 2014-2015 School Year (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves these Personnel actions.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved these Personnel actions.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

11. PERSONNEL: (HSD) Approval of Tentative Agreement Between San Rafael City Schools and the San Rafael Federation of Teachers (SRFT) and a revised 2014-2015 SRFT Salary Schedule (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves this Tentative Agreement between SRCS and SRFT as well as the revised SRFT Salary Schedule for 2014-15.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved this Tentative Agreement between SRCS and SRFT as well as the revised SRFT Salary Schedule for 2014-15.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

12. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Terra Linda High School Overnight School Sponsored Trip for Stand Up Mock Trial Academy in Carmel, California, January 16 - 18, 2015 (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves this overnight student trip.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved this overnight student trip.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

13. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of One Year Technical Revision to Course of Study Process and Procedures System (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves this one year technical revision to the Course of Study Process and Procedures System.

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved this one year technical revision to the Course of Study Process and Procedures System.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

14. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval of Technical Revision to Outdoor Education

Dates: Bahia Vista - January 13-16, 2015 and Sun Valley - April 6-9, 2015 (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves this technical revision to the dates of the overnight outdoor education study trips for Bahia Vista and Sun Valley fifth grade students.

15. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services with the Exploratorium and Gibson and Associates for 2014-2015

School Year (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the board approves the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Exploratorium and Gibson and Associates for work with the California Math Science Partnership Grant (CaMSP) entitled iTEAMS.

Minutes

Approved: The board approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Exploratorium and Gibson and Associates for work with the California Math Science Partnership Grant (CaMSP) entitled iTEAMS.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

16. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval for Overnight Field Trip to Fort Cronkite NatureBridge, Sausalito, California for San Pedro Fourth Graders from November 24, 2014 through November 25, 2014 (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the overnight trip to Fort Cronkite NatureBridge for the San Pedro 4th graders.

17. FACILITIES: (HSD) Approval of Second and Third Amendment to Independent Consultant Agreement for Environmental Services Between San Rafael City Schools and Arcadis U.S. Inc.. (V) (C)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the proposal

Minutes

Approved: The Board approved the proposal from Arcadis.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Linda Jackson

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION Session

1. EXPULSION HEARING: (HSD) An Administrative Panel Hears Recommended Expulsion Cases and Then Makes Recommendations to the Board to Expel or Not to Expel. The Following Case Has Been Heard. (D) (V)

Expulsion 14/15-3

Recommendation: That the Board upholds the panel's recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Minutes

Expulsion 14/15-3

Approved: The Board upheld the panel's recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion made by: Paul Cohen

Seconded by: Greg Knell

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

2. FINANCE: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Receipt of Donation to San Rafael City Schools District (D) (V)

Recommendation: That the Board accepts the donations.

Minutes

A correction was made to the donation of Miranda Lux, noting it should have read "Davidson MS."

Approved: The Board accepted the donations as amended.

Motion made by: Linda Jackson

Seconded by: Rachel Kertz

Votes

Paul Cohen	Yes
Linda Jackson	Yes
Rachel Kertz	Yes
Greg Knell	Yes
Natu Tuatagaloa	Yes

XII. CONFERENCE SESSION

1. Reporting Out Action From Closed Session

Minutes

President Tuatagaloa noted there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

2. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Minutes

Trustee Cohen suggested an update on the SMART train and safety for children around train tracks.

President Tuatagaloa requested an item on transportation in general; how students are getting to school. Trustee Jackson commented that Marin Transit is doing a study about school buses. Ms. Thomas noted that SRCS will participate in a larger county RFP for bus services.

3. Board Member Reports

Minutes

Paul M. Cohen:

- The Dixie School District bond election passed with 73% approval rate, very much in line with what the polling suggested which is a good indicator for our district since the same poll was used for a potential election for SRCS.
- He attended a recent HeadsUp Board meeting where several questions came up regarding MS music programs, facilities master plan, parent councils and facilities invoices. Dr. Watenpaugh noted that invitations to a parent leaders group meeting will be sent out to parent leaders (PTA/PTO/Boosters) prior to December 1.

Rachel Kertz:

- She and District Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator Christina Perrino met with a parent regarding district communications.
- She attended Miller Creek Math night where there were many questions from parents about CCSS and math. She suggested perhaps another parent night was needed to discuss textbooks, implementation and role of parents with the shift to CCSS.
- She attended the recent city/schools liaison breakfast where there was conversation about bonds and enrollment growth.
- She attended a meeting with Meredith Parnell and Amy Baer regarding supporting the district's homeless population.
- She has fielded questions from parents regarding Terra Linda HS shadow days; parent night this week for TL was very positive.

Linda M. Jackson:

- She attended a session at MCOE with attorneys from the ACLU and School and College Legal who provided updates about changes in the law.
- On November 5 she attended a STRIVE/Marin Promise meeting where data from high schools and districts around the county was shared regarding graduation with A-G requirements by subgroups. The College Readiness sub-committee is using this information to determine a focus and goal; centering on Algebra II as one way to complete as a gateway to college.
- She reported on a recent visit to an Oklahoma school.
- The MCSBA workshop on Dec. 3 will be on the topic of CCSS and math articulation.
- She recognized SRCS staff members Marta Biton and Christina Perrino who presented at the

Spanish communications forum recently.

Greg Knell:

- On October 28 he attended a Spanish outreach meeting.
- He attended the MCOE legal updates session with Trustee Jackson where changes in the law regarding rights of expelled students were discussed.
- On the 30th he attended an education committee meeting.
- He attended Bites of Reality at SRHS - financial education for HS students.
- He attended an RX Safe meeting.
- He attended the meeting at MCOE regarding emergency teacher recruitment.
- He participated in a MCSBA organizing committee meeting.
- On the 7th he attended the Youth Court lunch honoring Don Carney and the work of SRCS for youth court and restorative justice in the schools.
- Tomorrow he will be attending the emergency communications forum where lessons from the Napa earthquake will be reviewed.

Natu Tuatagaloa:

- He reported Terra Linda and San Rafael sports events.
- He toured Short school and attended their Student of the Month ceremony.
- He attended Career Day at Venetia Valley.
- He visited Envision Academy in Oakland, a program for underserved students; a no excuses school.

4. Superintendent's Report

>Superintendent's Activities Report

Minutes

Superintendent Watenpaugh reported:

- He presented an update to the San Rafael Rotary on the current district initiatives, enrollment trends, master facilities planning and potential bond measure for the Nov. 2015 ballot.
- He attended a Superintendent's Symposium in Florida, sponsored by The District Administration magazine.
- He gave closing comments at a recent staff development session for K-8 teachers.
- He attended the city/schools liaison meeting with Trustee Kertz and representatives from Dixie district and the City of San Rafael.
- He reported on the Kindergarten registration process with staff reviewing ways to collect more information at registration to see how the district can support students between the time they register to when they enter school to have an impact on readiness.
- He is working with Ms. Perrino to develop common formats for school visits and orientations as well as branding for the district.

XIII. NEXT MEETING - ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING- DECEMBER 8, 2014

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 P.M. (approximate time)

Minutes

President Tuatagaloa readjoined the meeting to Closed Session at 7:43 PM.

He reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:40 PM. There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

There being no further business, President Tuatagaloa adjourned the meeting at 9:41 PM.

Board Secretary

President of the Board