

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 14, 2025
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 Roll Call

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

2. Oral Communication on Closed Session Items Only

None.

Trustee David Li officially joined the meeting.

3. Closed Session - 6:00 p.m. (Closed to the Public)

3.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code: § 54957) Title: Superintendent

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

The School Board reconvened for the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

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, Martin Cervantes, Nick Olsen, Gonzalo Cordova, and others.

Eric Van Pelt joined the meeting remotely.

4.2 Report Out on Closed Session from May 14, 2025

The School Board discussed the superintendent's performance evaluation. No action was taken.

5. Welcome

President Wells welcomed those present. Moreover, President Wells acknowledged Principals, teachers, and staff for the different staff appreciation weeks.

6. Changes to the Agenda

None.

7. Approval of the Agenda

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

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

8. Oral Communication

Amika Guillaume, Peninsula Bridge COO, expressed deep appreciation for the partnership with the Redwood City School District (RCSD) and shared Peninsula Bridge's successes.

A group of RCSD students, along with RCSD parent Megan O'Reilly-Green, addressed the School Board to express appreciation for the anticipated addition of what they referred to as "advanced classes" at Kennedy Middle School. While the term "advanced classes" was used by the speakers, the specific name and number of such offerings have not yet been confirmed.

9. Approval of Bond Program Consent Items

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

9.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Classroom Climate Control Window Treatment Project Proposals

9.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Division of State Architect Inspector of Record for the HVAC Projects – Summer 2025

9.2 Recommendation re: Approval of HVAC Replacement Project at Roy Cloud School Multi-Use Building

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

10. Bond Program Action Items

10.1 Recommendation re: Adoption of Resolution No. 24, Lease-Leaseback Agreement with Blach Construction for HVAC Projects at Adelante Selby School, Hoover School, Roosevelt School, and Taft School

Nick Olsen, VPCS Project Manager, provided an overview of the selection process for the lease-leaseback agreement with Blach Construction for the HVAC projects.

Trustee King inquired about the summer construction schedule, and Olsen answered.

President Wells expressed appreciation for the selection process.

The School Board adopted Resolution No. 24, Lease-Leaseback Agreement with Blach Construction for HVAC Projects at Adelante Selby School, Hoover School, Roosevelt School, and Taft School (Márquez, Li; 5-0).

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

10.2 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement for Purchase of Mobile Air Conditioning Units for Charter School Sites

Vice President Weekly reported that during his visit to KIPP Excelencia Community Prep Charter ("KIPP"), they were unclear about the details of the AC units, and he suggested that they be provided with the full details.

The School Board approved the agreement for Purchase of Mobile Air Conditioning Units for Charter School Sites (Weekly, Li; 5-0).

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

11. Approval of Consent Items

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

- 11.1 Recommendation re: Approval of the April 16 Board Meeting Minutes
- 11.2 Recommendation re: Approval of the April 23 Board Meeting Minutes
- 11.3 Recommendation re: Approval of the Facilities Use Agreement between Redwood City School District and Rocketship Redwood City Prep Charter School ("Rocketship"), for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Years

- 11.4 Recommendation re: Approval of the Amendments to the Agreements between the Redwood City School District and Aequor Health Services, LLC ("Aequor") for the 2024-2025 School Year
- 11.5 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement between the Redwood City School District and Casa Circulo Cultural Inc. for Summer 2025
- 11.6 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement between the Redwood City School District and Catalyst Family Inc. for the 2025-2026 School Year and Summer 2025
- 11.7 Recommendation re: Approval of Agreement for Participation in the 2025-2026 Outdoor Education Program between the Redwood City School District and the San Mateo County Office of Education
- 11.8 Recommendation re: Approval of the Agreement to Provide Meals at KIPP and Connect for the 2025-2026 School Year
- 11.9 Recommendation re: Ratification of Warrant Registers, April 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025
- 11.10 Recommendation re: Declaration of Obsolete Textbooks

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

12. Action Items

12.1 Recommendation re: Approval of Pilot of Benchmark 2022 English/Spanish Language Arts Curriculum at Taft and Garfield Elementary Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Anna Herrera provided an overview of the newly updated Benchmark 2022 Curriculum.

