

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

### **February 21, 2019**

#### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

President/CEO Margaret Fortune called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Board Secretary Michelle Grace called the roll:

Eleanor Brown: PRESENT      Paulette Brown Hinds: PRESENT      Bertha Gorman: PRESENT

Scott Loehr: PRESENT      Ollie Watson: PRESENT

Quorum reached.

#### **Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session**

President/CEO Margaret Fortune announced the closed session item: Conference with legal counsel; anticipated litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case. President/CEO Margaret Fortune adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 5:03pm.

#### **Open Session – Call to Order**

President/CEO Margaret Fortune called Open Session to order at 5:47 pm.

#### **Public Report on Action Taken in Closed Session**

President/CEO Margaret Fortune reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

#### **Flag Salute**

Member Scott Loehr led the flag salute.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

Member Gorman made a motion to adopt the February 21, 2019 meeting agenda as published.

Member E. Brown seconded.

Roll call vote:

Eleanor Brown: AYE

Paulette Brown Hinds: AYE

Bertha Gorman: AYE

Scott Loehr AYE

Ollie Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment**

Doug Fischer, Program Coordinator from Youth Mediators in Schools, gave a brief presentation to those present about the program offered by Youth Mediators in Schools. This program features a variety of conflict resolution, peer mediation and peer counseling programs for students. Students are trained as facilitators and work within the student body to help resolve conflict. This program is used in Folsom-Cordova, San Juan and Natomas Unified. There is also a staff component of the program through which staff can be trained to serve as on-campus advisors to the program. Each member of the board received an information packet, as did all those present.

**Approve Minutes from November 15, 2018 Board Meeting**

Member Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2018 Board Meeting. Member E. Brown seconded.

Roll call vote:

Eleanor Brown: AYE

Paulette Brown Hinds: AYE

Bertha Gorman: AYE

Scott Loehr AYE

Ollie Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

**Approve Academic Calendars for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021**

Chief Operating Officer Michelle Grace presented the item. This is the first year the Board has the opportunity to approve two academic year calendars. As Fortune School is in a partnership with Cosumnes River College at Rex and Margaret Fortune Early College High School, the organization follows the Los Rios Community College District’s academic calendar. These calendars follow the same basic format as in years prior. On the 2020-2021 calendar, Rex & Margaret Fortune Early College High School’s first graduation ceremony is scheduled for June 16, 2021.

Member Loehr made a motion to approve the Academic Calendars for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Member Gorman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Eleanor Brown: AYE

Paulette Brown Hinds: AYE

Bertha Gorman: AYE

Scott Loehr AYE

Ollie Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

**Approve Cosumnes River College Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Fortune School of Education / Rex & Margaret Fortune Early College High School**

President/CEO Margaret Fortune presented the item. This memorandum of understanding has been a deliberate process and collaboration between Fortune School and Cosumnes River College (CRC) since summer, 2018. The MOU operationalizes the partnership between both entities. The MOU addresses important policies such as student eligibility to take course work and grade point average requirements to remain enrolled in CRC, which are consistent with the policies related to concurrent enrollment across the Los Rios Community College District. Rex & Margaret Fortune Early College High School will establish an alternate track in order to serve students who are not eligible to take CRC coursework. The alternate pathway will ensure that all students awarded a high school diploma meet a-g requirements upon graduation.

Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Cosumnes River College.

Member Gorman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Eleanor Brown: AYE

Paulette Brown Hinds: AYE

Bertha Gorman: AYE

Scott Loehr AYE

Ollie Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

**Approve Low Performing Students Block Grant Plans for Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School**

Matt Taylor, Director of Data, Analytics and Strategy presented the item. These reports are required annually by the state. The report provides general information on the schools, as well as specific detail on how the funds allocated through the Low Performing Students Block Grant will be spent. Board approval of the plan is required before funds can be accessed. Rather than creating a new plan, the block grant funds will be utilized as described in the Local Control Accountability Plan: grade level collaboration time with master teachers focused on development of English Language Arts and

mathematics grade level content standards-based learning targets. Grade level collaboration time takes place during professional development time on early release days across the organization. Effectiveness will be measured by reviewing academic content and reviewing assessment data. The reports will be sent to the state once approved by the Board.

Member Gorman made a motion to approve the Low Performing Students Block Grant Plans for Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School.

Member Watson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Eleanor Brown: AYE

Paulette Brown Hinds: AYE

Bertha Gorman: AYE

Scott Loehr AYE

Ollie Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

### **Approve 2017-2018 School Accountability Report Cards for Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School**

Matt Taylor, Director of Data, Analytics and Strategy presented the item. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) are required to be published annually to provide a recap on the prior school year.

These SARCs are for the 2017-18 school year for Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School.

Data included in the SARC includes but is not limited to student demographics, student enrollment, academic performance information, teacher retention rates, teacher salary information, instructional materials information, CAASP results, suspension and expulsion information, and facilities information.

