

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16, 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 6:31 p.m. Other Board members present: Alfred Brown, Paul Keefer, Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, and Vanessa Caigoy. SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students Judith Marquez was present via Zoom.

Also present were 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 Channa Pitt and Jacqueline “Jackie” White; Executive Directors Xanthi Soriano and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats; Chief Administrator of Human Resources Darrien Slider-Johnson; and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Lefkovitz read a land acknowledgement.

2. Organization of the Board of Education for 2024-2025

A. Election of President

President Lefkovitz asked if there were public comments on the organization of the Board. There was one public comment from Former SCOE Board Trustee Joanne Ahola who welcomed Trustee Vanessa Caigoy to the Sacramento County Board of Education and congratulated Trustees Brown, Davis, and Fong on their reelection.

President Lefkovitz opened nominations for the office of Board President for the 2024-2025 term.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano nominated Dr. Brown to serve as Board President for the 2024-2025 term; second by Trustee Keefer. There were no additional nominations.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Dr. Brown was elected to serve as President for the 2024-2025 term.

B. Election of Vice President

President Brown opened nominations for the office of Board Vice President for the 2024-2025 term.

Trustee Lefkovitz nominated Trustee Corona Sabeniano to serve as Board Vice President for the 2024-2025 term; second by Trustee Davis. There were no additional nominations.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Trustee Corona Sabeniano was elected to serve as Vice President for the 2024-2025 term.

A brief recess was taken during which the Board and guests celebrated the Board's newly elected officers.

President Brown called the meeting back to order at 7:12 p.m.

3. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

B. Employee Organizations

There were no presentations by employee organizations.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2024

Trustee Keefer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2024; second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. Adoption of Agenda

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Trustee Fong made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented; second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. Official Correspondence

A. There was no official correspondence.

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

BOARD TRUSTEES

Superintendent Gordon welcomed the Board's newest Trustee, Vanessa Caigoy. Ms. Caigoy was sworn in on July 11 and will be representing Area 4. Trustee Caigoy has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to our community and is passionate about empowering parents and families to make informed decisions for their child's education. Trustees Brown, Davis, and Fong were also honored on their reelections.

STUDENT EVENTS

On June 26, El Centro Jr./Sr. High School hosted a graduation to honor five students. Former Board President Lefkovitz and President Brown attended.

The Career Pipeline Summer Career Paths to Success program provided 124 high school students with 40 hours of training in mental health and wellness, 21st Century workplace skills, financial literacy, post-secondary options, and peer mentoring. Each of these students received a \$1,000 stipend. In partnership with Cal-SOAP, students received assistance completing college financial aid applications, and many were paired with a workforce development coach at the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency.

During the last three weeks of June 2024, the "Game On" Exploring Careers program served 18 students from Nathaniel S. Colley, Elinor L. Hickey, and Leo A. Palmiter high schools. Students participated in hands-on career exploration activities in numerous industry sectors and career pathways. Students who completed the program received their food handlers' certificate and course credit, in addition to a stipend.

In collaboration with our Career Pipeline Program, 17 students from our SCOE Community Schools and Senior Extension Programs were introduced to careers in mental health and wellness, planning for the future, career exploration, and techniques for building healthy relationships through Mentor California. Cal-SOAP assisted graduating and senior students with completing college financial aid applications.

The Extended School Year (ESY) program at Leo A. Palmiter provided an opportunity for students to recover lost credits or get ahead in their studies. Students engaged in hands-on learning by working in the garden, used the produce to explore culinary skills, and engaged in competitions. Our Foundations Academy ESY Program at Cyril Spinelli Elementary School provided targeted literacy and math support to students. In addition to academic instruction, students engaged in science, social skills, and art activities.

At the Hillsdale Head Start program, we continued to offer full inclusion with SCOE staff support ending on July 3. Due to the Head Start programs in the south area being closed for the summer, SCOE offered a Special Day Class program at Fairsite Preschool focusing on sensory and social skills. And at the other Foundations sites, programs were fully staffed. Community-Based Instruction continued at many sites.

RECOGNITION AND NEWS

The California Department of Health Care Access and Information awarded SCOE a “Certified Wellness Coach Employer Support” grant. Funding will partially fund family navigators who will act as liaisons between families, public health, and educational systems in support of our School-Based Mental Health and Wellness program.

The California Department of Education awarded SCOE a two-year “California Serves” grant to be implemented in partnership with educators from San Juan Unified School District and Gateway Community Charters.

During the last week of June, a collaboration across Early Learning, Curriculum and Instruction, Expanded Learning, and Multilingual Education brought together 150 educators ranging from PK through Grade 2 from the County for the “Joyful Literacy Institute.” As a component of our Sacramento County READS Literacy Initiative, participants received trade books and resources to implement repeated interactive read-alouds. Attendees also engaged in learning activities for language and literacy development, which included foundational literacy skills. Through a special grant, the School of Ed’s 21CSLA collectively partnered to provide funding for some of the books as well as the keynote speaker, Minh Le (author of ‘Drawn Together’ – which is one of the culturally-affirming books that was provided).

Through a partnership with the Elk Grove Unified School District’s Civic Summer program, five high school interns started their three-week internship at SCOE on July 8. Three of the interns attend Pleasant Grove High School and the other two attend Sheldon High School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Friday, August 23, we will celebrate our 2025 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year at our annual awards banquet. This event will be held at the Hilton Arden West Hotel located in Sacramento. Of the 14 District Teachers of the Year, two winners will be announced as the Sacramento County Teachers of the Year and will represent our

county at the state-level competition.

8. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

Trustee Caigoy made a motion to adopt the consent agenda; second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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 three candidates from El Centro will be awarded diplomas.

9. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

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Trustee Fong made a motion to approve the contracts as listed; second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the authorization to submit the following 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 budgets; second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

A. Friday Night Live/Club Live/Friday Night Live Mentoring Programs - Kristin Wright

B. Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program - Dr. Channa Pitt

- B. Universal PreKindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant Round Two - Dr. Channa Pitt
- D. Quality Counts California (QCC) Block Grant - Dr. Channa Pitt
- E. Early Learning Partnership Building Mindful Early Care and Education - Dr. Channa Pitt
- F. County Technical Assistance Grant - Kristin Wright
- G. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant - Kristin Wright
- H. Tobacco Education Program - Kristin Wright
- I. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Friday Night Live Grant - Kristin Wright
- J. Prevention Coalition Grant - Kristin Wright
- K. Youth Mental Health First Aid and Bullying Prevention Program Training Grant – Kristin Wright
- L. FAFSA Student Support Strategy Grant - Integrated Systems Support – Brent Malicote
- M. 21st Century California School Leadership Academy - Dr. Nancy Herota

11. New Business - Other

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-15 Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member - David W. Gordon

Motion by Trustee Corona Sabeniano to adopt Resolution No. 24-15 to Pay Absent Board Member; second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Fong

- B. Board Report - State Budget Act 2023-2024 - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Nick Schweizer presented the report on the State Budget Act 2023-2024.

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

Former President Lefkovitz provided an update about the transition of California County Boards of Education (CCBE) into the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

President Keefer made a motion that SCOE does not pay the bill for the 2024-2025 membership; second by Trustee Caigoy.

President Keefer amended the previous motion that SCOE does not pay the bill for the 2024-2025 membership until December 2024 and have SCOE staff report back the value of the membership; amended motion accepted by Trustee Caigoy.

President Keefer amended the previously amended motion and motioned that SCOE not pay the bill for the 2024-2025 membership until it is brought back to the Board as an action item. This amended motion did not receive a second.

Trustee Fong moved to table the motion; second by President Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion to table carried
Ayes: Lefkovitz, Brown, Fong, Corona Sabeniano
No: Davis, Keefer, Caigoy

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Fong reported that he attended a graduation at Miracle University. He also expressed an interest in running for Vice President at the next organizational meeting.

Trustee Keefer congratulated the newly elected officers and welcomed newly elected Board Trustee Vanessa Caigoy.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano stated that she attended the Miracle University graduation. She also stated that she would like for the Board to continue closing the meeting with a 916 reading and welcomed Vanessa Caigoy.

Trustee Davis reported that her son is preparing for the LSAT, and she spoke about the encouragement she had found in a passage in his materials that attributed the success of the Motown movement to its relationship with the education system. She also commented that President Lefkovitz has profoundly impacted her over the last year in a positive way and appreciates her willingness to listen and help.

Trustee Caigoy thanked Trustee Lefkovitz for her leadership and Superintendent Gordon for helping her to be prepared for her first Board meeting.

Trustee Lefkovitz congratulated the newly elected Board President and Vice President, SCOE's new Board member and those who were reelected. She stated that she

attended the Miracle University graduation and appreciates the program. Trustee Lefkovitz commented that the Northern California Construction Training Program (NCCT) is hosting a golf tournament on August 9. She reiterated her interest in continuing to have a land acknowledgement read at each Board meeting, student presentations, and the sharing of the scheduled Board agenda items.

B. Board President

President Brown stated that he toured the Miracle University program and is excited about what they are doing.

D. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

13. Items for Distribution

A. July Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. August 13, 2024 and September 10, 2024

15. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Motion by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: