

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

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 6:38 p.m. Other Board members present: Paul Keefer, Heather Davis, Al Brown, Joanne Ahola (*via Zoom*), and Harold Fong (*arrived at 6:41 p.m.*). Mariana Corona Sabeniano was absent.

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 November 14, 2023

Motion by Trustee Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2023; second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Corona Sabeniano

4. Adoption of Agenda

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Motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented by Trustee Brown; second by Trustee Davis.

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

Our Season of Giving through December, in support of SCOE programs, was a great success! Hats off to everyone for their generosity and acts of kindness. One hundred and five Holiday Meals were packaged and delivered to SCOE students and families. Another 25 families received gifts from our Adopt-a-Family program. Seventy-two new books were donated to the library at El Centro. During this time, we received \$1,200 to support the Gary K. Hart Resiliency Scholarship. And, last but not least, the toy bins for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Toy Drive were overflowing.

STUDENT EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

We have several student events happening in February starting with the Academic Decathlon – “Technology and Humanity” – that will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Sheldon High School Gymnasium located at 833 Kingsbridge Drive in Elk Grove. The Super Quiz is at 3:45 p.m. Teams of students from throughout the county engage in friendly but competitive academic team rivalry and parents and family members are present to cheer them on. The Academic Decathlon Awards Banquet will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024, in the Sacramento State University Union Ballroom located at 6000 Jed Smith Drive in Sacramento at 6:00 p.m.

The final round and awards ceremony for Moot Court will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the Third District Court of Appeal located at 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. The Final Round starts at 5:45 p.m. followed by the Awards Ceremony at 7:15 p.m. On Thursday, February 15, 2024, we will hold the final Mock Trial at 4:45 p.m. at the U.S. District Court at 501 I Street. It is followed by the award ceremony at the Library Galleria at 8:00 p.m. located at 828 I Street in Sacramento. Both events are intense and engage students in on-the-spot decision-making and critical thinking and are also core to civic learning.

On February 21, 2024, our School of Education will host the Poetry Out Loud competition at SCOE in the Mather Room starting at 4:30 p.m. This excellent arts program supports our literacy initiative and provides students with an opportunity to be on stage and demonstrate their skills in language with an artistic bent.

STUDENT ART CALENDARS: 2024 Calendar Now Available

Our annual Student Art Wall Calendar, Student Expressions 2024, is now available and

features 12 unique pieces of student art, created by students from SCOE's Foundations Academy, Early Head Start, and court/community school programs throughout Sacramento County. Board members will receive a copy tonight.

STATE BUDGET

The Governor released his budget proposal for 2024-2025 last Wednesday. Although the state has a budget shortfall estimated at \$37.9 billion, the Governor does not propose significant reductions to education programs but does fund a small COLA for schools. We will provide additional details in a presentation on the Governor's 2024-2025 budget proposal at the February 6 Board meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Sacramento County Reads initiative is continuing to make an impact on literacy instruction by building the capacity of teams of educators participating in our monthly community of practice. Our next Community of Practice is scheduled for January 17, 2024, at the California Endowment building at 1414 K Street in Sacramento. This session will be led by Dr. Dale Webster and Brittany Cufade from CORE Learning. Participants will examine MTSS practices in reading and literacy to better meet the needs of all learners. They will examine the importance of designing coherent systems that include curriculum assessment, use of data, and the maximization of resources across all tiers of instruction.

On January 23, 2024, at our Conference Center, SCOE, My Brother's Keeper Sacramento Collaborative, and MENTOR California invite you to an inspiring evening as we delve into "The Stories We Tell," a captivating exploration of the intersectionality of the arts and mentoring. Guest speaker will be Dr. Christopher Emdin, author of numerous award-winning works including, "Urban Science Education for the Hip-hop Generation," and the New York Times bestseller, "For White Folks Who Teach In the Hood and the Rest of Ya'll."

Make sure to reserve your table for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Culinary Café at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School at noon on January 25, 2024. The menu features vegetable egg rolls, stir-fried rice, teriyaki chicken and crème brûlée for dessert.

In celebration of Black History Month, the producers of "The Right to Read" film are offering a free, virtual screening on February 1, 2024.

As a reminder, the Sacramento County School Boards Association Dinner Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2024, 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 Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the landscape of education.

Lastly, the California Civic Learning Summit will take place on February 13, 2024, at the California Museum located at 1020 O Street in Sacramento.

B. Recognition of the February 2024 Employees of the Month - Xanthi Soriano

Melvin Esteban, Technology Support/Trainer, Computer, Network, and Telecommunications Support (CNTS) Department, was recognized and honored as the February Classified Employee of the Month.

Abby Williams, Program Specialist, Foundations Program, was recognized and honored as the February Certificated Employee of the Month.

C. SCOE 2024 Teacher of the Year - Xanthi Soriano

Director Christi Fee was present to introduce SCOE's 2024 Teacher of the Year: Bill Garvey.

7. Youth Presentation

A. My Brother's Keeper - David W. Gordon

Superintendent Gordon introduced Ray Green, Program Officer from My Brother's Keeper to present the youth report. Mr. Green was present with two youth presenters: Tarrell Smith, Grant High School, and Damien Eskridge, Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy.

8. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

Resolution: Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: 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 White announced that 70 students will be awarded diplomas, including 23 candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension, 14 candidates from Cordova Lane Senior Extension, 2 candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School, 13 candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension, and 18 candidates from North Area Senior Extension.

9. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

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Motion to approve contracts as listed by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola, Fong
Absent: 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 grants 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 by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Davis.

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

A. School-Linked Partnerships and Capacity Grant - Brent Malicote

B. California Digital Learning Integration and Standards Guidance Updates - Dr. Nancy Herota

11. New Business - Other

A. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 - Wende Watson

Motion to approve proposed Board Meeting dates for 2024-2025, including changing July 9, 2024 to July 16, 2024, by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Davis.

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

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-01 - Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member - David W. Gordon

Motion to approve adoption of Resolution No. 24-01 to pay absent Board member by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Keefer.

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

C. Authorization to Enter into Contracts for E-Rate Eligible Services - Jerry Jones

Motion to approve authorization to enter into contracts for E-Rate Eligible services by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Corona Sabeniano

D. American River Collegiate Academy (ARCA) Facility Update – Dr. Nancy Herota/Nicolas Schweizer

Dr. Nancy Herota introduced Robin Stout, Executive Director of Rocklin Academy Family of Schools, to provide a facility update from the American River Collegiate Academy.

E. Board Report – Community Schools – Jacqueline White/Channa Cook

Executive Director Channa Cook introduced the Community Schools report to the Board presented by Navdeep Purewal, Director of K-12 Curriculum & Instruction, and Jackie White, Assistant Superintendent of Court & Community Schools.

F. Board Report – English Learner Support – Brent Malicote

Assistant Superintendent Brent Malicote introduced the English Learner Support report presented by Graciela Garcia-Torres, Curriculum Specialist.

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Fong – no report.

Trustee Brown – no report.

Trustee Davis shared a success story about a principal in Elk Grove Unified School District who lost his dad at a young age and did not graduate high school but later became a welder. Because he did not have a high school diploma, he could not promote and returned to school to earn his GED. She concluded that the principal told her that he values the work we do at SCOE to help students in difficult situations like his.

Trustee Ahola – no report.

Trustee Keefer – no report.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz reported that she visited the library at El Centro and was impressed by the librarian there. She also commented that she is looking forward to the Museum of Tolerance trip with the Board.

C. Committees

13. Items for Distribution

A. January Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. February 6, 2024 and February 20, 2024

15. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

Trustee Keefer read a 916 Ink poem, entitled "Turning Nothing into Greatness," written by an El Centro student.

Trustee Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting in memory of Yuk Ling Fong, wife of Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Keefer.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: