

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Meeting Agenda *REVISED**

December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the County Committee Meeting which is scheduled to start at 5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Procedural

A. Meeting Access

B. Public Comment Procedures and Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

C. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Lefkovitz called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Other Board members present: Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Paul Keefer, Heather Davis, Al Brown, Joanne Ahola. Harold Fong was absent.

Also present were Judith Marquez, Board Student Liaison; David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Dr. Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Acting General Counsel Elizabeth Linton; Associate Superintendent Nicolas Schweizer; Assistant Superintendents Jacqueline "Jackie" White and Brent Malicote; Executive Directors Michael Kast, Xanthi Soriano, and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats; and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in the County Committee immediately preceding the Board meeting.

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

B. Employee Organizations

There were no requests from employee organizations.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 2023, by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown

Abstain: Ahola

Absent: Fong

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2023, by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown

Abstain: Ahola

Absent: Fong

4. Adoption of Agenda

A. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the Adoption of the Agenda as presented by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong

5. Official Correspondence

A. No Official Correspondence

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

IN THE COMMUNITY

On November 15, SCOE hosted the second Sacramento County READS! Community of Practice (CoP). This CoP focused on Multilinguals and English Learners and the Science of Reading featuring Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan. Thank you, Trustee Keefer, for attending the event.

On November 28, Julie Montali, Executive Director of Early Learning, and her team together with Mark Drewes, Director of Expanded Learning, hosted a Universal Pre-Kindergarten visit at Woodlake Elementary in the Twin Rivers Unified School District for

the California Policy Collaborative on behalf of, and in partnership with, the California County Superintendents. Attendees represented state senate and assembly members, committees, caucuses, and community partners. An article about the visit is posted online.

On December 4, a study authored by Sarah Novicoff and Thomas S. Dee from Stanford University was published, focused on the results of the Early Literacy Support Block Grant and highlighted the advancement students made. SCOE was noted in the study as the Expert Lead for the grant. Once published, the research paper received wide media attention from national, state, and local media outlets. Becky Sullivan, Director of K-12 English Language Arts, did a fabulous job as SCOE's spokesperson. SCOE received prominent mention in the following media: The New York Times, The LA Times, Public TV (KQED), CalMatters, EdWeek, EdSource, The Hechinger Report, KCRA, and NPR.

At the 105th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting last week, the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom recognized last year's SCOE Teacher of the Year Kevin Jordan with an "Outstanding Educator Award" for his dedicated work introducing students to agriculture. Kevin is our science and horticulture teacher at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School.

BUSINESS UPDATE

SCOE was awarded \$400M by the Department of Health Care Services to expand access to school-based behavioral health services at school sites throughout the state. We are working closely with the Santa Clara Office of Education to support the implementation of a Fee Schedule to bill Medi-Cal managed care plans and commercial health plans to expand mental health and wellness supports. This funding will be allocated to County Offices of Education (COEs) and school districts throughout the state to implement this work over the next two years.

Another exciting update has to do with the arts and Proposition 28. Dr. Steven Winlock, Executive Director of the School of Education, and Jackie White, Assistant Superintendent of SCOE Schools and Student Programs, led a recent California County Superintendents Region 3 Arts Convening. SCOE partnered with the California County Superintendents and the Director of State Arts Initiatives, Letty Kraus, at a convening of COEs, districts, and arts organizations that focused on supporting the implementation of new arts funding through Prop 28.

EVENTS

On December 6, Technology Services hosted a meeting for network administrators from our county and the surrounding region. More than 30 technical staff attended to learn about a new system that can help make their networks more secure and easier to manage. Additionally, Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology Services and Steve Monahan from the Butte County Office of Education, provided a hands-on disaster recovery training to more than 100 technology leaders from around the state at the California IT in Education Conference.

Today, Graciela-Garcia Torres, Curriculum Specialist of our English Learner and Seal of Biliteracy programs, led a statewide conference for more than 350 California educators focused on Effective Language Acquisition Programs and elevating instruction for multilingual English learner students. Mai Xi Lee, Director of Social Emotional Learning (SEL), will lead professional learning networks this December centered on SEL. More than 175 educators are expected to attend workshops that kick off on December 14 and 15 with the statewide CalHOPE CoP on December 19, which is typically attended by close to 100 county leaders.

At all levels, and together with many educational partners, a great deal of SEL learning and collaboration is happening. Over five hundred educators have completed the SEL Foundations graduate-level course at the University of California, Berkeley and the feedback has been positive. More than 3,500 California educators have signed up for the Greater Good Science Center SEL modules. Greater than 19,000 educator engagements have been in SEL Communities of Practice across the state (4,358 unique educators). 103,270 students and 19,173 adults have completed an SEL Kelvin pulse.

Assistant Superintendent White and her team will celebrate another El Centro graduation on December 13 with three graduates. On December 14, we will honor 132 graduates at the Scottish Rite Temple for the Senior Extension Graduation. In January, El Centro plans to celebrate two graduates who will earn their AA in Sociology through Lake Tahoe Community College.

SEASON OF GIVING

El Centro Jr./Sr. High School Library presents “Books Break Barriers” and seeks donations to the Youth Detention Facility, El Centro High School Library. The Season of Giving Holiday Meal Program in partnership with PRO Youth & Family Collective, and the College & Career Readiness Department are facilitating a holiday meal drive. Meals will be provided to families from El Centro, Elinor L. Hickey, Nathaniel S. Colley, Senior Extension, and the CARE program. The Adopt-a-Family Program through the SCOE Foundations Academy and Early Learning Department will supply holiday baskets to families in need who were nominated by teachers. We also have the Gary K. Hart Resiliency Scholarship, which is another giving opportunity. For our local community, SCOE employees are contributing to the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Toy Drive with donations of unwrapped new toys, clothing, hygiene items, shoes, and gift cards for children.

CLOSING COMMENTS

SCOE will host Winter Wonderland 2023 on December 20 at the DPMEC. We start at 8:00 a.m. with a festive meet-n-greet, and various departments are hosting the Gingerbread Lane Tour throughout the day. At noon, join us for SCOE Team Time and the Ugly Sweater Contest in the Mather Room.

A beautiful and colorful display of Hmong New Year was arranged in the lobby by a group of Hmong staff inspired by Connie Lee, Director of Family and Community

Engagement. The display is intended to raise awareness of this important cultural event as part of SCOE's effort to bring more Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion into our workplace.

And finally, all of us at SCOE wish you, our Board, all the best for the holidays and a happy, healthy 2024. We so appreciate each of you and your service to our community.

This is the first of our Board meetings that will be recorded and available for viewing on our website.

B. Recognition of the January 2024 Employees of the Month - Xanthi Soriano

Marina Miller, Program Analyst, Curriculum and Instruction Department, was recognized and honored as the SCOE Classified Employee of the Month for January.

Barbara Fraijo, Alternative Education Teacher, Cordova Lane Senior Extension Program, was recognized and honored as the SCOE Certificated Employee of the Month for January.

7. Youth Presentation

A. Improve Your Tomorrow - Shanine Coats

Superintendent Gordon introduced the youth report led by Michael Lynch, CEO, from Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) who was present with two students.

8. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items - David W. Gordon

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong

B. Superintendent's Report on Personnel Transactions - Darrien Johnson

C. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students - Jacqueline White/Michael Kast

Assistant Superintendent Jackie White announced that eight students will be awarded diplomas, including three candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension; two candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; two candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; and one candidate from North Area Senior Extension.

9. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

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Motion to approve contracts as presented by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong

10. New Business - Authorization to Submit Grant Applications/Service Contracts and Accept Funding if Awarded; and Approval of Contracts, Positions, and Other Expenditures Associated with the Grants as Outlined in the Proposed Budget – David W. Gordon

A. Statewide Regional Residency Technical Assistance Center - Dr. Nancy Herota

Motion to approve by Trustee Corona Sabeniano, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong

11. New Business - Other

A. Approval of the First Interim Financial Report and Budget Revision No. 1 for 2023-2024 - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Nicolas Schweizer entrusted Heather Davis, Budget Committee Chair, with presenting the First Interim Financial Report and Budget Revision No. 1 for 2023-2024.

Motion to approve the First Interim Financial Report and Budget Revision No. 1 for 2023-2024 by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong

B. Authorization for Staff to Complete Necessary Requirements for Construction of Warehouse Facility - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Schweizer presented the agenda item requesting authorization for staff to complete necessary requirements for Construction of a Warehouse Facility.

Motion to approve the authorization for staff to complete necessary requirements for construction of a warehouse facility by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong

C. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 23-15 - Authorizing Five Percent Increase in Board Member Compensation - Elizabeth Linton

Associate General Counsel Elizabeth Linton presented Resolution No. 23-15 authorizing a five percent increase in Board Member Compensation.

Motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 23-15 – Authorizing a Five Percent increase in Board Member Compensation by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

No: Corona Sabeniano

Absent: Fong

D. Board Report - Universal Prekindergarten - Brent Malicote

Assistant Superintendent Brent Malicote introduced Julie Montali, Executive Director of Early Learning, to present the Universal Prekindergarten Board report.

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola announced that she will not be seeking reelection. She stated that it has been a pleasure for her to serve on the Sacramento County Board of Education.

Trustee Keefer - no report.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano - no report.

Trustee Brown stated that he enjoyed attending the recent CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Francisco along with 4,000 educators. He also expressed an interest in providing library cards to all families with elementary-aged children, and he thinks this is a fruitful goal.

Trustee Davis enjoyed the IYT presentation and expressed appreciation for President Lefkovitz helping to bring more youth voice to the Board. She stated that she and Trustee Brown are attending lunch on Thursday at the Palmiter Café and invited others to join them before the Court & Community Schools graduation.

Board Student Liaison Judith Marquez reported that she has been working alongside

SCOE Curriculum Specialist Charley Gilmore with Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School and Nathaniel S. Colley Sr. High School students on team building activities, including discussions about a just society and thought provoking activities to help them consider how to create change together.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz appreciated the Hmong display and hopes SCOE staff continues to share their identities in this way. She also commented that the Museum of Tolerance trip is scheduled and encouraged her colleagues to attend. She stated that the recent CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Francisco was the best she has attended.

C. Committees

13. Items for Distribution

A. December/January Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. January 16, 2024

15. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

Trustee Ahola read a poem from 916 Ink's "Yellow All Around Us/Stories of Nathaniel Colley."

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: