

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

**Minutes - UNAPPROVED**

**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 6:30 p.m. Other Board members present: Paul Keefer, Heather Davis, Alfred Brown, Joanne Ahola, Harold Fong, and Mariana Corona Sabeniano.

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lefkovitz read a land acknowledgement.

**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 March 19, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2024 by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

#### **4. Adoption of Agenda**

- A. Motion to approve the Adoption of the Agenda as presented by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

#### **5. Official Correspondence**

- A. Official Correspondence

There was no official correspondence.

#### **6. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

##### **STUDENT EVENTS**

On April 18, we celebrated five graduates at the El Centro Jr./Sr. High School Graduation, and that evening we held a graduation ceremony for nearly 300 re-entry clients through our Sacramento Community Based Coalition. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz and Vice President Brown for attending, and thank you Assistant Superintendents Jackie White and Michael Kast, and your teams, for making these events memorable for our students and their families.

The following weekend, on April 20, at the National History Day Competition, we celebrated exceptional historical research and creative presentations brought to life by over 1,500 students from 25 counties across California. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz for attending the Civic Summit on Saturday and advocating for civic learning.

##### **CONVENINGS**

On April 23 and 24, SCOE hosted our second Statewide *Schools as Centers of Wellness* Convening. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz for attending and thank you Associate Superintendent Brent Malicote and your team for leading this important School-Based Mental Health and Wellness initiative.

On April 27, SCOE sponsored the NorCalCyber Mayor's Cup where 250 middle school, high school, and community college students engaged in "cutting-edge" cybersecurity practices. Just days before the Mayor's Cup, SCOE published an article on our efforts to bolster cybersecurity and showcased the Half Dome Team from Franklin High School in the Elk Grove Unified School District who recently celebrated their victory as National Champions of the XVI CyberPatriot competition. Thank you, Assistant Superintendent

Jackie White and Executive Director of Technology, Jerry Jones, and your teams, for helping to elevate the importance of cybersecurity.

On April 28, SCOE joined the River Cats and Schools First Federal Credit Union to honor our 2024 Teachers of the Year at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento. Thank you, Vice President Brown, Trustee Ahola, Trustee Keefer, and our Board Student Liaison Marquez for attending and showing your support.

The month of April concluded with our State Seal of Biliteracy Event, led by our Director for Multilingual Education Graciela Garcia-Torres. At the event, we congratulated high school seniors who have demonstrated competency in English and another language. Our keynote speaker was Alesha Moreno-Ramirez, Director of the Multilingual Support Division with the California Department of Education. The Seal of Biliteracy was awarded to more than 2,000 students representing 36 languages.

That same evening, thanks to Dr. Winlock and his School of Education team, SCOE congratulated 103 future teachers for completing their pre-service work, which is designed to help prepare teachers for successful internships within a District.

Last week, SCOE hosted its first Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Wellness Statewide Summit led by Director of SEL, Mai Xi Lee and the SCOE SEL Team. We will hear more about the event in tonight's presentation.

## GRANTS

During tomorrow's State Board of Education meeting, we expect to have additional California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Cohort 3 Implementation Grantees approved. SCOE Schools submitted applications and pending approval from the State Board, SCOE has been selected to receive two Community Schools grant awards for North Area Community School and Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. High School.

## ON DISPLAY AND NEWS

Related to School-Based Mental Health and Wellness and SEL, SCOE is supporting Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services "Stop Stigma Sacramento" campaign again this year. We are helping them kick off Mental Health Awareness Month by displaying art in our lobby that was submitted from artists living with a mental health condition or supporting others living with a mental health condition. The artwork is meant to help dispel myths and stereotypes and promote messages of wellness, hope, and recovery. Our Communications team is also highlighting the display on social media by posting the art pieces with a reference to the "Stop Stigma" campaign.

Last week, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond announced the 2024 Civic Learning Award recipients. The top three honorees receiving the Civic Learning Award of Excellence - one of which was Natomas Pacific Pathways Preparatory Middle School and High School - will receive a visit from Chief Justice Guerrero this fall. Additionally, Cordova High School in the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District received a Civic Learning Award of Merit.

SCOE's Family and Community Engagement Team, led by Director of Strategic Projects, Connie Lee, was recognized for providing outstanding services within the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) during this past year. The celebration for the 2023-2024 SJUSD's Most Valued Partner (MVP) was shared with several community partners. Thank you, Deputy Superintendent Nancy Herota and Executive Director Kristin Wright for representing SCOE at this event.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

On May 8, our Sacramento County READS initiative will hold another Community of Practice featuring Kareem Weaver, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Full and Complete Reading is a Universal Mandate (FULCRUM). The event will be held at the California Endowment Building, located at 1414 K Street in Sacramento.

On May 15, our SCOE Foundations Academy program is hosting a graduation ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the SCOE Conference Center. The ceremony will honor students receiving a certificate of completion from our programs located throughout Sacramento County.

On May 22, we look forward to celebrating another graduation for our Court and Community Schools and Senior Extension program. The event will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center located at 6151 H Street in Sacramento.

Lastly, on May 30, Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School will be hosting their School to World Awards at 10:00 a.m. At this ceremony, we will acknowledge and honor the hard work and effort of students who have participated in the Work-Based Learning Opportunities program. Local businesses that support our students will also be recognized.

#### B. Recognition of the June Employees of the Month - Xanthi Soriano

Michael Shell, Transition Specialist with the Re-Entry Department, was recognized and honored as the June Classified Employee of the Month.

Brian Gibbons, Resource Specialist with the Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the June Certificated Employee of the Month.

### **7. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda**

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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 24 students will be awarded diplomas, including six candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. - Senior Extension; four candidates from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; four candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; one candidate from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; and nine candidates from North Area Senior Extension.

## **8. New Business - Approval of Contracts - Nicolas Schweizer**

A. No Contracts

## **9. 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**

Trustee Fong made a motion to authorize the submission of grant applications/service contracts and accept funding if awarded; and approve of contracts, positions, and other expenditures associated with the grants as outlined in the proposed budget; second by Trustee Davis.

Trustee Ahola made a substitute motion to approve **grants agenda items 9A, 9C, 9D, and 9E**; second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Trustee Fong made a motion to approve **grant agenda item 9B**; second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstention: Ahola

A. Golden State Pathway Program Planning and Implementation Grant - Jacqueline White

B. School Counselor Residency Capacity Planning Grant - Jacqueline White

C. Youth Peer-to-Peer Mental Health High School Pilot Demonstration Grant - Jacqueline White

D. California Community Schools Partnership Program Implementation Grant - Jacqueline White

E. California Literacy Roadmap Contract Monitor - Dr. Channa Pitt

## **10. New Business - Other**

A. Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Nick Schweizer introduced the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023. Certified Public Accountant Jesse Deol from James Marta and Company provided a summary of the audit results and answered questions from the Board.

There was one adverse opinion related to the payroll fund. This was the only finding, and all other accounts are clear. Associate Superintendent Schweizer described the steps in place to remedy this situation.

Motion to accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-05 - California Day of the Teacher - May 8, 2024 - Xanthi Soriano

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-05 - California Day of the Teacher - May 8, 2024 by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-06 - Declaring May 19-25, 2024 as Classified School Employee Week - Xanthi Soriano

Motion by Trustee Fong to adopt Resolution No. 24-06 - Declaring May 19-25, 2024 as Classified School Employee Week; second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-09 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member - David W. Gordon

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-09 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member Corona Sabeniano by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Ahola  
Abstain: Corona Sabeniano

E. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-10 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member - David W. Gordon

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-10 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member Brown by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Ahola  
Abstain: Brown

F. Board Report - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update - Dr. Channa Pitt/Kristin Wright

Assistant Superintendent Channa Pitt introduced Executive Director Kristin Wright who presented the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion update. Coordinator Stephanie Coleman also contributed to this presentation.

G. Board Report - CalHOPE Student Support Update - Brent Malicote

Associate Superintendent Brent Malicote introduced Director Mai Xi Lee who presented the CalHOPE Student Support Update.

H. California County Boards of Education (CCBE) and California School Boards Association (CSBA)

The Board discussed revisions to a proposed Board letter to CSBA. Trustee Fong moved to table this discussion and any proposed action to the May 21, 2024 Board meeting agenda; second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Fong, Brown, Ahola  
No: Davis

## **11. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas**

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report.

Trustee Keefer - no report.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano attended Cap-to-Cap in Washington, DC where she met with Senators Butler and Padilla's staff and Congressperson Matsui to review the Education and Workforce development ideas for businesses partnering to create apprenticeship programs and create opportunities for students to move from education to employment and careers. She stated that she heard general support from our representatives, and she left feeling hopeful that we have strong advocates from California that will advocate on our behalf at the Federal level. She also thanked Xanthi Soriano for her assistance with trip preparations.

Trustee Brown stated that May 17, 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision.

Trustee Davis stated that she attended the senate president pro tem event in San Diego and was able to talk with the senator about the Civics Education bill. She stated that they had great things to say and that the bill is being supported.

Trustee Fong stated that he believes the relationship between the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and California County Boards of Education is working and is opposed to the merging of the two entities.

Board Student Liaison Marquez stated that she attended Cap-to-Cap and is grateful for the experience. She appreciated the support she received to represent SCOE and students. She reported that she has been mentoring students in the mentoring program at Juvenile Hall in the girls' unit and looks forward to reporting back on this experience.

#### B. Board President

President Lefkovitz stated that May is Mental Health Month and encouraged her colleagues to help raise awareness. She also commented that May 5 - May 11, 2024, is Youth Apprenticeship Week.

#### C. Committees

### **12. Items for Distribution**

#### A. May Events and Site Visits

### **13. Schedule of Future Board Meetings**

#### A. May 21, 2024 and June 11, 2024

### **14. Adjournment**

#### A. Adjourn the Meeting



Trustee Keefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved:

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