

`Contra Costa County Board of Education
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
June 11, 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
Ishaan Savla, Student Trustee
Luke Wilson, Student Trustee

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Mackey, County Superintendent of Schools
Daniela Parasidis, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Shannon Ortland, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs
Marcus Walton, Director, Communications and Special Projects
Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight
Andrea Arnold, Director, Internal Business
Cameron Kirkham, Director, General Services
Hanna Ma, Director, District and Support Services
Nikki Pitcher, Student Programs, Court and Community Schools
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 5:01 p.m. (Video: [0:00](#))

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 General Information

3. OPENING PROCEDURES

3.1 Roll Call

Five Board members were present. (Video: [0:56](#))

Student Board members were not present.

3.2 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Nathan-Heiss read the Land Acknowledgement. (Video: [1:17](#))

3.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Lewis led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. (Video: [1:43](#))

3.4 Agenda Review and Adoption

Action: Approve agenda as presented. (Video: [2:12](#))

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

3.5 Board Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2025

Action: Adopt minutes as presented. (Video: [2:59](#))

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Daniel Nathan-Heiss

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 None.

5. RECOGNITIONS

None.

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: [3:55](#))

6.2 Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) – May 2025 (GALICIA) – ACTION

6.3 Student Board Member Absences (LEWIS) – ACTION

6.4 Initial Management Proposal to CCCSEA/CTA/NEA for Successor Agreement (GALICIA) – INFORMATION

6.5 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Adult School Student CCAS1-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.6 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS1-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.7 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS2-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.8 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS3-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.9 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS4-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.10 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS5-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.11 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS6-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.12 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS7-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.13 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS8-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.14 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS9-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.15 Consider Granting of a Contra Costa County High School Diploma to Community School Student GGCS10-061125 (BERGER) – ACTION

6.16 Consider Approval of the PROP 28 Expenditure Plan – Contra Costa COE (BERGER) – ACTION

6.17 Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 26-24/25 Authorizing the Spending of Education Protection Account Funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for Golden Gate Charter School (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

6.18 Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 27-24/25 Authorizing the Spending of Education Protection Account Funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for Court Schools (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

Action: Adopt consent agenda presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Sarah Butler

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Public Comment

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Initial Proposal from CCCSEA/CTA/NEA for Successor Agreement (GALICIA) – INFORMATION

Open: 5:07 p.m.

Close: 5:09 p.m.

This proposal is being 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. Following initial presentation of this proposal, the Board schedules a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to receive public input. (Video: [6:28](#))

8.2 Public Hearing on AMPS Richmond Charter Academy Charter Renewal Appeal and Consider Action to Grant or Deny Charter Renewal Appeal (MCCHESENEY) – INFORMATION

Open: 5:09 p.m.

Recess at 6:49 p.m.; returned at 6:56 p.m.

Close: 7:26 p.m.

On April 30, 2025, the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) School Board denied the Amethod Public Schools: Richmond Charter Academy Petition for charter renewal. On May 1, the Petitioners submitted their appeal package to the Contra Costa County Office of Education. On May 21, the Contra Costa County Board of Education held a public hearing on the provisions of the charter, at which time the Board considered the level of support for the Petition. Pursuant to Education Code 47605(b), during the final public hearing, the CCCBOE received a presentation from Staff on their report and recommendation. The Petitioners were provided equivalent time to make their own presentation. There was an opportunity for public comment and questions, and comments from Trustees. The Board made a final decision to grant the Charter with an MOU to be finalized at a later Board meeting. (Video: [8:28](#))

Action: Approve charter renewal as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Daniel Nathan-Heiss

Yes: Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: Sarah Butler

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Public Comment:

Jordan Armendariz, Staff member and former student

Amir Butler, Student

Santiago Ruiz, Student

Aubrey Magno, Student

Tiago Vargas, Student

Santiago Ruiz, Student

Muhammad Alquiblan, Student

Guadalupe Amigon, Parent

Maria Vargas Carnejo, Parent

Maria Arechiga, Parent

Davis Leung, Board member
Rodolfo Ornelas, AMP Board Chair
Douglas Pelton, Charter Oversight Consultant on behalf of West Contra Costa Unified School District
Sky Nelson, El Cerrito High School Physics Teacher
Sylvia Mazariegos, Parent
Joyce Montgomery, Financial Advisor to AMPS
Brandon Song, Richmond Charter Academy Teacher
Elizabeth Martinez, Making Waves Academy Chief Operating Officer and AMPS Board member

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 the updates on the Golden Gate Community School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Contra Costa School of Performing Arts closure. (Video: [1:36:28](#))

9.2 Consider Adoption of the 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Contra Costa County Office of Education (BERGER) – ACTION

The Contra Costa County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) includes a Plan Summary, Annual Update, Stakeholder Engagement Summary, ESSA Federal Addendum, Budget Overview for Parents, and Summary of Increased/Improved Services. These components identify the goals, actions and expenditures for the 2025-26 fiscal year, and address all required state priorities and metrics. Following the completion of the Stakeholder Engagement process, the proposed LCAP was reviewed at a Public Hearing on May 21, 2025, and was presented to the Board for approval. The California Education Code requires the County Board to adopt the LCAP on or before July 1 using the template approved by the State Board of Education. The adopted LCAP shall be effective for a period of three years and shall be updated on or before July 1 of each year. (Video: [1:40:25](#))

Action: Adopt the CCCOE LCAP

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Daniel Nathan-Heiss

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.3 Consider Adoption of the 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Golden Gate Community School (BERGER) – ACTION

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Action: Adopt the Golden Gate Community School LCAP

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Annette Lewis

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

9.4 Presentation on the Local Indicators for Golden Gate Community Schools (BERGER) – INFORMATION

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that passed in 2013 created an accountability system that is based on multiple measures. These measures are used to determine local educational agency (LEA) and school progress toward

meeting the needs of their students. Performance in the 10 LCFF priority areas are measured using a combination of state and local indicators. LEAs are required to report on the local indicators. These indicators are posted on the LEA Dashboard and are listed as "Met, Not Met" or "Not Met for Two or More Years." The local indicators will only appear on the Dashboard. (Video: [1:43:58](#))

9.5 Presentation on the Local Indicators for Contra Costa County Office of Education (BERGER) – INFORMATION

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9.6 Consider Adoption of the 2025-26 Contra Costa County Office of Education Final Budget (PARASIDIS) – ACTION

In accordance with California Education Code, the Contra Costa County Board of Education held a public hearing on May 21, 2025, on the proposed 2025-26 Contra Costa County Office of Education Final Budget. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Contra Costa Times. The Budget was reviewed at the County Board of Education's Budget workshop and the County Board meeting on May 21, 2025. (Video: [1:45:42](#))

Action: Adopt the 2025-26 Final Budget

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion passes

9.7 Facilities Master Plan (PARASIDIS/KIRKHAM) – INFORMATION

Cameron Kirkham, Director of General Services, will introduce Joshua Jackson of PBK Architects, the firm selected to lead the Facilities Master Planning process for the Contra Costa County Office of Education. The firm has extensive experience in educational facility planning and has been engaged with the agency to help develop a comprehensive spending plan for CCCOE facilities. This work supports the agency's mission to provide safe, functional and future-ready facilities across the school sites and administrative building. (Video: [1:47:10](#))

9.8 Universal Screening for Reading Difficulties – Senate Bill 114 Presentation (BERGER) – INFORMATION

Nick Berger, Senior Director, Student Programs, presented an overview of Senate Bill 114, which mandates universal screening for reading difficulties, including dyslexia, in students from kindergarten through second grade starting in the 2025-26 school year. The presentation detailed the process for a state-approved screener aligned with the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), highlighting a comparison of the top tools and the recommendation of UCSF Multitudes. It also outlined the details of the phased implementation plan, including professional development, communication with families, and system integration to support early intervention and literacy success. (Video: [2:17:02](#))

9.9 Summary of Supports for School Districts (ORTLAND) – INFORMATION

Shannon Ortland, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services, introduced Hanna Ma, Director of School and District Support, who provided the annual review of the Levels of Support. Additionally, Ma highlighted the specific actions taken throughout the year to provide support to our school districts, ensuring that they continue to receive the necessary resources and assistance for improvement and growth. (Video: [2:29:53](#))

9.10 Policy Standing Committee: Second Reading & Review (MACKEY) – ACTION

Superintendent Lynn Mackey reintroduced proposed changes for second 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: BP 3320 Claims and Actions Against the COE; BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention; BB 9224 Oath or Affirmation; and BB 9260 Legal Protections. (Video: [2:48:14](#))

Action: Approve policy updates as presented.

Motion by Mike Maxwell, second by Daniel Nathan-Heiss

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion passes

9.11 Student Board Member Recommendation (LEWIS) – ACTION

On February 22, 2023, the Board adopted Board Bylaw 9150 allowing students to serve on the Contra Costa County Board of Education. This year, Board President Annette Lewis appointed herself and Board Member Mike Maxwell to an ad hoc committee to select the Student Members for the 2025-26 school year. This year, 51 eligible students from 18 schools in nine districts submitted applications by the deadline. After applicants were ranked by CCCOE employees who work with young people from WISP, TUPE, Youth Services and College and Career Readiness, the ad hoc committee interviewed 13 students over the course of two days. The committee is recommending the Board appoint two candidates from the applicant pool for the 2025-26 school year. The announcement of the recommendations officially dissolves the ad hoc Student Board member committee. (Video: [2:49:24](#))

Action: Approve Sanvi Panda and Keerthi Eraniyan as Student Board members for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Daniel Nathan-Heiss, second by Mike Maxwell

Yes: Sarah Butler, Annette Lewis, Yazmín Llamas, Mike Maxwell, Daniel Nathan-Heiss

No: None

Absent: Student Board members – Ishaan Savla, Luke Wilson

Final Resolution: Motion passes

9.12 Superintendent Salary Ad Hoc Committee (LEWIS) – INFORMATION

Per BB 9130, The Board president Annette Lewis appointed herself and Trustee Yazmín Llamas to a Superintendent Salary Advisory committee to collect information on how county superintendent salaries in California are determined, including examining pay scale, student population and other criteria that may guide the Board in discussion of potential policy changes. (Video: [2:53:33](#))

9.13 CSBA Annual Education Conference (AEC) Discussion (LEWIS) – DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the CSBA Annual Education Conference (AEC), including which Board members intend to attend the conference which is Dec. 3-5 in Sacramento. BB 9250 allows for travel expenses to be covered and/or reimbursed. Registration is \$775 for early bird pricing which ends on August 12. Hotel prices range from \$162-\$298. Two trustees will also have additional expenses related to the Delegate Assembly meetings that will require additional night stays. (Video: [2:55:32](#))

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent's Update

(Video: [3:02:59](#))

- Attended several end of the year activities both within the agency's programs and within the county, including Marchus School, the Pittsburg Adult School, ROP Medical Liberty School, Diablo Vista School, court and community schools and Clayton Valley Charter High School, and will also attend Making Waves Charter Academy graduation.
- Community engagement and advocacy, participating in Senator DeSaulnier's virtual town hall, and attended events focused on community, well-being and student opportunity, including STAND Free From Violence screening, Ed Fund Soring to Excellence celebration, and participated in the Reimagining Youth Justice Convening and ongoing work with the Community Prevention Plan planning committee.
- Hosted Capital Advisors committee and the staff have been working on reviewing LCAPs from the school districts.
- The agency is considering purchasing KVHS radio license from Mt. Diablo Unified School District.
- There will be five new superintendent's next school year in districts in the county.

11. BOARD UPDATES

11.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

(Video: [3:06:16](#))

- Charter Committee: Nothing to report
- Policy Committee: Next meeting is July 16
- Legislative Committee: Nothing to report

11.2 Comments from Board Members

(Video: [3:07:18](#))

Yazmín Llamas

- Attended several end-of-the-year award ceremonies and graduations and enjoyed several schools

Sarah Butler

- Attended graduations
- Attended the May Revise presentation by Capitol Advisors

Mike Maxwell

- Attended graduations, including four in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District
- Attended Contra Costa School of Performing Arts final graduation
- Attended at Saint Mary's College called "Envision Tomorrow," a program for younger students who are looking for careers in the architectural, facility maintenance, etc.

Annette Lewis

- Attended the Capital Advisors May Revise
- Attended graduations at Marchus School, East County schools programs at Liberty High School, Clayton Valley Charter High School and the Golden Gate and Mt. McKinley School

11.3 Comments from Student Board Members

None.

11.4 Future Agenda Items

(Video: [3:12:30](#))

- Requests can be emailed

12. EVENTS CALENDAR

12.1 Calendar of Events 2025

(Video: [3:12:40](#))

12.2 Board Meeting Dates 2025

Next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The President will adjourn the Board meeting

President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

(Video: [3:13:09](#))