

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm | Closed Session at 5:40 pm
(Wednesday, March 12, 2025)

1. Call to Order

President Wells called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call

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

Others present during the Closed Board Meeting: CBO Rick Edson, and Attorney Eric J. Bengtson

2. Oral Communication on Closed Session Items Only

None.

3. Closed Session – 5:40 - 6:45 p.m.

Discussion: 3.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54957.1) John Doe MK v. Doe 1 (Redwood City SD)

Vice President David Weekly officially joined the closed board meeting.

Discussion: 3.2 CSEA Negotiations Update

Attorney Eric J. Bengtson exited the closed board meeting.

Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly officially joined the closed board meeting.

Discussion: 3.3 RCTA Negotiations Update

4. Reconvene to Regular Session at Approximately 7:00 p.m.

The School Board reconvened for the regular session at 7:01 p.m.

Procedural: 4.1 Roll Call

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

Others present during the Regular Board Meeting: Assistant Superintendent Anna Herrera, Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly, CBO Rick Edson, Principal Jennifer Knopf, Assistant Principal Jennifer Sanchez, Gonzalo Cordova, and many others.

Information: 4.2 Report Out on Closed Session from March 12, 2025

3.1 The Board of Education met in closed session to discuss existing litigation, as authorized under the Brown Act and Gov. Code § 54957.1.

During the closed session, the Board considered and voted on a settlement agreement for the case John Doe MK v. Doe 1 (Redwood City School) in the amount of \$65,000.

A motion to approve the settlement agreement was made by Trustee Márquez and seconded by Trustee Li.

The vote tally was:

- In Favor: 5
- Against: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 0

The School Board unanimously approved the settlement agreement.

3.2 The School Board received information. No action was taken.

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5. Welcome

President Wells welcomed those present.

6. Changes to the Agenda

Discussion: 6.1 Additions, Deletions, or Modifications to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

7. Approval of Agenda

Action: 7.1 Approval of the Agenda

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

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

8. Oral Communication

Noah Gaspar, the parent of a prospective TK Student, addressed the school board to express his concern regarding the limited number of after-school care providers for TK students. He encouraged the school board to find a solution to provide more options for after-school care for TK students.

Hai-Ching Yang echoed the aforementioned sentiment.

Superintendent Baker updated the public and speakers on the challenges in expanding TK after-school care. The district is actively exploring potential solutions in hopes of increasing the available spaces.

Michelle Stroebe thanked Superintendent Baker for clarifying the efforts to address the limited space for after-school care.

9. Information

Discussion: 9.1 Discussion of Citizens' Initiative and District-Sponsored Parcel Tax

Jeremy Hauser, Partner from TeamCivX, presented to the School Board an overview of parcel tax options. Jeremy explained the differences between a Citizens' Initiative Parcel Tax and a District Sponsored Parcel Tax.

Carlo Contavalli, a parent at the Redwood City School District (RCSD), listed a few of the challenges the district is facing due to a lack of funding and expressed support for a parcel tax.

Jessica Shade, a parent in the Redwood City School District and a leader in the effort for the Citizens' Initiative Parcel Tax measure, expressed her support for funding schools through a parcel tax. While she understands that the district's parcel tax would be a more straightforward approach, she stated that if the district's feasibility poll does not achieve the required two-thirds vote to move forward, she will pursue the Citizens' Initiative Parcel Tax measure instead. Regardless of the approach, she is committed to supporting a parcel tax to fund the schools.

Adina Olsen, an RCSD parent working with the Citizens Initiative, agreed with the previous comments. She emphasized the need for funding and expressed her support for both parcel tax options.

The School Board trustees discussed the information presented and raised questions about key topics, including the initial funding for the feasibility study and the process of placing a parcel tax measure on the ballot. They also expressed concerns about the timeline and sought clarification on the poll timing and the data it would collect.

10. Bond Program Action Items

Action: 10.1 Approval of HVAC Equipment Purchase from Daikin and Carrier for the Summer 2025 HVAC Projects

Nick Olsen, VPCS Program Manager, presented to the School Board the selected vendors for HVAC equipment purchases and explained the reasoning behind their selection for the Adelante Selby, Hoover, Roosevelt, and Taft HVAC summer projects.

The school board trustees and Superintendent Baker expressed support for ensuring the classrooms have proper HVAC.

The School Board approved the HVAC Equipment Purchase from Daikin and Carrier for the Summer 2025 HVAC Projects (Weekly, Márquez; 5-0).

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

11. School/Community Reports

Information: 11.1 Henry Ford School Presentation for the 2024-2025 School Year

Principals Jennifer Knopf and Jennifer Sanchez, from Henry Ford School, presented their school's data, highlighting the alignment of site-level performance with the goals outlined in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). The presentation covered successes, challenges, and site-specific actions aimed at supporting district and site priorities, including attendance and suspension rates, support for English learners, and academic performance in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The School Board and Superintendent Baker expressed their gratitude to Principals Knopf and Sanchez for the presentation and commended the efforts in implementing strategies to address site priorities. Board members also had the opportunity to provide feedback, make suggestions on what data they would like to see, and ask clarifying questions about the data presented.

12. Discussion Items

Discussion: 12.1 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3280: Sale of Lease of District-Owned Real Property

No questions or comments.

Discussion: 12.2 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 3540: Transportation

No questions or comments.

Discussion: 12.3 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 Chronic Absence and Truancy

President Wells noted how the board policy emphasized early intervention and services and expressed gratitude for the clarification that the regulation is not meant to be punitive, but rather, it's there to help support the students.

Trustee Li recommended updating the wording in the last paragraph to ensure the School Board receives annual updates.

13. Consent Items

The School Board approved the Consent Items (Weekly, Li; 5-0), taking the following action:

13.2 Approval of the February 26 Board Meeting Minutes

13.3 Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten

13.4 Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3515.5: Sex Offender Notification

13.5 Approval of KIPP Excelencia Community Prep Measure U Application for the 2024-25 School Year

13.6 Approval of Non-Public School (NPS)/Non-Public Agency (NPA) Master Contracts

13.7 Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between Redwood City School District and Amergis Healthcare Staffing for the 2024-2025 School Year

13.8 Approval of Purchase of Wireless Access Points and Firewall through E-Rate Program

13.9 Approval of the MOU Between Redwood City School District and Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula

13.10 Approval of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Membership

13.11 Ratification of Warrant Registers, February 1, 2025 - February 28, 2025

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

14. Action Items

Action: 14.1 Adoption of the Imagine Learning Illustrative Mathematics Curriculum for Grades 6-8 for the 2025-2026 School Year

The School Board adopted the Imagine Learning Illustrative Mathematics Curriculum for Grades 6-8 for the 2025-2026 School Year (Weekly, Márquez; 5-0).

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

15. Board and Superintendent Reports

Reports: 15.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Li reported attending the Superintendent's Advisory Committee meeting and also visited Hoover School.

Trustee Márquez reported attending the Spanish Superintendent's Advisory Committee meeting.

President Wells, Vice President Weekly, and Trustee King had nothing to report.

Superintendent Baker reported meeting with Faith in Action, a Latino community organization, to discuss the current immigration situation and what the school district is doing to assist the community.

16. Correspondence

The School Board and Superintendent Baker received emails expressing concern about after-school care options for TK students.

17. Other Business/Suggested Items For Future Agenda

Information: 17.1 Possible Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

None.

18. Board Meetings Calendar

Information: 18.1 Changes to the Board Meetings Calendar

None.

19. Adjournment

Action: 19.1 Adjourn the Meeting

The School Board adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. (Weekly, Li; 5-0)

Cecilia Márquez, Board Clerk