Trustee Li asked whether the district would evaluate the new curriculum using similar metrics and goals or rely more on qualitative feedback. Herrera responded.

Trustee Márquez commended the teachers for their willingness to learn a new curriculum.

President Wells emphasized the importance of being intentional about measuring academics, but also measuring children's reactions and level of engagement with the new curriculum.

The School Board approved the pilot of the Benchmark 2022 English/Spanish Language Arts Curriculum at Taft and Garfield Elementary Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year (Weekly, Li; 5-0).

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

President Wells (Ayes)

12.2 Recommendation re: Approval of the School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) for Adelante Selby, Roosevelt, and Clifford

Trustee Li expressed appreciation for the district's willingness to accommodate the trustee's suggestions.

The School Board approved the School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) for Adelante Selby, Roosevelt, and Clifford (Márquez, King; 5-0).

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

12.3 Recommendation re: Approval of Orion Growth Plan: A Sustainable Roadmap for Unity and Excellence

Superintendent Baker provided the School Board with an overview of the history of Orion Alternative and Mandarin Immersion School, a summary of the purpose of the Orion Growth Plan, and his recommendation for how to proceed. Superintendent Baker reviewed key areas identified through prior discussions, community input, and data review, resulting in a recommendation that aims to support long-term sustainability and stability for the Orion community.

President Wells notified the public that the slides containing the Orion Growth Plan presentation can be found on the Redwood City School District website by searching "Orion Growth Plan."

Some of the topics discussed between the trustees and Superintendent Baker included student enrollment, retention, the plan's alignment with the Facilities Master Plan, and classroom utilization.

The School Board approved the Orion Growth Plan: A Sustainable Roadmap for Unity and Excellence (Li, King; 5-0).

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

13. Board and Superintendent Reports

13.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Vice President Weekly reported doing a site visit to KIPP Charter School.

Trustee Márquez reported on the events she attended, including the LCAP Meeting alongside Trustee Li, the DELAC Meeting at Hoover, and the Superintendent's Advisory Committee meeting alongside Superintendent Baker, CBO Edson, and Martin Cervantes. Lastly, Márquez reported attending the celebration of the Induction Program.

Trustee Li reported attending the San Mateo County School Funding Task Force and the Kent Awards with President Wells (and Superintendent Baker for the latter). He also joined a Hoover School field trip and visited MIT and Taft schools.

Trustee King had nothing to report.

Besides the aforementioned events, President Wells reported attending the Healthy Cities Tutoring Volunteer Recognition and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting.

Superintendent Baker's attended events were reported on. Additionally, he met for his monthly meeting with RCEF.

14. Information

14.1 Contract Update Information and Credit Card Summary

No questions or comments.

14.2 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund - March 2025

No questions or comments.

14.3 RCSD Review of Connect Community Charter Second Interim Financial Report for FY 2024-25

President Wells commended the Business Department for their dedication and work in putting together the charter schools' financial reports. No other questions or comments.

14.4 RCSD Review of KIPP Excelencia Community Prep Charter Second Interim Financial Report for FY 2024-25

No questions or comments.

14.5 RCSD Review of Rocketship Redwood City Prep Charter Second Interim Financial Report for FY 2024-25

No questions or comments.

15. Correspondence

Trustee Márquez reported receiving an email regarding the proposal for advanced classes at Kennedy and an Orion growth plan concern.

16. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

None.

17. Board Meetings Calendar

17.1 Changes to the Board Meetings Calendar

None. Superintendent Baker proposed an off-site meeting, but details have not been finalized.

18. Adjournment

The School Board adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. (Weekly, Márquez; 5-0).

Cecilia Márquez, Clerk