

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Location: 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City, California, 94063

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Weekly called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

1. Roll Call

Present at the Closed Board Meeting: President David Weekly, Vice President Cecilia Márquez; Trustees Jennifer Ng Kwing King, David Li, and Mike Wells; and Superintendent Baker

Others Present during the Closed Board Meeting: Chief Business Official Rick Edson and Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly

2. Public Comment on Closed Session Items Only

None.

3. Announcement of Closed Session Purpose

The School Board met in closed session to discuss: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9.

4. Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)

5. Reconvene to Open Session at approximately 7:00 PM

The School Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:04 PM.

1. Roll Call

Present at the Regular Board Meeting: President David Weekly, Vice President Cecilia Márquez; Trustees Jennifer Ng Kwing King, David Li, and Mike Wells; and Superintendent Baker

Others present during the Regular Board Meeting: Assistant Superintendent Anna Herrera, Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly, Chief Business Official Rick Edson, Gonzalo Cordova, Ahmad Gharaibeh, from Eide Bailly, School Principals David Camarena and Jennifer Knopf, and others.

Eliana García-van der Pool and Itzel Gloria joined remotely.

2. Report Out on Closed Session from March 25, 2026.

The Board met in closed session regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1), Case No. 2023-01549). The Board approved a settlement agreement (Wells, Li; 5-0).

No further reportable action was taken.

6. Welcome

Board President Weekly welcomed those present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The School Board participated in a student-led Pledge of Allegiance.

7. Changes to the Agenda

Board President Weekly requested to move Information item 17.1 *AI-Assisted Literacy and Numeracy: Current Landscape and Framework for Evaluation* to follow Action item 13.2 *Garfield School Presentation and School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Approval*.

8. Approval of the Agenda

The School Board approved the agenda as amended (King, Li; 5-0).

Trustee Wells (Ayes)

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Vice President Márquez (Ayes)

President Weekly (Ayes)

9. Public Comment

The School Board received public comments regarding student needs in kindergarten and challenges related to class size. Speakers requested that the district prioritize smaller class sizes to better support student needs, consider expanding Orion's afterschool program (PlayThrive), and noted concerns regarding the challenges associated with combination classes.

1. Labor Association Comments

No comments from CSEA.

Brenna Geer expressed gratitude to the School Board for allocating time on future agendas for RCTA to present to the Board.

10. Approval of the Bond Program Consent Items

The School Board approved all items listed under the Bond Program Consent Items agenda (Wells, Márquez; 5-0), taking the following action:

1. Approval of Steel Casing Cost, Change Order #3 for Solar Phase 2 Project at Taft Community School with Holt Renewables (Measure T)

Trustee Wells (Ayes)
Trustee Li (Ayes)
Trustee King (Ayes)
Vice President Márquez (Ayes)
President Weekly (Ayes)

11. Bond Program Action Items

None.

12. School/Community Reports

1. Information on Financial Audit Report for Redwood City School District for the 2024–25 School Year

Ahmad Gharaibeh, from Eide Bailly, presented the School Board with an informational presentation on the Financial Audit Report for the 2024–25 school year. Gharaibeh reported no findings.

The School Board engaged in discussion and asked clarifying questions regarding the classroom teacher spending guidelines and the CEA requirement. The Board expressed appreciation for the district’s financial integrity and transparency with the community.

13. Action Items

1. Taft School Presentation and School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Approval

Principal David Camarena presented an overview of key student outcome indicators aligned with the district’s Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Taft School. Data presented included student suspension rates, attendance and chronic absenteeism, English Learner progress, CAASPP performance, and i-Ready growth, the school’s takeaways, and next steps.

Trustees and Superintendent Baker asked questions and provided comments regarding the information presented, including whether K–3 students take both English and Spanish i-Ready assessments, the availability of after-school tutoring, and the effectiveness of monthly attendance contests. Trustees also acknowledged the visible academic growth and the use of incentives to support it.

The School Board approved the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Taft School (Li, Márquez; 5-0).

Trustee Wells (Ayes)
Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)
Vice President Márquez (Ayes)
President Weekly (Ayes)

2. Garfield School Presentation and School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Approval

Principal Jennifer Knopf presented an overview of key student outcome indicators aligned with the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Garfield School. Data presented included student suspension rates, attendance and chronic absenteeism, English Learner progress, CAASPP performance, and i-Ready growth, the school's takeaways, and next steps.

Trustees and Superintendent Baker asked questions and provided comments regarding the information presented. Discussion included acknowledgment of visible academic growth, combination classes, the "Meet Your Neighbor" strategy to address chronic absenteeism, Parent University (funded by RCEF), the reading program, the effectiveness of dedicated planning time, and available tutoring opportunities.

The School Board approved the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Garfield School (Wells, Li; 5-0).

Trustee Wells (Ayes)
Trustee Li (Ayes)
Trustee King (Ayes)
Vice President Márquez (Ayes)
President Weekly (Ayes)

17.1. AI-Assisted Literacy and Numeracy: Current Landscape and Framework for Evaluation

Charlie Van Norman, Technologist, provided the School Board with an overview of AI-powered tools designed to support literacy and numeracy, noting that multiple platforms are currently available to address these needs.

The School Board asked questions regarding available vendor options, appropriate grade levels for implementing AI tools, and the overall scope and timeline for implementation.

(This item was reordered to follow item 13.2, and was considered at that time.)

3. Approval of the 2025-26 Second Interim Budget Report for Redwood City School District

Chief Business Official Rick Edson reviewed the Second Interim Budget Report with the School Board and Superintendent Baker. Edson affirmed that the district is certifying as positive based on the financials reported.

The School Board provided comments and asked questions regarding the budget presentation, including noting the limited funds allocated for deferred maintenance and affirming that Vehicle License Fees (VLF) will not impact the budget.

The School Board approved the 2025-26 Second Interim Budget Report for Redwood City School District (Wells, Li; 5-0).

Trustee Wells (Ayes)
Trustee Li (Ayes)
Trustee King (Ayes)
Vice President Márquez (Ayes)
President Weekly (Ayes)

14. Discussion Items

1. Second Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 3515.21: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)

Trustee Weekly acknowledged the updates to the policy.

No action was taken.

15. Approval of Consent Items

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are acted upon by the Board in one motion. The School Board approved all items listed under Consent (King, Li; 5-0), taking the following action:

1. Approval of the February 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Addendum to the Measure U Application for North Star Academy for the 2025-2026 School Year
3. Approval of the Measure U Addendum for Henry Ford for the 2025-26 School Year
4. Approval of Roy Cloud's Field Trip to Washington DC – May 18 - May 22, 2026
5. Approval of Roy Cloud School Field Trip to Elks Club – June 1, 2026
6. Approval of Personnel Changes for the 2025–2026 School Year
7. Approval of the Second Amendment between Redwood City School District and Amergis Healthcare Staffing for One Additional Behavior Technicians for the School Year 2025-2026
8. Second Reading and Approval of Board Bylaw 9324: Minutes and Recordings
9. Approval of Board Policy 1330.1: Joint Use Agreements
10. Approval of Board Policy 3110: Transfer of Funds
11. Approval of Board Policy 3220.1: Lottery Funds
12. Approval of Board Policy 3312.2: Educational Travel Program Contracts
13. Approval of Board Policy 3314: Payment For Goods And Services
14. Approval of Board Policy 3400: Management Of District Assets/Accounts
15. Approval of Board Policy 3460: Financial Reports and Accountability
16. Approval of Board Policy 3516.5: Emergency Schedules
17. Approval of Board Policy 7110: Facilities Master Plan
18. Approval of Board Policy 7211: Developer Fees
19. Approval of Board Policy 1445: Response to Immigration Enforcement
20. Approval of Board Policy 0500: Accountability
21. Approval of Board Policy 5145.3: Nondiscrimination/Harassment
22. Approval of Board Policy 5145.7: Sexual Harassment
23. Approval of Board Policy 6115: Ceremonies And Observances
24. Approval of Board Policy 6141.2: Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs

25. Approval of the Application for Exemption from Required Classroom Teachers' Salary Expenditures (Education Code 41372)
26. Approval of the Purchase of 650 Acer Chromebooks for Incoming 6th Grade Students for the 2026–2027 School Year
27. Approval of the Agreement between Redwood City School District and the ISP provider to provide Internet Connectivity for the IMC building through E-Rate

Trustee Wells (Ayes)
Trustee Li (Ayes)
Trustee King (Ayes)
Vice President Márquez (Ayes)
President Weekly (Ayes)

16. Board and Superintendent Reports

Vice President Márquez reported attending a DELAC meeting at Hoover.

Trustee Li reported engaging in the CSBA Legislative Action Week and attending an SMCSBA Meeting.

Trustees King and Wells had nothing to report.

President Weekly reported on a personal side project he worked on involving a website (rcsd.info) that compiles publicly available district information in one place, noting that it is not an official district product and may contain errors.

Superintendent Baker had nothing to report.

17. Information

2. Redwood City School District Review of Connect's Audit Report for FY 2024–25

No questions or comments.

3. Learning Communities for School Success Program End-of-Project Information

No questions or comments.

4. Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund - February 2026

No questions or comments.

18. Correspondence

Trustee King noted the Board received correspondence regarding the policy topics for August.

19. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

None.

20. Board of Trustees Meeting Reflection

The Board reflected on the effectiveness of the meeting, noting strengths in the new policy review and approval format and the efficiency of school presentations. Areas for improvement included expressed discomfort with the AI information item, emphasizing that decisions related to program selection and implementation should be led by the Superintendent and staff rather than the Board. The Board also discussed concerns regarding the volume of board policies.

21. Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

President Weekly provided the Board with a reminder of the upcoming closed sessions and regular board meetings.

22. Adjournment

The School Board adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM (King, Li; 5-0).

Jennifer Ng Kwing King, Board Clerk