

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m. | Closed Session - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

President Wells called the Closed Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Present at the Closed Board meeting: President Mike Wells, Vice President David Weekly; Trustees Cecilia Márquez and David Li; and Superintendent Baker

Trustee Jennifer Ng Kwing King participated remotely under AB 2449 due to just cause, specifically child care responsibilities.

Others present during the Closed Board meeting: CBO Rick Edson and Peter Ingram, Consultant

Clarissa Canady, Legal Counsel, participated remotely.

2. Oral Communication on Closed Session Items Only

None.

3. Closed Session – 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Discussion: 3.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code, 54956.8) Property: 750 Bradford St, Redwood City, CA 94063 Agency negotiators: John Baker, Superintendent, Peter Ingram, Consultant, and Clarissa Canady, Legal Counsel, Negotiating parties: Redwood City School District and The Sobrato Organization Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment of Property Exchange Agreement

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 and David Li; and Superintendent Baker

Trustee Jennifer Ng Kwing King participated remotely under AB 2449 due to just cause, specifically child care responsibilities.

Others present during the Regular Board meeting: Assistant Superintendent Anna Herrera, Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly, CBO Rick Edson, Director of SPED Maeve Mulholland, Quattrocci Kwok Architect Aaron Jobson, and others.

4.2 Report Out on Closed Session from May 28, 2025

The School Board received information. No action was taken.

5. Welcome

President Wells welcomed those present.

6. Changes to the Agenda

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

None.

7. Approval of Agenda

7.1 Approval of Agenda

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

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

8. Oral Communication

CSEA President Maria Stockton updated the School Board on recent CSEA activities, including a scholarship opportunity, and invited the trustees to a Welcome Back Appreciation Picnic for classified staff and their families, scheduled for August.

Husham Sharifi, a prospective RCSD parent, addressed the School Board regarding an issue he experienced while enrolling his daughter in the Orion Mandarin Immersion Transitional Kindergarten (Orion MI TK) program.

Susanne Ruiz-Dunlap, an RCSD Kinder (KN) teacher, addressed the School Board to express her concern about the start of the school year schedule. She urged the school board to reconsider the start date for KN.

9. Bond Program Discussion Items

Discussion: 9.1 Facilities Master Plan Update

Aaron Jobson, QKA Architect, presented the School Board with a comprehensive Draft Facilities Master Plan for review and feedback. The presentation covered key findings, a summary of community and stakeholder input, project prioritization criteria, and an overview of the draft Facilities Master Plan sections. Staff will return to the Board in June with a final version of the FMP, which will highlight and summarize all changes made since the draft.

The School Board received public comment from Carlos Velasco Arreola, Advocacy and Community Engagement Manager for KIPP Northern California, who expressed concern about KIPP's and other charter schools' IOQ rating scores compared to the district schools.

The School Board Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. A few of the topics addressed included:

- Clarification on how scores are determined for the high-priority category
- Feedback received from school sites
- The inclusion of an appendix with relevant research, best practices, and previous studies
- A suggestion to request projected enrollment figures from charter schools
- Additional related items and considerations

10. Approval of Bond Program Consent Items

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

Action (Consent): 10.1 Approval of Measure T and Measure S Bond Program Legal Services Agreement with DWK

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

11. Bond Program Action Items

None.

12. School/Community Reports

Reports: 12.1 Special Education Study - Implementation Update

At the April 17, 2024, meeting, the Board received a presentation on a Special Education Study conducted by School Services of California (SSC) in the Fall of 2023. At the May 28, 2025 School Board Meeting, Maeve Mulholland, Director of Special Education, presented to the School Board an update on the progress of the implementation plan based on the Study's recommendations, focusing on four key areas: (i) Organizational

Structure and Compliance, (ii) Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), (iii) Effective Instructional Programs, and (iv) Culture of Inclusion.

The trustees had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. Among the topics discussed were potential factors contributing to the high percentage of special education (SPED) students in the Redwood City School District. Trustee Weekly proposed setting a goal to track graduation rates for students transitioning from Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to general education. The discussion also addressed the administrative burden of IEP reporting, how the district plans to maintain efficient, high-quality services despite recent cuts to administrative support positions, and the ongoing difficulty in filling paraeducator roles. The trustees expressed appreciation for the detailed report and information provided.

Trustee King dropped out of the meeting.

13. Discussion Items

Discussion: 13.1 Discussion on California School Boards Association Policy Development Workshop

Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly informed the school board about a workshop offered by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) to help process, review, and update board policies, regulations, and exhibits. Trustees were given the opportunity to discuss how they would like to proceed following the workshop's approval.

No action was taken.

Discussion: 13.2 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy / Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Study

The trustees provided comments. No action was taken.

Discussion: 13.3 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy / Administrative Regulation / Exhibit 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

No questions or comments. No action was taken.

Discussion: 13.4 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 6020: Parent Involvement

Trustee Li explained the policy was challenging to read and expressed appreciation for the clarification. No action was taken.

Discussion: 13.5 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy / Administrative Regulation / Exhibit 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials

No questions or comments.

Discussion: 13.6 First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0450: Comprehensive Safety Plan

No questions or comments.

14. Approval of Consent Items

The School Board approved the Consent Items (Weekly, Li; 4-0), taking the following action:

Action (Consent): 14.1 Approval of the April 2 Board Meeting Minutes

Action (Consent): 14.2 Approval of the May 8 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Action (Consent): 14.3 Approval of the May 14 Board Meeting Minutes

Action (Consent): 14.4 Approval of Shade Installation at Two Year-Round California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Sites

Action (Consent): 14.5 Approval of Kennedy's Field Trip Request to Italy, June 7, 2025, through June 16, 2025

Action (Consent): 14.6 Approval of Agreement with GoGuardian for a new Content Filter, Classroom Management tool and Alert System for Students' Safety

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Absent)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

15. Action Items

15.1 Consideration and Approval of Multitudes as the Dyslexia and Reading Difficulties Screening Tool for Grades K-2

Assistant Superintendent Anna Herrera provided the trustees with an overview of the Multitudes Screening Tool and explained why it was selected over other available options.

The Trustees had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions and provide comments.

The School Board approved Multitudes as the Dyslexia and Reading Difficulties Screening Tool for Grades K-2 (Weekly, Márquez; 4-0).

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Absent)

Trustee Márquez (Ayes)

Vice President Weekly (Ayes)

President Wells (Ayes)

15.2 Approval of the School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) for Hoover, McKinley, Kennedy, North Star Academy, and Roy Cloud

Trustee Li recommended aligning the goals in the SPSAs with those in the LCAP.

The School Board approved the School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) for Hoover, McKinley, Kennedy, North Star Academy, and Roy Cloud (Li, Weekly; 4-0).

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

15.3 Approval of Personnel Report

No questions or comments.

The School Board approved the Personnel Report (Li, Weekly; 3-0).

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

16. Board and Superintendent Reports

Reports: 16.1 Report from Board Members and Superintendent

Trustee Li reported attending the Health and Wellness Committee with Trustee King. Moreover, Trustee Li visited Kennedy Middle School.

Trustee Márquez reported attending the Redwood City Together Committee Meeting and a DELAC Meeting.

Vice President Weekly and President Weekly had nothing to report.

Superintendent Baker reported on the events he attended, including the DELAC Meeting, a new Cell Phone Law Stakeholder Meeting, the Orion Mandarin Immersion Multicultural Event, and the Spring Musical at Hoover.

17. Information

Information: 17.1 Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund - April 2025

No questions or comments.

18. Correspondence

President Wells reported that the San Mateo County Office of Education had completed its review of the second interim report and concurred with the district's positive certification.

Vice President Weekly shared that they received an email concerning curriculum coverage.

19. Other Business/Suggested Items For Future Agenda

None.

20. Board Meetings Calendar

Information: 20.1 Changes to the Board Meetings Calendar

None.

21. Adjournment

Action: 21.1 Adjourn the Meeting

The School Board adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m. (Weekly, Li; 4-0).