

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Tara Gard, Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Talent Division

SUBJECT: Application for Variable Term Waiver – CBEST, BCLAD and Program - California Commission on Teacher Credentialing - Named Employees for School Year 2020-2021

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2021-0096 - Application for Variable Term Program Waiver – CBEST, BCLAD and Program - California Commission on Teacher Credentialing – Named Employees for School Year 2020-2021:

1. Katherine Adames-Rodriguez, Single Subject Foundational Science, Elmhurst United;
2. Velisa Woods, Multiple Subject, Sankofa United;
3. Amairani Juarez-Mendez, 3rd Grade Bilingual, Melrose Leadership Academy; and
4. Leonardo Garza, 5th Grade Multiple Subject, Esperanza Elementary.

BACKGROUND:

Since July 1994, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has had the authority to issue waiver documents that have expressly to do with educator preparation and credentialing and with the ability of employers to employ or assign persons who are not appropriately credentialed for their assignment. All other waivers are under the legal authority of the State Board of Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A Waiver is issued or denied based upon the Commission's established criteria and factors such as an employer's continuing needs; the support the employer will provide to the applicant; or extenuating, extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances.

When an employing agency reviews its staffing needs and starts recruiting for various positions, all attempts must be made to fill a position with an appropriately credentialed employee. Employing agencies are required to first recruit a candidate who is qualified to participate in and enrolls in an approved internship program in the region of the employing agency and secondly, a candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months.

If a fully credentialed candidate is not available employing agencies must recruit candidates in this order:

- A candidate who is scheduled to complete his or her preliminary credential requirements within six months
- A candidate who is qualified to participate and to enroll in an internship program
- A candidate who qualifies to use a local assignment option
- A candidate who qualifies for the Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) or the Short Term Staff Permit (STSP)

If the employer is unable to find an individual who qualifies for one of the staffing options listed above, the Variable Term Waiver may be requested for the most qualified candidate.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Education, as the Governing Board, may approve an application seeking a Variable Term Waiver, from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as may be necessary for certain certificated employees of the District. For the 2020-2021 school year, CBEST, BCLAD and Program waivers are being sought for the following employees:

1. Katherine Adames-Rodriguez is requesting a Variable Term CLAD Waiver. She graduated from The University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelors in Social Science. This waiver will allow candidate time to complete CTEL Exams required for a Full English Learners Authorization.
2. Velisa Woods is requesting a Variable Term CLAD Waiver. She graduated from Jackson State University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. This waiver will allow candidate time to complete CTEL Exams required for a Full English Learners Authorization.
3. Amairani is requesting a Variable Term BCLAD: Spanish waiver. Amairani graduated from University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor's in Social Welfare. This waiver will allow candidate time to complete the CSET Exams required for a Full Bilingual Authorization: Spanish.
4. Leonardo Garza is requesting a Variable Term BCLAD Waiver. He graduated from CSU, East Bay with a Bachelors in Economics. This waiver will allow candidate time to complete CSET, and enroll in the Intern Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

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**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2021-0096**

- Application for Variable Term Program Waiver CBEST, BCLAD and Program – California Commission on Teacher Credentialing – Named Employees for School Year 2020-2021 -
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WHEREAS, the Board of Education, may approve an application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing seeking a Variable Term Program Waiver, as may be necessary for a certificated employee of the District for a specific period of time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Application for Variable Term Program Waiver – CBEST, BCLAD and Program - to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing on behalf of the candidates listed below for School Year 2020-2021:

1. Katherine Adames-Rodriguez, Single Subject Foundational Science, Elmhurst United;
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Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSE:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on January 27, 2021.

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