

Contra Costa County Board of Education
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
September 10, 2025

MEMBERS

Daniel Nathan-Heiss, Area 1 Trustee
Sarah Butler, Area 2 Trustee
Yazmín Llamas, Area 3 Trustee
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee
Annette Lewis, Area 5 Trustee
Keerthi Eraniyan, Student Trustee
Sanvi Panda, Student Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Mackey, County Superintendent of Schools
Daniela Parasidis, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Shannon Ortland, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Marcus Walton, Director, Communications and Special Projects
Nikki Pitcher, Director, Court and Community
Andrea Arnold, Director, Internal Business
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight
Brian Murtagh, Principal, Mt. McKinley School
Natalia Ciccone, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Michelle Kiernan, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent and Board
Cynthia Schwerin, Assistant County Counsel

1.CALL TO ORDER

1.1 The President will call the meeting to order

Board President Annette Lewis called the Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. (Video: [0:00](#))

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

All Board members were present. (Video: [00:58](#))

3.2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Sanvi read the Land Acknowledgement. (Video: [1:17](#))

3.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Panda led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. (Video: [1:40](#))

3.4 Agenda Review and Adoption

Action: Approve agenda as presented. (Video: [2:30](#))

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote – Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.5 Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2025

Action: Adopt minutes as amended. (Video: [3:18](#))

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Keerthi Eraniyan

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote: Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION (Video: [5:06](#))

4.1 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(1).): A.D. v. Moses, et al., Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. C2591733

4.2 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9((d)(2))

5. RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Resolution #7-25/26: Filipino American History Month

Action: Adopt resolution as presented. (Video: [5:44](#))

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote: Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.2 Resolution #8-25/26 Disability Awareness Month

Action: Adopt resolution as presented. (Video: [9:32](#))

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote: Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.3 Resolution #9-25/26 LGBTQ+ History Month

Action: Adopt resolution as presented. (Video: [12:46](#))

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote: Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

5.4 Resolution #10-25/26 Suicide Prevention Month

Action: Adopt resolution as presented. (Video: [16:45](#))

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Daniel Nathan-Heiss

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote: Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consent Agenda

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of a member of the Board or Superintendent and acted upon separately. (Video: [20:03](#))

6.2 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) - August 2025 (GALICIA) – ACTION

6.3 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.4 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS2-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS3-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.8 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM1-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.9 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM2-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.10 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Court School Student MM3-091025 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.11 Consider Adoption of Resolution #04-25/26 to Establish the Appropriations Limit on Proceeds of Taxes, Grann Limit, for 2024-25 and for the Estimated 2025-26 (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

6.12 Consider Adoption of Resolution #05-25/26 Authorizing the Spending of Education Protection Account Funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for Golden Gate Charter School (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

6.13 Consider Adoption of Resolution #06-25/26 Authorizing the Spending Education Protection Account Funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for Court Schools (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

Action: Adopt consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote – Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

(Video: [20:55](#))

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Initial Bargaining Proposals for Successor Agreement with PEU Local One/AFSCME Council 57 (GALICIA) – INFORMATION

Open: 5:40 p.m.

Close: 6:00 p.m.

The initial PEU Local One/AFSCME Council 57 proposal was presented in accordance with County Office Regulation 4243.1 regarding the public noticing of collective bargaining proposals. County Office Regulation 4243.1 provides that initial collective bargaining proposals of the employee organization(s) and of the County Superintendent of Schools which relate to matters within the scope of representation under the Educational Employment Relations Act shall be referred to as an agenda item and shall be presented at a public meeting of the County Board. A public hearing was held in order to receive public input. (Video: [22:19](#))

9. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Charter Schools Update (MCCHESNEY) – INFORMATION

Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight, provided the Board with up-to-date information related to charter oversight. Topics included trustee charter school visits, charter renewals in the county and an overview of LCAP presentations.

McChesney also introduced Aleesha Spurr, 5th-8th Grade Principal, and Andrew Grossman, TK-4th Grade Principal of Caliber Beta Academy; and Alton Nelson, Chief Executive Officer, and Elizabeth Martinez, Chief Operations Officer, of Making Waves Academy. Each presented the 2025-26 LCAP for their respective schools. These presentations are an opportunity for charter schools to inform the Board members of their current performance and progress with focus on the most recent LCAP, and goals, action and expenditures associated with it
(Video: [24:31](#))

Public Comment:

Brittany Martino-Weinhart, Invictus Academy of Richmond

9.2 AMPS: Richmond Charter Academy Memorandum of Understanding (MCCHESNEY) – ACTION

The Board considered the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AMPS: Richmond Charter Academy. The county board approved the renewal of the school's charter petition at the June 11, 2025, County Board meeting. The MOU and associated appendices were shared with RCA for review. The draft MOU was also presented to the CCCBOW Charter Committee for discussion and feedback in July and August. (Video: [1:08:31](#))

Action: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with AMPS: Richmond Charter Academy as presented and authorize CCCOE staff to collect all applicable signatures.

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote – Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.3 Contra Costa County Office of Education 2024-25 Unaudited Actuals Reports (PARASIDIS) – INFORMATION

Daniela Parasidis, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, gave an update on the 2024-25 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Contra Costa County Office of Education. Andrea Arnold, Internal Business, presented the report to the Board. (Video: [1:12:34](#))

9.4 Reading Intervention at Mt. McKinley - Multi-Tiered System of Supports Presentation (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Dr. Nikki Pitcher, Director, Court and Community, introduced Brian Murtagh, Principal, who provided an update on reading intervention through monthly MTSS meetings and various other tools for communication, tracking and opportunities. (Video: [1:23:16](#))

9.5 Policy Standing Committee: First Reading & Review (MACKEY) – ACTION

Superintendent Lynn Mackey introduced proposed changes for first reading to Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws recommended by the Policy Committee. The following policies were presented for first reading to the full Board and received Board approval: BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities; BP/AR 0420.4 Authorization of County Charter Schools; BP/EX 0420.41 Oversight of County Charter Schools; SP 1000 Concepts and Roles; SP 1100 Communication with the Public; SP 1112 Media Relations; AR/SP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures; SP/AR/EX 5125.1 Release of Directory Information; BP 5145.7 Sexual Harassment; and BB 9011 Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information. The Policy Committee also approved recommending the elimination of the following policies: BP 1000 Concepts and Roles; BP 1100 Communication with the Public; AR 1111.1 County Schools Directory; BP 1112 Media Relations; and SP 1312.1 Complaints Concerning County Office Employees. (Video: [1:50:24](#))

Action: Approve policy updates as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Daniel Nathan-Heiss

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yamín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss; Preferential Vote – Keerthi Eraniyan, Sanvi Panda

No: None

Absent: None

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

(Video: [1:53:55](#))

- Spoke on a panel for the California Association for the Student Councils to discuss mental health, vulnerable students and civic engagement
- Participated on a panel for the League of Women Voters to discuss the effects of the federal budget on education
- The Teacher of the Year celebration was a success and the communications team did a great job

11. BOARD UPDATES

11.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

(Video: [1:55:22](#))

- Charter Committee: Recently met to discuss the MOU for Richmond Charter Academy
- Policy Committee: Committee met to discuss policies already presented and is scheduling the next meeting
- Legislative Committee: Next meeting is Sept. 15
- Ad Hoc Committees are scheduled to meet

11.2 Comments from Board Members

(Video: [1:56:32](#))

Mike Maxwell:

- Disappointed to have missed the Teacher of the Year celebration

Daniel Nathan-Heiss:

- Met with the Policy Committee
- Thanked probation officer Kirk Mears from LA County Probation

Yazmín Llamas

- Attended Contra Costa County School Boards Association meeting
- Attended the Teacher of the Year celebration

Sarah Butler:

- Attended the Teacher of the Year celebration
- Attended the Acalanes Union High School District redistricting meeting

Annette Lewis:

- Attended CCCOE Institute Day
- Attended CCCSBA meeting on Sept. 2
- Attended the Teacher of the Year celebration
- Attended the CSBA County Board School Boards Conference in Monterey; Takeaways:
 - o Chris Gardner, from the Pursuit of Happiness presentation
 - o Micro trainings on workforce housing and supports available
 - o Federal budget has to be passed by the end of September or a continuing resolution, Capitol Advisors update
 - o Elimination of the Department of Education is not in the senate version of the budget but was on the house version
 - o Micro training of the Brown Act and closed sessions
 - o Dental equity presentation from Tuolumne County

- Presentation from San Joaquin Office of Education regarding youth apprenticeship program
- Micro training on governance calendar
- Speaker Kevin Flemming on defining goals
- Presentation on special education programs from Santa Clara County to teach student life skills
- Sunday focused on incarcerated youth
- San Joaquin County juvenile and how to develop youth while they are in the program
- San Joaquin County presentation on preparing students in the justice system for reentry and how to break the cycle
- There is a new county board member's handbook on the CSBA website

11.3 Comments from Student Board Members

(Video: [2:04:53](#))

Keerthi Eraniyan:

- Attended the Teacher of the Year banquet, listened to teachers and that they think about teachers
- CC Youth Journalism project where students are reporting on the effects of tariffs on local nonprofits, wrote on the effects to Solano and Contra Costa Food Bank
- Leshner Speaker Newsmaker Speaker series Laura Linney is speaking at Leshner Center and they will be interviewing her
- New cell phone policies and how they are different in the Mt. Diablo School District and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Sanvi Panda:

- Phone bans policies, the San Ramon School District implemented the Yonder pouches and locks for the entire day, Google Classroom has become a bigger tool for them
- Big proponent of Yonder pouches
- Made a High School Ambassador for the American Association of University Women. At the first meeting, discussed women in STEM majors and careers and efforts and policies the last 5+ years

11.4 Future Agenda Items

(Video: [2:12:55](#))

- Requests can be emailed

12. EVENTS CALENDAR

12.1 Calendar of Events 2025

(Video: [2:13:13](#))

12.2 Board Meeting Dates 2025

Next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

(Video: [2:14:19](#))