San Leandro Unified School District Minutes

Special (Virtual) Board Meeting
October 27, 2020 5:30 PM
ONLINE ONLY DUE TO COVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER VIA ZOOM
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Closed Session - 5:00 pm

Open Session - 5:30 pm

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:

Present:
James Aguilar
Dr. Kevin Collins
Evelyn Gonzalez
Dr. Mike McLaughlin
Peter Oshinski
Sonal Patel
Diana Prola
Christian Rodriguez
Leo Sheridan
Monique Tate
Zarina Zanipatin

Absent:
Student Board Member

Updated Attendance:
Student Board Member was updated to present at: 5:35 PM. She arrived after item D.4, Approval of Agenda.

A. CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Minutes:
The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Minutes:
There was no public testimony on closed session items.

C. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Minutes:
The Board recessed into closed session at 5:00pm.

C.1. Student Expulsions; EC 35146 and 48918(c) - None

C.2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: xxxx; GC 54957 - None

C.3. Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Hiring; GC 54957 - None

C.4. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6) Employee organizations: SLTA, CSEA, T / T, Unrepresented Groups, Designated Representative: Zarina Zanipatin

C.5. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: (specify number of potential cases) - None

C.6. Public Employee Appointment - Title: xxx; Government Code 54957 - None

C.7. Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Property(ies); xxx; Government Code 54956.8 - None

C.8. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - (Specify number of potential cases); Government Code 54956.9 - None

C.9. Liability Claims; Government Code 54956 - None

C.10. Matters Related to Students EC 35146 and 48912 - None

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - 5:30 P.M.

Minutes:
The Board reconvened to open session at 5:30pm.

D.1. Roll Call

Minutes:
Roll call was taken and all board members were present.

D.2. Report on Closed Session Action

Minutes:
No action was taken in closed session.

D.3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:
President Oshinski recited the pledge of allegiance with board and

audience members.

D.4. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Christian Rodriguez and a second by Evelyn Gonzalez.
Yes James Aguilar
Absent Student Board Member
Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Peter Oshinski
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Christian Rodriguez
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1. TK-12 History-Social Science, TK-12 Science, and 6-12 World Language Adoption Committee Recommendations

Minutes:
Dr. Sonal Patel, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided a presentation on recommendations from the TK-12 Curriculum Adoption Adoption Committee.

Their adoption focus was on

- History/Social Science for grades, TK-5, 6-8 and 9-12*

- Science grades TK-5, 6-8 and 9-12*

- World Language grades 6-8 and 9-12

*including specialized courses and programming

It was a large focus in a short amount of time. But there was a **big** need. The school district's curriculum in History/Social Science, World Language and Science was outdated and not aligned to current standards, frameworks and vision as reflected in our strategic plan and graduate profile. The school district had been waiting for funding for many years.

A solution arose. The school district was able to target special one-time COVID-19 emergency funding from the state to update aging textbooks and learning materials in order to provide online access and relevant coursework for our students.

Working under a highly compressed timeline our curriculum adoption committee members and facilitators worked tirelessly on how developing

rubrics, piloting lessons and synthesized feedback from peers, community and students and shared evaluations to form recommendations.

Dr. Patel acknowledged that educators are not only navigating distance learning and coping with the pandemic themselves, but they also engaged deeply in the adoption process in order to bring this committee the recommendations.

Science
The committee used rubrics based on alignment with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and all rubrics for all content areas is also included.

Rubric standards included the following:

*Diversity

* inclusivity

* Accessibility

* Engagement

* Content Presentation

* Technology

* The ability of the curriculum to foster critical thinking and rigor

* The type of assessment that is grounded both formative and summative within the curriculum

The adoption committee chose:

Amplify for grades TK-5 and 6-8 -

Savvas for grades 9-12

All members of the Science Curriculum adoption committee were displayed and acknowledged for all of their hard work put in during the compressed timeline.

History / Social Science

This adoption committee developed a rubric similar to the one for the California Standards but also the California framework. They also used most rubric standards noted earlier for the science curriculum recommendations.

The adoption committee chose:

Teacher's Curriculum Initiation (TCI) for grades 6-8

National Geographic (Cengage) for grades 9-12

Committee members were displayed and acknowledged for all of the efforts.

Dr. Patel provided background information for the TK-5 history and social science recommendation. The committee reviewed the publishing companies from the adoptions that were put forth by the California State Board of Education. The companies and adoptions did not meet the rubric that was developed. Upon further review the committee realized the TCI curriculum would not work for grades TK-5. The teachers in this committee decided that they wanted to create custom made units which were more closely aligned and rooted to the history and social science framework and rooted to historically responsive teaching.

The TK5 History Social Science adoption committee recommends adopting custom made units.

The units will include:

* essential questions rooted in history social science framework and touch upon the history social science standards and the social justice standards for teaching tolerance

* There are up to 5 units per grade that comprise 3-5 lessons within the unit that integrate across curriculum and project based learning

* Resources include non-fiction/fiction literature and reference tools

The TK-5 History and Social Science Adoption Committee members were displayed and acknowledged.

World Language

The adoption committee has made recommendations in three languages: Mandarin, Spanish and French.

Mandarin: Cheng & Tsui 10-4 for Mandarin Speakers

Chairman's Bao AP - supplemental

Spanish:

Vista 1-3, AP

McGraw-Hill Medical (currently in our career pathway)

Wayside - Spanish Speakers

Guerra & Savvas - Spanish Speakers supplemental

French

Savvas - AP

French 1-3 is to be determined; we will bring that recommendation to the November 10 board meeting since the publisher has filed Chapter 11 documents. We don't want to engage with a publisher that will not be able to engage in the way we need for curriculum adoption. This will provide time for the French teachers to review more curriculum to bring forward for adoption.

All World Language Curriculum Adoption committee members were displayed and acknowledged.

Next Steps

1. Complete TK-5 History-Social Studies Curriculum

2. Training on digital elements and resources

3. Collaboration to integrate curriculum, assessments

Adoption Costs for recommended curriculums were displayed.

* TK-12 Science $1,894,502

*TK-12 History Social Science $1,197,280

* 6-12 World Language $400,000

Total Estimated Costs for all adoption recommendations is $3,446,782.

Adoption Committee facilitators, materials and tech support staff were acknowledged for all of their hard work and oversight for the adoption committee recommendations.

F. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1. General Services

F.1.a. School Reopening Plans

Minutes:
Dr. Mike McLaughlin, Superintendent, provided a reopening safety plan update.

Our school district is receiving recommendations from Alameda County Health department which is beginning to push districts into reopening schools.

We have a COVID-19 Response Team. Members on this team are:

Dr. Mike McLaughlin, Superintendent

Dr. Kevin Collins, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations

Dr. Zarina Zanipatin, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

Dr. Jessica Bonduris, Senior Director, Personnel Services

Rocky Medeiros, Safety & Emergency Preparedness

The team meets weekly or more as needed to review the elements and guidelines needed to reopen. Safety features and facility needs are addressed.

Readiness Factors were reviewed. San Leandro Unified can reopen elementary schools if we meet guidelines and preparation in the following areas:

1. Facilities -social distancing for classrooms

2. Health Practices - testing to staff, students, PPE

3. Campus Logistics - how to bring students back gradually to provide social distance

4. Staff - training to provide safety in open environment

5. Students and Families - a reopening plan for in person learning and work with families who are not comfortable returning their students to in-person learning

Reopening Readiness Dashboard

This information will be reflected on our school district website and will be updated frequently.

1. Facilities

* Cleaning/Disinfection; supplies and training

* Office Plexiglass Barriers

* MERV-13 Air Filters - 75% complete

* Sanitizer Dispensers Mounted In Classrooms - 25% complete

* Health Protocols Signage - 25% complete

* Spacing/Direction Markers - 15% complete

2. Health Practices

* Daily Health Screen Platforms

* District COVID-19 Liaisons

* Students and Staff PPE

* Reporting and Contract Investigating Protocols

3. School Campus Logistics

* Injury and illness prevention program update

* Meals plan

* Restroom plans - 75% complete

* Arrive and Departure Procedures - 75% complete

* Recess Plans - 15% complete

* ACOE-Approved Reopening Plan - In development

* Site specific Protection Plan - In development

4. Staff

* Substitute staffing for accommodated Employees

* COVID-19 Staff Training - 75% Complete

* Labor Agreements for Blended Learning Model - In development

* Employee COVID-19 Testing for Employees - In development

5. Students and Families

* On-Campus Learning Family Agreement

* Family/Student Guide to reopening in 2021 - In Development

* Student COVID19 Safety videos - In development

* Family intent to return - in development

A proposed timeline was displayed:

* November-December 2020: Preparations - Bargaining Unit Collaboration

* January 2021 - Phased reopening of elementary, middle and high school sites

* June 2021 - End of school year

A calendar for January 2021 was displayed showing the four phases of reopening beginning January 4, which is the date the school district is looking to begin in person learning. Dr. McLaughlin asked the board to make a motion to return to in person learning on January 4 at the end of the presentation. This target date will help the teachers and support staff get prepared. This date can move as needed if it is determined that our school district is not ready for in person learning. Updates will be provided as the school district moves toward that date or the Alameda County Health Department guidelines change.

Next Steps
In addition to setting a target date, updates will be provided at every board meeting and adding more board meetings as needed to inform the community on a consistent basis of where we're at and where we are going.

F.2. Educational Services

F.2.a. San Leandro Unified School District's History Social Science Curriculum Adoption for TK-12

Motion Passed: Staff recommends approval of San Leandro Unified School District's History Social Science Curriculum Adoption for TK-12. Passed with a motion by Christian Rodriguez and a second by Evelyn Gonzalez.

Yes James Aguilar
Yes Student Board Member
Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Peter Oshinski
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Christian Rodriguez
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

F.2.b. San Leandro Unified School District's Science Curriculum Adoption for TK-12

Motion Passed: Staff recommends approval of San Leandro Unified School District's Science Curriculum Adoption for TK-12. Passed with a motion by Leo Sheridan and a second by Monique Tate.

Yes James Aguilar
Yes Student Board Member
Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Peter Oshinski
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Christian Rodriguez
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

F.2.c. San Leandro Unified School District's World Language Curriculum Adoption for 6-12

Motion Passed: Staff recommends approval of San Leandro Unified School District's World Language Curriculum Adoption for 6-12. Passed with a motion by Evelyn Gonzalez and a second by Christian Rodriguez.

Yes James Aguilar
Yes Student Board Member
Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Peter Oshinski
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Christian Rodriguez
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

G. BOARD OF EDUCATION FUTURE MEETINGS

G.1. Regular Board Meeting - November 10, 2020

H. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
Meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by James Aguilar and a second by Diana Prola.

Yes James Aguilar
Yes Student Board Member
Yes Evelyn Gonzalez
Yes Peter Oshinski
Yes Diana Prola
Yes Christian Rodriguez
Yes Leo Sheridan
Yes Monique Tate

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Education

Board Approved: