

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, July 11, 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 6:31 p.m. Other Board members present: Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Alfred Brown, Harold Fong (via Zoom) (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Heather Davis, Bina Lefkowitz, and Joanne Ahola.

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Organization of the Board of Education for 2023-2024

President Keefer asked if there were any public comment prior to the elections. There were no public comments.

A. Election of President

Trustee Brown nominated Trustee Bina Lefkowitz for Board President, second by Trustee Davis.

There were no additional nominations.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustees Corona Sabeniano, Lefkowitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Fong

B. Election of Vice President

Trustee Lefkowitz nominated Trustee Brown for Board Vice President, second by Trustee Keefer.

There were no additional nominations.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Fong

3. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

The following individuals made public comments regarding employee wages: Wendy Roberts, Sean Frame, and Terryl Wheat.

B. Employee Organizations

Tara Degg, President of CSEA Chapter 480, provided an update on negotiations.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 16, 2023, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. Adoption of Agenda

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. Official Correspondence

- A. No Official Correspondence

7. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent's Report

PREPARING STUDENTS

The Gary K. Hart Resiliency Scholarship Committee met in May to review scholarship applications. Six scholarships were awarded including one for our recent graduate from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, who will be attending California State University, Sacramento. The committee voted to have an open application period (rolling deadline)

which will allow Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) students, who graduate throughout the year, to apply at any time. Currently, we have received an additional four applications that will be reviewed at a future committee meeting.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Our Sacramento County Reads! Literacy Initiative is in its final planning phase. Our Curriculum and Instruction team gathered input from the SCOE Leadership team this past spring, and in June launched an internal multi-departmental SCOE advisory team to contribute to the design, rollout, and facilitation of our county-wide literacy initiative. Next month, we plan to convene Local Educational Agency (LEA) superintendents to gather their input on our initial design, find ways to connect Sac Reads to their existing literacy work, identify potential barriers and solutions, and make connections to community partners that we should lean on to deepen and scale the work. Over the coming months, we will support LEAs in identifying a team (including site, district, and coaching staff), scheduling a 5-part professional learning series, and continuing to engage other SCOE departments, our own SCOE schools, and community partners in a collaborative and intensive focus on system-wide literacy development.

In late June, SCOE's Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) supported more than 2,200 Afghan Refugees and new arrivals by participating in the Afghan Support Center four-day event held at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. Attendees had access to public assistance and affordable housing information, and received legal counsel, learned about healthcare options, and received health checks and vaccines on-site. Our team happily provided an opportunity for Afghans to talk to CAERC members about educational opportunities, support services, and workforce opportunities.

LEADERSHIP

This summer, Jared Amalong and his team kicked-off the Summer of Computer Science program, which is a dynamic computer science educator professional development program that will continue into the next school year. It has an enrollment of more than 850 teachers, counselors, school leaders, and paraprofessionals. Four of the statewide Summer of CS workshops were hosted at SCOE, and 43 workshops will be provided in total. Launched as a pilot in 2019 with SCOE, UCLA, and CSforCA, the program has grown rapidly. This past year, CSforCA was awarded the California Educator Workforce Investment Grant (EWIG), which helped expand Summer of CS into a more robust and ongoing "Seasons of CS" professional learning program across California's statewide system of support. Looking forward, in 2024, the Summer of CS will be scaled to support an additional 1,050 educators.

Jumping to leadership in mathematics, the SCOE math team is in the process of delivering three 5-Day Summer Institutes for TK-12 math teachers driven by the work of Peter Liljedahl and working to build thinking classrooms. All three weeks are full with more than 180 participants and a waitlist for each week. In collaboration with the SCOE Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) team, participants explore how to integrate the three SEL Signature Practices into their routines, and how they can help teachers fine-

tune their thinking classroom by enhancing student belonging and motivation. In partnership with local school districts and Expanded Learning programs, participants are also provided the opportunity to implement some of the Building Thinking Classroom practices with students during summer school sessions before returning to their classrooms in the Fall.

He would like to introduce some of our newest leadership team members responsible for Community Schools and College and Career Readiness. Starting this week, on Assistant Superintendent White's team, is Director Jane Collier Ross, who will oversee College and Career Readiness. Beginning in August, on Executive Director Channa Cook's team, Director Navdeep Purewal will be leading our Community Schools Initiative.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On July 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., SCOE, My Brother's Keeper, Sierra Health Foundation, and MENTOR California will be hosting an artist and mentor panel at the SCOE Conference Center. 150 attendees are expected to discuss how youth need adult protective relationships, like formalized mentoring, to succeed. This panel speaks to how schools can combine mentors and artists to create places for young people to grow and share their experiences through the Arts and that these mentoring relationships can become an integral part of mental wellness and youth success in our community.

The Annual Employee Recognition Day will be held on August 11, 2023. This year's theme is "SCOE - The Many Hats We Wear". We will begin the day with professional learning, a celebration of service, and department breakout sessions at designated locations throughout DPMEC, Cy Young, and the Rancho Cordova City Hall from 9:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. We will reconvene as a group at the SCOE Conference Center at 12:00 p.m. to enjoy a day of community with BBQ and activities. The event will conclude with a virtual video that highlights SCOE employees and their many contributions.

The 2024 Sacramento County Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet will be held on August 25, 2023, at the Hilton Arden-West hotel in Sacramento. He is pleased to announce that we will be honoring 15 Teachers of the Year throughout Sacramento County Districts. We will also be announcing the two Teachers that will be moving forward as the Sacramento County Teachers of the Year! SCOE has been recognizing the invaluable works of our educators since 1974 and is proud to continue to celebrate the teaching profession and the outstanding teachers in our community. All 15 District Teachers of the Year will be celebrated and recognized at future events with the Sacramento Kings, Sacramento River Cats, and the Sacramento Republic.

8. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Superintendent's Report on Personnel Transactions - Darrien Johnson

C. No Diplomas

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

A. Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

Sean Frame provided a public comment regarding the contracts for paraeducators and special education staffing.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

No: Trustees Corona Sabeniano, Fong

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 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 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

A. Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) - Brent Malicote

B. Youth Mental Health First Aid and Bullying Prevention Program Training Grant - Brent Malicote

C. California Preschool Instructional Network - Brent Malicote

D. California Preschool Instructional Network - Region 3 - Brent Malicote

E. Seeds of Partnership - Michael Kast

11. New Business - Other

A. Capital College & Career Academy Countywide Charter Pre-Opening Status Update - Teresa Stinson

Associate Counsel Teresa Stinson introduced Consultant Sue Stickel who presented SCOE's update on the pre-opening status of Capital College & Career Academy Countywide Charter (CCCA).

Associate Superintendent Nicolas Schweizer presented the updated financial report for CCCA.

The Board provided comments and asked questions about the information provided by Sue Stickel and Nicolas Schweizer. Kevin Dobson, founder and Director of Capital College & Career Academy, was present to answer questions.

Trustee Keefer moved to approve CCCA's revised budget so that the charter school may open and operate for the 2023-2024 school year as per the specifications outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding, Trustee Ahola seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. State Budget Act Board Report - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Schweizer presented the State Budget Act Board Report.

No Board action required.

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola thanked Trustee Keefer for his service as President and offered congratulations to newly elected President Lefkovitz and Vice President Brown.

Trustee Brown extended appreciation to Trustee Keefer for his levity and service as Board President.

Trustee Keefer thanked the Board for their support while serving as President and congratulated the newly elected President and Vice President.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano offered congratulations to newly elected President Lefkovitz and Vice President Brown, as well as thanked Trustees Keefer and Davis for their service.

Trustee Davis offered congratulations to the newly elected Board Officers and stated that she enjoyed sitting on the Executive Committee and the opportunity it provided for learning.

Trustee Fong - no report.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz thanked Trustee Davis for her service as Vice President. She also asked the Board to send Superintendent Gordon their ideas for Board presentations for 2023-2024 and to let Superintendent Gordon know if you have a Committee preference. She also asked fellow Board members to help close future meetings with an optimistic closure. President Keefer will be tonight's closer.

President Keefer read a poem written by an El Centro Student - *To My Future Self*.

C. Committees

13. Items for Distribution

A. July/August Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. August 15, 2023

15. Adjournment

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: