

Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

1. Procedural

A. Meeting Access

B. Public Comments Procedures and Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

C. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Keefer called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Other Board members present: Mariana Corona Sabeniano (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Alfred Brown (via Zoom), Harold Fong, Heather Davis, Joanne Ahola, and Bina Lefkovitz.

Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Deputy Superintendent Nancy Herota; General Counsel Teresa Stinson; Associate Superintendent Nick Schweizer; Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline White; Executive Directors Michael Kast, Xanthi Soriano, and Jerry Jones; and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comments

B. Employee Organizations

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Motion by Trustee Fong to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 2023, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustees Lefkovitz, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Abstain: Trustee Corona Sabeniano

B. Motion by Trustee Corona Sabeniano to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2023, second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustees Lefkovitz, Ahola

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. Official Correspondence

A. No Official Correspondence

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report

EDUCATORS/STUDENTS COUNTYWIDE

We had a wonderful turnout at the National History Day event hosted by Sacramento State this past weekend. Over 1,400 students, supported by close to 250 judges, convened to compete for nationals which will be held in Maryland in June. Although a representative from Sacramento County was not selected to advance to the national level, four local students or groups were recognized. In the Elementary Division, the Champion group project was "Levi Strauss - The Man, The Idea and The Company" by Eddie Sharp, Vedansh Shetty, and Samay Patel from Theodore Judah Elementary School. In the Junior/Senior Division, the Honorable Mention was awarded to Ashly Omalu from Sacramento Country Day School for

their project, "The Autopsy that Changed the World". Thank you Trustee Lefkovitz for visiting on Saturday and thank you again to California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) for hosting and our super SCOE staff led by Craig Irish and Whitney Olson.

Yesterday, Dr. Nancy Herota and SCOE staff enjoyed attending the open house at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School. Thank you Trustees Lefkovitz and Corona Sabeniano for being there to meet our staff and show your support.

Coming up this weekend on April 23, SCOE and SchoolsFirst have teamed up to recognize our 2023 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year at the River Cats game and soon, SCOE will be congratulating our SCOE nominee for the 2024 Sacramento County Teacher of the Year selection process.

SCOE SCHOOLS

Tomorrow, we look forward to another graduation ceremony for El Centro Jr./Sr. High School students. Thank you Trustees Keefer and Lefkovitz for confirming your attendance. Every one of our graduation ceremonies, whether large or small, is a significant milestone in the lives of students and their families.

The murals at Elinor Lincoln Hickey and Nathaniel S. Colley, Jr./Sr. High Schools are nearing completion, thanks to the help of local artists Milton Bowens and Henry 'Fisko' Fisk, who inspired our students and brought out their creative talents as well as their leadership ability in completing the project. Thank you Trustee Lefkovitz for stopping by to encourage the students and add some brush strokes to the Colley mural. Jackie White's staff will make plans for the mural installations in the next few months.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

This month, Tiera Crothers in our School of Education launched SCOE's Teacher Residency Program aimed at growing teachers with a multiple subject credential focused on Transitional Kindergarten. To begin recruitment efforts, promotional materials and a tool kit were created in collaboration with our Communications team and the theme is "Be a Hero to Our Kids. Become a Teacher." The toolkit offers flyers and social media ads using a diverse selection of hero-like personas and was designed to maintain a consistent brand while allowing districts to customize materials

with their logo. The 2023-2024 goal is to fill 50 teacher residency vacancies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Also, this weekend, 409 leaders from the greater Sacramento region will be descending upon Washington, DC to participate in the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce's annual Cap-to-Cap program. Noted as the nation's largest advocacy group headed to DC, both private and public sector representatives will be meeting with House, Senate, and federal agency representatives. The four priorities this year focus on infrastructure, healthy communities, flood and wildfire prevention, and workforce development and education. Xanthi Soriano, for her first time, is this year's co-lead working with Valley Vision and Improve Your Tomorrow staff on the Workforce Development and Education team. She will also be following the CSBA's Coast2Coast progress as that team will be in DC at the same time advocating for public education. Safe travels to Trustees Dr. Brown, Corona Sabeniano, and Davis, and, of course, Xanthi.

On May 3, Graciela Garcia-Torres and her team will host the State Seal of Biliteracy event in-person and virtually at the Natomas High School Theater starting at 4:30 p.m. to recognize hundreds of students from across the county who have completed the requirements to earn the State Biliteracy Seal.

Also, on May 3 at 9:00 a.m., there will be a Family and Community Engagement (FACE) virtual workshop featuring resources to address the needs of the whole child, focusing on how schools should collaborate with families, caretakers, and community agencies.

Starting May 5 and going into June, SCOE will facilitate a series of Listening Sessions organized by Jackie White and her team to gather input from students enrolled in our school programs. These sessions will be led by one of our school partners to best obtain authentic youth input.

B. Recognition of the May 2023 Employees of the Month - Xanthi Soriano

7. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. Motion by Trustee Davis to approve Consent Agenda Items, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustees 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

Executive Director Michael Kast announced that 5 students will be awarded diplomas including 2 candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension, and 3 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School.

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

A. No Grants

10. New Business - Other

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-03 - 2022-2023 United Way Campaign - Xanthi Soriano

Executive Director Xanthi Soriano presented Resolution No. 23-03 in support of the 2022-2023 United Way Campaign. She introduced Dr. Dawnte Early, CEO of California Capital Region, who also shared about the United Way Campaign.

Motion to approve by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-04 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member - David W. Gordon

Motion by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Trustee Ahola

C. Board Report - SCOE Schools 2022–2023 Midyear Data Report - Jacqueline White

Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline White introduced the SCOE Schools 2022-2023 Midyear Data Report and made the presentation with Program Manager Dr. Melissa Neuburger.

11. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report.

Trustee Lefkovitz enjoyed attending the Open House at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School on April 17 and getting to know more about the program. She hopes that next year the Palmiter meeting takes place on location, as scheduled.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano looks forward to attending the Youth Rally at the California Museum on April 19.

Trustee Davis - no report.

Trustee Brown made a suggestion, based on his positive childhood experience of having access to the local library, to prioritize ensuring that students have access to libraries.

Trustee Fong - no report.

B. Board President

President Keefer read *Heroic*, a poem written by an El Centro Student.

C. Committees

12. Items for Distribution

A. April/May Events and Site Visits

13. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. May 2, 2023 and May 16, 2023

14. Adjournment

A. Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.