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CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2015

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Board Members

Sandy Thorstenson, Chair

Sue Burr, Vice-Chair

Tom Torlakson, Member

Michael C. Watkins, Member

Tim Sbranti, Member

Fiscal Agent

Riverside County Office of Education

Kenneth M. Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

Fiscal Agent, Kenneth M. Young, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:04 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

OATH OF OFFICE

AGENDA ITEMS

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ITEM 1

Subject: Board Bylaws: Proposed bylaws for the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

Type of Action: Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Bylaws for operation of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Governing Board, including a schedule of regular meetings.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Torlakson and seconded by Member Sbranti that the bylaws be approved as discussed/presented.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Members Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti

Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

ITEM 2

Subject: Election of officers.

Type of Action: Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Take up the election of officers in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Governing Board Bylaws adopted pursuant to Agenda Item 1.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Burr and seconded by Member Watkins that Member Thorstenson serve as Chair for the CCEE Board.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti
Motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Torlakson and seconded by Member Sbranti that Member Burr serve as Vice-Chair for the CCEE Board.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti
Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

ITEM 3

Subject: Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE): Overview of the role of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE).

Type of Action: Information/Discussion

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive information on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) and discuss the initial and ongoing role of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE).

No action taken.

Public comments were solicited. The listed individuals spoke during the public comments section of this item: Annie Lee, Foster Education: National Center for Youth Law, Peter Birdsall, Executive Director, CCESA, Liz Guillen, Public Advocates, and Stacy Smith, Parent.

ITEM 4

Subject: California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Administrative Structure: Possible administrative structures to perform California Collaborative for Educational Excellence work, including authority to hire staff and/or contract for administrative work as may be determined by the Board.

Type of Action: Information/Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and take action as appropriate on administrative structure for the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Torlakson and seconded by Member Watkins that the administrative structure decision be a delegation of authority to a CCEE Ad Hoc Sub-Committee made up of Chair Thorstenson and Vice-Chair Burr to work with Fiscal Agent Young to determine whether the Riverside County Office of Education staff or a search firm will be selected to hire/contract for the administrative structure.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti
Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. The listed individual spoke during the public comments section of this item: Peter Birdsall, Executive Director, CCESA.

The Board took a break at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

ITEM 5

Subject: Facilitation of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence role and work, including authority to hire staff and/or contract for facilitation work as may be determined by the Board.

Type of Action: Information/Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: 1. Contract with a facilitation service to assist the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Governing Board to set goals and prioritize tasks. 2. If appropriate, select one facilitation service based on presentations. 3. Direct staff to take further action as appropriate to implement the Board's action on this item.

No action taken.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

The Board took a lunch break at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

ITEM 6

Subject: Legal Counsel: Authority to select and contract with legal counsel to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

Type of Action: Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Fiscal Agent to request proposals from and select a certified professional law corporation to provide general counsel services to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Sbranti and seconded by Member Watkins that legal counsel be approved and obtained as discussed/presented.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti

Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

ITEM 7

Subject: Liability Insurance: Authority to acquire liability insurance for the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence and its officers, consistent with applicable law.

Type of Action: Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Fiscal Agent to acquire liability insurance consistent with applicable law.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Sbranti and seconded by Member Burr that liability insurance be approved and obtained as discussed/presented.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti

Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

ITEM 8

Subject: Budget: Proposed California Collaborative for Educational Excellence budget through June 30, 2015.

Type of Action: Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Discuss, revise as appropriate, and adopt proposed CCEE operating budget for 2014-2015 and authorize the expenditures incorporated therein.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Watkins and seconded by Member Thorstenson that the 2014-15 budget be approved as discussed/presented.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti

Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

ITEM 9

Subject: Board Meeting Schedule: Proposed Board meeting schedule through December 31, 2015.

Type of Action: Discussion/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt regularly scheduled CCEE Board meeting schedule through December 31, 2015

MOTION: It was moved by Member Burr and seconded by Member Sbranti that the CCEE Board meeting schedule be approved as occurring on the first Thursday of every other month, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., on June 4, August 6, October 1, December 3, with the exception of the June 4 meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti

Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

ITEM 10

Subject: Conflict of Interest Code and Disclosure Categories – Statement of Economic Interests - Form 700.

Type of Action: Information/Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Fiscal Agent and selected legal counsel, in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board, to consult with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to develop a proposed Conflict of Interest Code for adoption by the Governing Board, according to the requirements of the Political Reform Act (“PRA”).

MOTION: It was moved by Member Sbranti and seconded by Member Burr that the Conflict of Interest Code and Disclosure Categories be approved as discussed/presented.

VOTES: 5 Ayes: Thorstenson, Burr, Torlakson, Watkins, Sbranti

Motion carried.

Public comments were solicited. No public comments were made.

ITEM 11

Subject: General Public Comment: Public Comment is invited on any matter **not** included on the printed agenda. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Board, the presiding officer may establish specific time limits on presentations.

Type of Action: Information

Public comments were solicited. The listed individuals spoke during the open public comments agenda item: Sherry Griffith, ACSA and Peter Birdsall, CCESA.

Chair Thorstenson adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.