

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES – UNAPPROVED

1. Meeting Logistics

A. Zoom Video and/or Teleconference Access

B. Public Comments Procedures and Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

2. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Talamantes called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. One Board member participated via teleconference: Harold Fong. Other Board members present in-person were Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, Joanne Ahola, Heather Davis, Karina Talamantes, and Alfred Brown. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Nick Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Shanine Coats, Director; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Fernando Soares; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant. Other SCOE staff attended via Zoom: Tim Herrera, Jacqueline White, Brent Malicote, Channa Cook-Harvey, Darrien Johnson, Kristin Wright, Melissa Neuburger, and Michael Kast.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Ahola lead the pledge.

3. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Fong moved to approve the Minutes of Board/Superintendent Study Session of March 1, 2022. Trustee Ahola seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

4. Adoption of Agenda

Trustee Keefer moved to approve the Adoption of the Agenda as presented. Trustee Davis seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

5. Official Correspondence

There was no official correspondence.

6. Visitor Presentations

A. General Public

There were four public comments made by the following individuals: Rachel Kattan, Debbie W., Gabrielle, Crystal Baham, and Blanca regarding SB 871 and SB 1479.

B. Employee Organizations

There were no presentations from employee organizations.

7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gordon provided the following report:

NATHANIEL S. COLLEY SCHOOL DEDICATION/RSVPs

As you know plans are underway for the dedication of the Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. school site on May 9, 2022. You should have all received your invitations in the mail. Please remember to RSVP via the link indicated on the invitation. Please contact us if you need assistance. We are looking forward to this historic and celebratory event.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SCOE community schools are enjoying Spring Break this week. Students in our CARE program at Wilson C Riles are looking forward to their 916 Ink book release and distribution on March 30.

EL CENTRO

We are so thrilled to have the Sac Mandarins Drum Corps working with our youth every Friday. 27 SOAR students will complete their third quarter of college course work with Lake Tahoe Community College on March 23. In partnership with Northern California Construction Training (NCCT), and as part of the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange (SRBX) design build, EL Centro students will participate in the regional competition on the North Field of the Youth Detention facility between April 26 and April 29.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The Infant Development Program started providing services in family homes again on April 4. Throughout our Mod/Severe and ED programs, we are seeing an increase in students returning from Independent Study to in-person learning. Our Foundations

Academy will hold its Spring graduation ceremonies in-person, at the SCOE Conference Center on May 11 and 12.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION UPDATE

The SCOE DEI team has been meeting with district equity leads over the past month to deepen SCOE's relationship and support for our districts' local DEI efforts. SCOE will be holding the first Sacramento County-wide DEI Community of Practice on May 20 in-person at SCOE. In our continued efforts to become a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization, we are in the midst of our Spring staff learning series with the National Equity Project (NEP). On March 31, SCOE/NEP hosted a training on Navigating Complexity as Equity Leaders. Our next county-wide learning session on Designing and Facilitating Meetings for Equity will be held on April 20 via zoom. This will be followed by two more sessions on May 18 and June 1. In honor of April being Autism Awareness month, SCOE is hosting a Learn at Lunch on April 20 with Chapman University doctoral student Stephen Hinkle, who will be sharing about his life experiences as a person with autism and his work toward creating a more equitable and diverse world.

MOOT COURT

On April 4, we hosted the Sacramento County Moot Court finals. It was a great recognition of some hard-working students. Congratulations to Bella Vista for taking first place and to Mira Loma for finishing second. The final trial and awards ceremony were held in the beautiful and historic Court of Appeal courtroom in downtown Sacramento. I want to personally thank Third District Court of Appeal Presiding Justice Vance W. Raye, and Justices Ronald B. Robie and Andrea L. Hoch, who presided over our final round. Thanks also to Student Events Coordinator Craig Irish and his amazing team for hosting this event.

SCOE TEACHER OF THE YEAR VIRTUAL RECEPTION

On March 24, we hosted a virtual reception for seven of our teachers who were nominated for the 2023 SCOE Teacher of the Year. It is a great cross section of teachers representing many of our programs. The interview process has been completed and we will announce our 2023 Teacher of the Year very soon.

PREVENTION SUMMIT

On March 16, we hosted the Sacramento County Prevention Summit and welcomed more than 200 participants from across Sacramento County and beyond. It was an engaging day of learning and connecting about ways we can help our youth make good, healthy decisions. We held workshops on vaping, social media, and fentanyl. We also had a discussion on how in Sacramento County we are making schools centers of wellness. Many thanks to Coordinator Joelle Orrock and our Prevention and Early Intervention Team for hosting this very important summit.

8.A. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

Trustee Davis moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Trustee Ahola seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

By approval of the consent agenda the following consent agenda items were approved:

B. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions - Darrien Johnson

C. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students – Jacqueline White/Michael Kast

Jacqueline White, Assistant Superintendent, announced that 19 students will be awarded a diploma: three candidates from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; two candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; six candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; and eight candidates from North Area Senior Extension.

9. New Business - Capital College & Career Academy Petition

A. Public Hearing and Consideration of Capital College & Career Academy Countywide Charter Petition – Teresa Stinson

Public Hearing opened at 6:56 p.m.

Kevin Dobson presented the Capital College & Career Academy charter petition to the Board.

Next, Dr. Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent, and Nick Schweizer, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, presented SCOE's analysis of the CCCA petition and SCOE's Recommended Findings of Fact to the Board.

The following individuals provided public comments in support of the charter petition:

Brian Miller, Jacobe Caditz, Jessica Walden, Stephanie Hannah, Ben Fell, Marco Lopez, Tim Murphy, John Belperio, James Moore, Michael Lynch, John Hershey, Lisa Tramonte, Ricardo Soto, Andrea Cao, Onassis McFarlane, Neildon Charles, Ted Morrill, Dan Branton, Matt Kelly, Sherry Balian, Anette Smith, Ryan Orn, Mark Freeman, Brian Greenberg, Curt Ferreira, Jim Fritch, Seth Howard, Marie Trevino, Spencer Styles, Amanda Goldman, Cameron Hart, Alexander Hampton, Jane Macaulay, Ting Sun, Scott Powell, Doyle Smith, Adrian Simi, Daniel Savala, Chris Palomo, Noah Painter, David Statham, Omar Hernandez, Akeem Bynum, Kyle Swarens, Anatoliy Gavriluk, Mitchell, Addie Ellis, Antonio Acevedo, Kevin Ferreira, Deborah Wilder, Angel Garcia, Carlos Valdez, Eric Premack, Dennis Nevils, John McCormack, and Amanda Reynaud.

The following individuals provided written public comments in support of the charter petition:

Barbara Stanton, Livia Castro, Doyle Radford, Falme Lampkins, Todd Schiavo, Jim Baldridge, Cathy Rodriguez, Duane Hartman, Jr., Karl Pineo, Patrick Walsh, William Gonzalez, Devin Evers, Anette Smith, and Raymond Davis.

The following individuals provided public comments in opposition of the charter petition:

Mo Kashmiri, Anna Aguilar, Lori Grace, Rachel Warino, and Brett Taylor.

The following individuals provided written public comments in opposition of the charter petition:

Lori Grace, Joseph Pickar, Mary McNulty, Mara Harvey, Nikki Milesvsky, John Liddicoat, Rebecca, LeDoux, Sarah Cavalari, Tracey Surette, Clare Crawford, and Brett Taylor.

Public Hearing closed at 9:09 p.m.

The meeting was opened for Board comments, questions, and deliberation.

Pursuant to Board Bylaw 9323, Trustee Fong moved to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Trustee Ahola seconded the motion

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkowitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

President Talamantes asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the CCCA countywide charter school petition.

Trustee Keefer moved, and Trustee Brown seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-07 conditionally approving the Capital College & Career Academy countywide charter petition, subject to the conditions outlined in the Resolution.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Bina Lefkowitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

No: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Harold Fong,

After approval of the motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-07, President Talamantes stated that our SCOE staff will prepare and negotiate an MOU with CCCA, which will be brought back for the Board's consideration and approval. If Board members have preferences for big picture items (beyond those outlined in the Resolution) that they would like our staff to consider including in the MOU, you may share those preferences now. SCOE staff will consider these preferences and will discuss and negotiate them with CCCA, then SCOE staff will bring the MOU before the Board for consideration and approval.

President Talamantes, Trustee Lefkovitz, and Trustee Fong voiced additional recommendations to be included in the MOU with CCCA.

10. New Business - Approval of Contracts - Nicolas Schweizer

Trustee Keefer moved to approve the contracts. Trustee Ahola seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

11. 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

Trustee Brown moved to approve. Trustee Davis seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown

Abstain: Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Joanne Ahola

By approval of 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 the following items were approved:

A. K12 Strong Workforce Program - Sacramento County Work-based Learning Initiative - Jacqueline White

B. Teacher Residency Capacity Grant - Dr. Nancy Herota

C. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan Development - Brent Malicote

D. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan Approval - Brent Malicote

E. American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth II - Brent Malicote

12. New Business - Other

A. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 22-06 - Authorizing Continuance of Teleconferenced Board Meetings - Teresa Stinson

Trustee Fong moved to approve Resolution No. 22-06 - Authorizing Continuance of Teleconferenced Board Meetings through April 22, 2022. Trustee Davis seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

13. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola thanked the staff for the time and resources that were put into the charter petition. She also requested that meetings in which charter petitions are considered start at an earlier time going forward.

Trustee Brown commented that he is looking forward to the Nathaniel Colley event on May 9.

Trustee Lefkovitz thanked the team for their efforts on the charter petition. She recently spoke with CTA, and they asked her why SCOE does not consider the fiscal impact of charters on the districts and competition. She asked if the Board would like to have a discussion around this. She had another request for a presentation from the county superintendent on Sacramento City Unified School District's fiscal issues. She is getting a lot of questions about it. Also, would like an update on how the other school districts are doing. With all the shootings happening, she would like to know how SCOE deals with this.

Trustee Fong also commented on the violence happening in our city. He asked a number of years ago about this and stopped asking about it. It's important for our Board to pass resolutions about gun violence and our youth. Something appropriate, if not just symbolically put it on record that we have concerns about this or maybe more actively saying we support certain kinds of firearm control. This is way over the top with what is happening to our young people in this country. At the very least, have people come and talk about gun violence, education, and our youth, and how it's all connected. When he asked before, he was told that gun violence is not a topic for us. Our youth is out there being killed. We, at the county office, serve the most at risk kids that are in Juvenile Hall and community schools. We had some of our community school kids pass because of gun violence. We had quite famous kids that have passed because of that. He would like our Board to consider making a public statement in a form of a resolution around this.

Trustee Davis commented that she will be going to Sly Park on April 15 for a site visit.

Trustee Keefer commented that he is looking forward to the various May events,

graduations, and the Nathaniel Colley event. He also stated that Fentanyl is killing our children and that this is what we should be focusing on right now.

B. Board President

President Talamantes agreed with Trustee Keefer that we should do more work on drug prevention and rehabilitation. She will have an opportunity to announce the North Natomas Community Center & Aquatics Complex grand opening tomorrow morning.

C. Committees

No Committee reports.

14. Items for Distribution

No Items for distribution.

15. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. April 19, 2022

B. May 3, 2022

16. Adjournment

Trustee Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ahola seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: