

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Redwood City, California

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

1. Call to Order

President Wells called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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, Chief Business Official Rick Edson, Gonzalo Cordova, and others.

2. Welcome

Board President Wells welcomed those present.

3. Annual Board Officers' Rotation

Superintendent Baker briefed the Board on the purpose of the Annual Board Reorganization meeting. On behalf of the Cabinet, Superintendent Baker presented Trustee Wells with an appreciation award in recognition of his service as Board President from December 2024 through December 2025. Trustee Weekly expressed appreciation to Trustee Wells on behalf of the Board.

The School Board reorganized as follows:

1. President of the Board of Trustees:
David Weekly
2. Vice President of the Board of Trustees:
Cecilia I. Márquez
3. Clerk of the Board of Trustees:
Jennifer Ng Kwing King
4. Representative to the San Mateo County Committee on School District
Organization:
David Li
5. Liaison to California School Boards Association and the San Mateo County
School Boards Association:
Mike Wells

6. Secretary to the Board of Trustees (Superintendent)
John R. Baker

4. Changes to the Agenda

None.

5. Approval of the Agenda

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

Trustee Wells (Ayes)

Trustee Li (Ayes)

Trustee King (Ayes)

Vice President Márquez (Ayes)

President Weekly (Ayes)

6. Public Comment

Patricia Renderos, an RCSD parent, addressed the Board, requesting increased support for teachers and students and urging the district to avoid staff cuts.

Agustin Espino expressed appreciation for Trustee Wells and commended his service as Board President. He congratulated Trustee Weekly on his new role as Board President. Mr. Espino clarified that his prior comments were intended to be collaborative and focused on supporting student success, and apologized if they were misconstrued or perceived as disrespectful. As a parent leader, he expressed his desire to continue working collaboratively with the Board to impact student learning positively.

Maria Stockton addressed the Board, expressing concern regarding staff surveys and recommending that the questionnaires be reworded to ensure anonymity. She also expressed concern about the increased workload resulting from staff reductions and the lack of support.

7. Discussion Items

1. First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation
5125.1: Release of Directory Information

No questions or comments.

2. First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 6162.51: State Academic
Achievement Tests

Trustee Wells stated that the policy formalizes existing practices.

3. First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation
0430: Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly provided clarification stating the Board President and Superintendent will coordinate to set the reporting calendar, and the Board Policy Committee has created a list to track report dates.

4. First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6159: Individualized Education Program

Deputy Superintendent Wendy Kelly clarified that while state law allows services for students ages 3–21, it is uncommon for the district to serve students beyond eighth grade. She explained that the policy language was retained for legal compliance while adding clarification that the district serves students in preschool through eighth grade.

5. First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6159.2: Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

No questions or comments.

6. First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6159.3: Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students

No questions or comments.

7. First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy 5145.11: Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement

Deputy Superintendent Kelly and Trustee Wells provided clarification on the policy, emphasizing the process for notifying parents when law enforcement speaks with students at the school.

8. 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 (Li, Wells; 5-0), taking the following action:

1. Approval of the November 21, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Amended September 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Acceptance of Donation
4. Approval of Annual Developer Fee Report - Fiscal Year 2024-25
5. Authorization to Declare Outdated Kitchen Equipment as Surplus and Approve Disposal
6. Approval of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Membership

Trustee Wells (Ayes)
Trustee Li (Ayes)
Trustee King (Ayes)

Vice President Márquez (Ayes)
President Weekly (Ayes)

9. Action Items

1. Approval of the 2025-26 First Interim Budget Report for RCSD

CBO Rick Edson presented the 2025-26 First Interim Budget Report for the Redwood City School District (RCSD) to the School Board and Superintendent Baker. The First Interim Report incorporates adjustments to revenues, expenditures, and fund balances from July 1 through October 31, 2025. Edson informed the school board that there were stylistic changes made to the slide presentation; however, the information remained the same.

The Board of Trustees expressed appreciation to Chief Business Official Rick Edson and the Business Department staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing the report and for presenting the information in a clear and accessible manner. Key topics emphasized during the presentation included the unduplicated count projection, the Board-mandated 3% reserve fund balance, and the related policy.

The School Board approved the 2025/26 First Interim Budget Report for RCSD (Li, Márquez; 5-0).

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

10. Board and Superintendent Reports

Trustee Wells reported attending a 2x2x2 Committee meeting and an RCTA Climate Committee meeting.

Trustee Li reported attending a 2x2x2 Committee meeting, a Policy Committee meeting, the District Office Holiday Breakfast, and a site visit to the Facilities and Transportation Department.

Trustee King reported attending a Policy Committee meeting.

Vice President Márquez had no report.

President Weekly reported attending the Holiday Breakfast.

Superintendent Baker reported finalizing the final Strategic Resource Alignment Planning meetings for the Bayside schools, along with Director of Communications Jorge Quintana and Community Liaison Michelle Remond.

11. Information

1. Information on San Mateo County Investment Fund - November 2025

No questions or comments.

12. Correspondence

President Weekly reported receiving correspondence regarding the proposed parcel tax, as well as correspondence from union representatives, and engaging in discussions with Hispanic community leaders.

13. Other Business/Suggested Items for Future Agenda

President Weekly suggested that the Board consider holding a future discussion on calendaring discussion topics for Board meetings.

14. Board of Trustees Meeting Reflection

The Board reflected on the effectiveness of the meeting, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. Trustee Wells reminded the Board to remain mindful of time so that staff attending Board meetings can return to their daily work responsibilities.

15. Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

President Weekly reviewed the schedule of upcoming Board meetings.

16. Adjournment

The School Board adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM (Li, Wells; 5-0).

Jennifer Ng Kwing King, Board Clerk