

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Board of Trustees Study Session Meeting - 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

President Wells called the Study Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call

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

Others present during the Regular Board meeting: CBO Rick Edson, Ector Mojica, Aaron Jobson, John Dybczak, Nick Olsen, and others.

Assistant Superintendent Anna Herrera, Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly, Martin Cervantes, and others joined the meeting remotely.

2. Welcome

School Board President Wells welcomed those present.

Vice President Weekly officially joined the meeting.

3. Changes to the Agenda

Discussion: 3.1 Additions, Deletions, or Modifications to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda (Action Required)

Action: 4.1 Approval of Agenda

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

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

5. Oral Communication

Dave Fribush, a parent from Orion Alternative School, addressed the School Board to oppose the parking space proposal at Orion, arguing that the space should be used for education and activities instead. He also expressed concern about the plan's high costs and emphasized the Board's responsibility to spend taxpayer money wisely.

6. Discussion Items

Discussion: 6.1 Review and Discussion of the Draft Facilities Master Plan

Aaron Jobson, Ector Mojica, and John Dybczak from QKA presented the draft Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for the School Board to review.

Alongside the QKA representatives, Nick Olsen from VPCS, and CBO Rick Edson provided clarification for inquiries made by the trustees.

The School Board Trustees had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions and offer suggestions for additions and updates to the Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

Trustee King asked how additional needs were factored into the budget after selecting a project, to which CBO Edson responded.

Vice President Weekly suggested updating Slide 8 to indicate which projects can and cannot be funded with Measure S. Jobson noted that IOQ scores are only one of several factors in decision-making, making such a distinction challenging. Weekly emphasized the need for clarity on which projects are likely or unlikely to be completed given available funding. CBO Edson added that the finalized FMP and upcoming implementation plan will provide a clearer picture of project funding, showing what projects would be fundable through Measure S and which would require alternative funding sources to potentially move "above the line" over time.

Vice President Weekly also expressed he would like the FMP to include research from the past decade on how the infrastructure of learning environments impacts educational achievement to ensure the taxpayer dollars are being used effectively.

Jobson explained that while some major issues were addressed over the past decade, new needs have emerged as buildings age and conditions change. Although the district tackled the highest priorities first, many needs remain, and some problems that were once considered lower priority have now become more urgent. Overall, the demand for repairs and improvements continues to grow faster than the available funding.

President Wells added that the Measure T funds were prioritized for improving security at the school sites, which meant that classroom modernization was not included, and if it was, it was minimal. President Wells also asked for clarification on the meaning of "Educational Appropriateness," and Jobson responded.

Trustee Márquez requested a spreadsheet showing all school sites and their IOQ comparisons in a single document to improve readability and facilitate easier comparison. Trustee Li added he would like the dollar amounts to also be included.

Vice President Weekly suggested adding a paragraph to the FMP to acknowledge the importance of after-school and supplementary programs as part of the district's overall strategy to support and empower such initiatives.

Other topics discussed during the presentation included the cost of portable classrooms, the implementation process after a project is selected, and the interpretation of the Indicators of Quality (IOQs).

Public Comments:

Jade Martinez, Director of the Redwood City PAL Center, addressed the school board to request timely updates on construction dates and schedules at Taft, so they can plan accordingly for their summer program.

Carl Landers, a Redwood City resident, suggested that the information presented should also be shared with individual school sites to gather their input on improvement priorities.

7. Adjournment (Action Required)

The School Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. (Weekly, Li; 5-0).

Cecilia Márquez, Clerk