Approximately 75% of the data included in the SARC is pre-populated through the state's information system such as CALPADS. Once approved by the Board, the SARCs will be provided to the California Department of Education and will be posted on the CDE website for the public to view.

Member Loehr made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 School Accountability Report Cards for Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School.

Member Watson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Eleanor Brown: AYE

Paulette Brown Hinds: AYE

Bertha Gorman: AYE

Scott Loehr AYE

Ollie Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

### **Approve 2018-2019 Second Interim Budget for Fortune School of Education, Hardy Brown College Prep, Fortune School, William Lee College Prep, Alan Rowe College Prep, Ephraim Williams College Prep, Hazel Mahone College Prep, Rex & Margaret Fortune Early College High School, Fortune Middle School**

Chief Financial Officer Bonnie Bensen presented the item. Members of the Board were provided with a budget summary page along with detail on each of the school sites and department budgets. Although expenses are projected to exceed revenue, the deficit amount has been reduced. First interim cuts have been maintained to achieve savings, and all projected expenses have been reviewed in detail to ensure that all savings have been captured. Health benefit premiums were projected to increase by 14% for Southern California employees and 11% for Northern California employees; the actual increase came in slightly less than projected. Since first interim, a Classified Employees' Professional Development Grant in the amount of approximately \$15,000 between Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School was received and is reflected in the budget. The grant will be utilized to offset the cost of the upcoming anti-bullying training that is happening in March at Hardy Brown College Prep and Alan Rowe College Prep, the two campuses that will pilot the anti-bullying program. At first interim, ADA at Hardy Brown College Prep was projected to be 296; actual ADA as of February 14, 2019 is 299.83. In Sacramento it was projected to be 1172; actual ADA as of February 14, 2019 is 1172.82. P2 enrollment period ends March 29, 2019 and we are on track to hold onto those ADA numbers thanks

in part to the transitional kindergarten class that was added in January, 2019. The projected reserve on June 30, 2019 is \$2,300,000; \$844,000 of that is required to be set aside for economic uncertainty (well over the 5% required), leaving an undesignated balance of \$1,500,000. Growth is projected to be an organizational priority for 2019-20.

Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Second Interim Budget for Fortune School of Education, Hardy Brown College Prep, Fortune School, William Lee College Prep, Alan Rowe College Prep, Ephraim Williams College Prep, Hazel Mahone College Prep, Rex & Margaret Fortune Early College High School, Fortune Middle School

Member Watson seconded.

Eleanor Brown: AYE

Paulette Brown Hinds: AYE

Bertha Gorman: AYE

Scott Loehr AYE

Ollie Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

### **Higher Education Update**

No report presented.

### **Curriculum and Instruction Update**

Matt Taylor, Director of Data, Analytics and Strategy presented Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) projections for spring, 2019. Principals review data at weekly meetings, and from that data, assessment predictions by grade and by school are made. 2018 SBAC scores are compared to current NWEA scores and projections are based on that comparison. The projections are based on five years of analysis, including the past three years of NWEA testing. Principals went back to their sites, met with teachers, and created individual projections for their scholars based on the data. Over a period of three years, the trend is that student performance increases by 5 percentage points from trimester 2 NWEA to the spring SBAC in English Language Arts, and in Math it increases by 10 percentage points. Wes Pepper, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented the components of Crescendo: the arc that increases intensity around student learning. Crescendo begins on the first day of trimester 3 and runs through May. The first component is "Reteach During Classtime". During this time, standards are the focus of instruction. The second component is "Performance Task Wednesday". Early release Wednesdays become regular length school days for students in testing grades in order to provide more instructional time. The third component is "Intersession" – designed for students who need targeted instruction in smaller groups. The fourth component is "Saturday Academy". Each campuses has identified their highest need (English Language Arts, Math or both); students come in on specific Saturdays for additional instruction. Students are invited by their Principal to participate.

### **President/CEO's Report**

President/CEO Margaret Fortune thanked Member Watson for attending the CSU's Super Sunday event, cohosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Fortune School at Philadelphia Church of God in Christ in Oak Park. An exciting update is that Rex and Margaret Fortune Early College High School received Accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The school was granted Initial Accreditation Status through June 30, 2022. An invitation was extended to the Board to attend the California Charter Schools Conference (CCSA), March 11-14, 2019 in Sacramento. Margaret Fortune will be the keynote speaker at the Plenary session on March 12 at 8:00 am at the Wells Fargo Pavilion. There will be an Advocacy Day Rally at the State Capitol on March 13. Dr. Rex Fortune will be presenting at the CCSA Conference on March 14 at 8:15 am. All Board Members are invited to attend each of these events.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Hardy Brown College Prep | 655 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street | San Bernardino, CA | 92415

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Grace". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Grace  
Board Secretary