

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

A. 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, Al Brown, Joanne Ahola, Harold Fong, and Mariana Corona Sabeniano.

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 Xanthi Soriano and Jerry Jones, Director Shanine Coats, and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Brown led the pledge.

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 January 16, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 16, 2024 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

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Motion to approve the Adoption of the Agenda as presented by Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. Official Correspondence

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There was no official correspondence.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

Sacramento County School Boards Association Meeting
SCOE hosted the Sacramento County School Boards Association dinner meeting on February 7, during which guest speaker Sean Roberts, Vice President of U.S. Strategy at Code.org, shared insights into the potential transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the landscape of education, and the importance of integrating Computer Science curriculum throughout the grade levels. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz, Vice President Brown, Trustees Davis and Keefer, and Board Student Liaison Marquez for attending.

GRANTS

Last week, we were notified by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) that they received the Grant Agreement for the Modernization/New Construction Grant for the Colley-Gerber school site. This means that the project has met the conditions for having funds released, and we will soon be reimbursed in the amount of \$10.7 million dollars.

STUDENT EVENTS

The California Civic Learning Summit took place on February 13 at the California Museum. Together with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, we hosted several panel discussions led by students, educators, and the media. We also heard from retired California Chief Justice, Tani Cantil-Sakauye, who is now President and CEO of the Public Policy Institute of California. Closing out the morning, we announced the introduction of a new bill, SB 1094, authored by Senator Monique Limón, requiring

teaching and experiences in Civic Education in Grades 1-6 and 7-8. We were also energized by Assemblymember Gail Pellerin, a co-author of SB 1094 and a former Santa Cruz County Registrar of Voters, who is a first term member and has already passed several important voting bills. Assemblymember Pellerin spoke about the importance of civic engagement and civic learning. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz, for attending and for accompanying the student groups to advocate for the new bill.

February 13 closed with the final round and awards ceremony for Moot Court at the Third District Court of Appeal. The Bella Vista team took the top prize competing against Mira Loma in the final round, but both teams were “fantastic!” as noted by the judges in their comments to the students. We then held the final Mock Trial competitions last week at the U.S. District Court with more stellar student performances. Natomas Pacific Pathways School performed magnificently in the court room, but Country Day prevailed in the final round as the 2023-2024 Gordon D. Schaber Mock Trial Championship Team. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz, Trustee Davis, and Dr. Herota for attending and supporting our county’s students.

Tomorrow, the School of Education will host its Poetry Out Loud competition here at SCOE in the Mather Room starting at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. there is another graduation ceremony scheduled at El Centro to honor five graduates.

Then, on Saturday, March 2, Craig Irish and his team host Sacramento History Day – “Turning Points in History.” The event will be held at Inderkum High School at 2500 New Market Drive in Sacramento. The awards ceremony takes place at 3:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION, LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Within the community, our CalSOAP team, led by Guadalupe Delgado, and our AVID team, led by Lindsay Paoli, will attend the Black History Expo this Saturday, February 24.

On March 9, SCOE will attend Sacramento’s inaugural Women and Girl’s Festival held at Sacramento City College, which is located at 3835 Freeport Boulevard from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Then, on March 12, we will celebrate our 2024 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year at the Sacramento Kings game that starts at 7:00 p.m. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. with a pre-game reception sponsored by Jamba Juice and followed by a tour of the arena at 5:00 p.m.

On March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sofia, home to B Street Theater, SCOE staff will attend the Friends of Sacramento Arts Heroes of Arts Education Gala to recognize extraordinary teachers from Sacramento who have brought arts education into K-12

classrooms. During the evening presentations, Dr. Steve Winlock will be recognized for his outstanding leadership and contribution to arts education.

On March 18 and 19, the College and Career Readiness team is hosting the second annual Counselor Spring Institute at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). This year's theme is C.A.R.E.: The Counselor's Compass. It is an opportunity for counselors to Connect, Advocate, Relate, and Educate. Featured speakers include best-selling author, Steve Pemberton, and school founder and author Jeff Duncan-Andrade, as well as a panel discussion about women in careers facilitated by News Anchor Cristina Mendonsa. The second day of the conference will feature an administrators' breakfast with a presentation about the importance of school counselors facilitated by Assistant Superintendent Jackie White and Board Student Liaison Judith Marquez. More than 220 local counselors are scheduled to attend.

On Monday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Sacramento State in the Redwood Room, Executive Director Dr. Steve Winlock and Assistant Superintendent Jackie White will facilitate a California County Superintendents Region 3 Arts Convening. Educational and non-profit arts leaders will continue planning for Prop 28 implementation, explore the intersection of arts and SEL, and brainstorm ways to connect arts with Family and Community Engagement.

On Friday, March 22, as part of SCOE's continuing work with the K16 Dual Enrollment collaborative, Assistant Superintendent Jackie White, and Directors Shanine Coates and Amber Jacobo, will facilitate a convening to support equity and access to grow the number of students in the Sacramento Region participating in dual enrollment. The event takes place at the Rancho Cordova City Hall.

7. Youth Presentation

A. Sacramento Library – David W. Gordon

Superintendent Gordon introduced Amy Little, the Teen Services Specialist, from the Sacramento Public Library. Ms. Little introduced two youth leaders from the Elk Grove Unified School District who shared their experience participating in the STEAM Youth Leadership Program in Fall 2023. There were 400 individuals who applied for the STEAM Leadership Program and of those, 15 youth were selected through a competitive process.

8. 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 Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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 seven students will be awarded diplomas, including two candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension, three candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, and two candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension.

D. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code - Jerry Jones

9. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

Motion to approve authorization to submit grant applications/service contracts and accept funding if awarded, and approval of contract, positions, and other expenditures associated with the grants as outlined in the proposed budget by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

A. Million Girls Moonshot: California Innovator Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Hub Grant - Brent Malicote

11. New Business - Other

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-02 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member - David W. Gordon

Motion to approve adoption of Resolution No. 24-02 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member by Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Davis.

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

B. SCOE Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update - Jacqueline White

Assistant Superintendent White and Program Manager Melissa Neuburger presented the SCOE Local Control and Accountability update.

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report.

Trustee Keefer - no report.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano - no report.

Trustee Brown - no report.

Trustee Davis attended Mock Trial last week and was impressed by the students and encouraged others to attend. She commented that the students are phenomenally smart.

Trustee Fong expressed an interest in attending the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAASA) Conference taking place in March 2024.

Board Student Liaison Marquez - no report.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz attended several events including the Civic Summit, Mock Trial, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Community of Practice. She spoke highly of all events. The focus of the SEL CoP was student belonging and she commented that students expressed an interest in having more “expanded possibilities” and that these opportunities increase their feelings of belonging.

President Lefkovitz also visited CSUS for the launch of the newly established Black Honors College and reported that she was inspired to be part of this event.

She also shared about the CSBA County Board Governance workshop scheduled for March 8-9, 2024, and that she expects it to be interesting and filled with valuable information. CSBA Legislative Action Week is scheduled for March 12-14, 2024. President Lefkovitz encouraged others to attend.

C. Committees

No Committee reports.

13. Items for Distribution

A. February/March Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024

15. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

Vice President Brown read a poem written by an El Centro student from "Dark Paths, Bright Futures," a 916 Ink publication.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: