

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 6, 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 6:32 p.m. Other Board members present: Paul Keefer, Heather Davis, Al Brown, Joanne Ahola, and Harold Fong (arrived at 6:42 p.m.). Mariana Corona Sabeniano 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 (via Zoom) and Brent Malicote; Executive Directors Michael Kast, Xanthi Soriano, and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats; and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Davis 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 December 12, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2023 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola  
Not present at vote: Fong  
Absent: Corona Sabeniano

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

##### **A. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola  
Not present at vote: Fong  
Absent: Corona Sabeniano

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

##### **A. Official Correspondence**

There was no official correspondence.

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

##### **A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:**

###### **SCOE IN THE NEWS**

On January 18, SCOE held a press tour at Ethel I. Baker Elementary School to highlight how our clinician, in partnership with the school leadership, and the Sacramento County Department of Health Services, has helped transform their school into a Center of Wellness. Thank you, President Bina Lefkovitz for attending and for your support of the School-Based Mental Health and Wellness initiative. The Sacramento Bee has since published an article for local readers. We also published an article on our SCOE website that was included in the California County Superintendent's statewide "Take 5" newsletter.

On February 2, in partnership with the Language Academy of Sacramento, and the UC Davis Center for International Education, SCOE hosted a large delegation from Taiwan that included government leaders, officials from institutes of higher education, and 34 Fulbright elementary and middle school teachers. The government of Taiwan launched its Bilingual 2030 policy in 2021 to make all schools bilingual with English as the second language. The delegation and teachers asked to visit SCOE and our Language Academy of Sacramento to learn about the projects we are leading in multilingual education and to see a dual immersion program in action. Graciela Garcia-Torres was the main presenter and was joined by Brent Malicote, Amy Kraft, and Xanthi Soriano for a Q&A that covered biliteracy, multilingualism, the science of reading, and climate

change curriculum integration. The Fulbright teachers also went to the Language Academy of Sacramento (LAS). The visit was featured on KCRA, and the story ran throughout the weekend.

## STUDENT EVENTS

This past Saturday, we were in Elk Grove at Sheldon High School for the Academic Decathlon – “Technology and Humanity.” Fifteen schools participated including four from Placer County. And yesterday, more than 130 students and their coaches attended the awards banquet held in the Sacramento State Student Union Ballroom. Thank you, President Lefkovitz, for being one of our judges, and thank you Vice President Brown and Dr. Herota for attending in support of the students. Thank you also to Xanthi Soriano for being the Quiz Captain.

As a reminder, the Sacramento County School Boards Association Dinner Meeting is February 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mather Room. The guest speaker will be Sean Roberts, Vice President of U.S. Strategy at Code.org who will share insights into the transformative impact of AI on the landscape of education.

## INITIATIVE NEWS

Yesterday, we joined Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools for the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE), to welcome more than 137 attendees to the kick-off webinar for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative School-Linked Partnership and Capacity Grant Program. We shared that as we have been tasked with administering this \$400 million grant program, we are excited to serve with Santa Clara as technical assistance leads for districts and county offices of education throughout the state.

Our Sacramento County READS initiative, led by Channa Pitt, continues to build the capacity of teams of educators. Sixty educators attended our January Community of Practice led by Dr. Dale Webster and Brittany Cufau from CORE Learning.

Congratulations to Tami Wilson, Director and Project Lead for our Dyslexia and Sacramento County READS literacy initiatives. Tami was approved by the State Board of Education to be a panel expert to evaluate and select screening methods that will assess students in kindergarten through second grade for risk of reading difficulties.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The California Civic Learning Summit will take place on February 13, 2024, at the California Museum located at 1020 O Street in Sacramento from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Then, that same evening, we will have the final round and awards ceremony for Moot Court at the Third District Court of Appeal located at 914 Capitol Mall in Sacramento.

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, we will hold the Mock Trial Finals at the U.S. District Court at 501 I Street in Sacramento. It will be followed by the Awards Ceremony which will be held at the Library Galleria at 8:00 p.m., located at 828 I Street in Sacramento.

On February 21, 2024, our School of Education will host its Poetry Out Loud competition here at SCOE in the Mather Room.

**B. Recognition of the March 2024 Employees of the Month - Xanthi Soriano**

Michael Pierce, a Multimedia Design Specialist for the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN) within SCOE's Adult Education Department was recognized and honored as the March 2024 Classified Employee of the Month.

Becky Barone, Language, Speech, and Hearing Therapist in the Infant Development Program was recognized and honored as the March 2024 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 Keefer, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Corona Sabeniano

**B. Accept Donation to the Sacramento County Office of Education College & Career Readiness Department - Jacqueline White**

**C. Superintendent's Report on Personnel Transactions - Darrien Johnson**

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

Executive Director Michael Kast announced that nine students will be awarded diplomas, including one candidate from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension, one candidate from Cordova Lane Senior Extension, five candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, and two candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension.

**E. Approval of the 2022-2023 School Accountability Report Cards for Court and Community and Special Education Programs - Jacqueline White/Michael Kast**

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

**A. Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer**

Motion to approve contracts by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Corona Sabeniano

**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**

Motion to approve 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 outline in the proposed budget by Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Brown.

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

A. College Initiative - Brent Malicote

B. COVID-19 Public Health Crisis Response and Public Health Workforce Development - Shanine Coats

**10. New Business – Other**

A. Authorization for Out-of-State Travel for Trustees Alfred Brown and Mariana Corona Sabeniano

Motion to approve authorization for out-of-state travel for Trustees Brown and Corona Sabeniano by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Davis.

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

B. Authorization to Purchase Additional Office Space - Nicolas Schweizer

Motion to approve the purchase of additional office space by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Ahola.

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

C. Authorization to Enter into Contract for E-Rate Eligible Service - Jerry Jones

Motion to approve authorization to enter into contract for E-Rate Eligible Service by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Corona Sabeniano

C. Appointment of California Schools Employees Association (CSEA Chapter 480) Representative to the Personnel Commission - Darrien Johnson

This item was presented by Chief Administrator Darrien Slider-Johnson.

Motion to approve the appointment of California Schools Employees Association (CSEA Chapter 480) Representative to the Personnel Commission by Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Corona Sabeniano

D. Capital College & Career Academy (CCCA) Mid-Year Report - Dr. Nancy Herota/Nicolas Schweizer

Dr. Nancy Herota introduced the Capital College & Career Academy (CCCA) Mid-Year Report presented by Craig Murray, followed by Associate Superintendent Nicolas Schweizer, and Kevin Dobson, the Founder and Director of CCCA.

F. Governor's Budget - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Schweizer presented SCOE's report on the Governor's Budget.

G. Board Report - 2023 Dashboard and SCOE's System of Support - Rachel Perry/Amber Jacobo

Executive Director Rachel Perry and Director Amber Jacobo presented the 2023 Dashboard and SCOE's System of Support Board report.

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

### **A. Board Members**

There were no Board reports during the meeting.

### **C. Committees**

## **12. Items for Distribution**

A. February/March Events and Site Visits

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

A. February 20, 2024 and March 5, 2024

## **14. Adjournment**

A. Adjourn the Meeting

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Corona Sabeniano

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: