

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11, 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 6:30 p.m. Other Board members present: Alfred Brown, Paul Keefer, Mariana Corona Sabeniano, and Joanne Ahola. Board members Heather Davis and Harold Fong were absent. SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students Judith Marquez was also absent.

Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Dr. Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Acting General Counsel Elizabeth Linton; Associate Superintendents Nicolas Schweizer and Brent Malicote; Assistant Superintendents Channa Pitt, Michael Kast, and Jacqueline “Jackie” White; Executive Directors Xanthi Soriano and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats, Chief Administrator of Human Resources Darrien Slider-Johnson, and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Brown led the pledge.

President Lefkovitz read a land acknowledgement.

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

There were two public comments:

Maria Elena Sepulveda, parent leader, requested that school districts provide busing to Native American Day at the State Capitol on September 27, 2024.

Beatriz Strobe spoke about the importance of having driver education classes made available at high schools.

B. Employee Organizations

There were no comments from employee organizations.

3. Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2024 by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

- B. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2024 by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

4. Adoption of Agenda

- A. Motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Brown

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

5. Official Correspondence

- A. There was no official correspondence.

6. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

STUDENT EVENTS

Last week, we held a promotion and graduation at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School. The first was on June 4, where we celebrated three students who were promoted from 8th grade. On June 5, we honored five high school graduates with hearty applause and cheers from a full house of family, friends, and school staff. Thank you Board President Lefkovitz and Vice President Brown for your support and attendance. Thank you Assistant Superintendent Michael Kast and your team at Palmiter on a great celebration of achievement.

Last week, we kicked off the Career Pipeline's Career Paths to Success summer program. The event is held at participating high schools in Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD), Sacramento City Unified School District, and SCOE schools.

Students earn up to \$1,000 for a 40-hour hands-on learning program introducing topics such as: mental health and wellness, career exploration, post-secondary options, 21st century workplace skills, resume development, financial literacy, how to pay for college, and peer mentoring. Students are then given the opportunity to extend their learning through internships and summer job opportunities. The program runs through the end of June. Thank you Director of Strategic Initiatives Shanine Coats and your team for coordinating these opportunities for students.

RECOGNITION AND NEWS

On May 30, SCOE hosted a site visit with Congressmember Matsui at Vernon E. Greer Elementary School in Galt for the purpose of showcasing SCOE and the Sacramento County Department of Health Services' *Schools as Centers of Wellness* program. Congressmember Matsui is a long-time fighter for improving our nation's mental health care and has stated that she supports the impressive, innovative efforts to address children and youth mental health in our community.

During the month of May, we celebrated our certificated and classified staff with several employee appreciation events. We honored employees who had achieved their 30, 35, and 40+ years of service milestone at a special "Legacy of Dedication" Reception. Throughout the month, employees who reached their 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service milestones were recognized by their departments and supervisors. They received cards of thanks and a special memento.

On May 29, we brought back our Ice Cream Social with Scoops of Thanks—a favorite SCOE tradition to appreciate our classified school employees. And, to complete our month of certificated and classified employee appreciation and recognition, we held our inaugural retirement dinner, which was a wonderful event with many fun memories shared and celebrated. Thank you Executive Director Xanthi Soriano and your team for leading these events that help our culture evolve and build a sense of belonging.

On June 2, in partnership with the Sacramento River Cats and our sponsor, Schools First Federal Credit Union, we celebrated our 2024 Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year at the ballpark. The River Cats dominated in a 9-0 win over the Tacoma Rainiers. Thank you Trustee Keefer for joining us.

On May 31, SCOE's CalHOPE SEL Community of Practice Team once again was recognized and awarded a Public Service Award. This time from the Society for Prevention Research, an international group. During the Society's annual meeting in Washington DC, they presented the award to the CalHOPE team. Thank you, Associate Superintendent Brent Malicote and your team, for this great acknowledgement of our work in mental health and wellness.

As we continue our focus on improving literacy, last week, the California School Boards Association published an article authored by our own Becky Sullivan titled, "Improving Literacy Rates Through Systemic Instructional Capacity Building." The article discusses the systematic process followed for the Early Learning Block Grant and how that

initiative has informed our work with the Sacramento County READS strategy.

On June 11 and 12, 2024, our own Tami Wilson will be leading a two-day, statewide virtual conference, in collaboration with the California Department of Education, the California State Board of Education, and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The conference will offer a dynamic platform for advancing screening, instruction, and intervention practices and attendees will learn effective ways to teach reading, meet the needs of a range of learners, and address dyslexia and related challenges. Also, this past week, Tami Wilson was featured on the Learning Ally Spotlight, where she led an EdTalk about how best to support students with dyslexia.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On June 8 and 9, 2024, SCOE's Human Resources team, led by Chief Administrator Darrien Johnson, participated in the Sacramento PRIDE festival. The team of SCOE representatives provided information about career opportunities at SCOE and made sure they negotiated a centrally located position that offered us an opportunity to be seen by thousands of attendees. We also had a contingent of SCOE staff join the parade carrying a SCOE banner and PRIDE posters on Sunday. Thank you Assistant Superintendent Channa Pitt and your team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our sponsored civics bill, SB 1094, was scheduled to be heard in the Assembly tomorrow, June 12. As you may know, this bill promotes civic education and engagement and would require more intensive study of civics including principles of democracy and the State and Federal Constitutions. It is now placed on the consent calendar and will be moved ahead to the appropriations committee.

On June 18, SCOE is hosting a Summer Soiree—a celebration of artists and mentors with special awards and recognition. The event will be held at the California State University, Sacramento Alumni Center.

The PRO Youth & Families (PRO) non-profit is hosting an award event for its program participants. At this inaugural event, youth will be recognized for exemplifying one or more of PRO's core values during their time as participants in this year's direct service programs. Our own SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students, Judith Marquez, will be recognized with the Cathy Hill Hope Award during their upcoming Synergy Event on June 20. This event takes place at the Mack Powell Event Center in Sacramento.

Lastly, for summer educational opportunities, the city of Elk Grove and EGUSD have partnered to host the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "The Bias Inside Us," a free exhibit open to the community starting Monday, June 17 through July 12.

The Sacramento Public Library has launched its Summer Reading Challenge that runs through August 15.

B. 2024 School Librarian of the Year Finalist Jessie Storrs - Xanthi Soriano

2024 Friends of the Library Board President Anita Scuri made a public comment regarding the Friends of the Library organization, and its support of El Centro's library.

Executive Director Xanthi Soriano introduced 2024 School Librarian of the Year Finalist Jessie Storrs.

7. Personnel Commission Appointment

A. Appointment of Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools (Board Appointee) Representative to the Personnel Commission - Darrien Johnson

SCOE's Chief Administrator of Human Resources Darrien Slider-Johnson presented the Personnel Commission Appointment agenda item.

Motion to approve the appointment of Jan Mayer Ashley to serve on the Personnel Commission for the term of July 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

8. 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 Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

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

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

Assistant Superintendent Michael Kast announced that 11 students will be awarded diplomas including two candidates from Cordova Lane Senior Extension, two candidates from Discovery High School/Promise Program, six candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, and one candidate from North Area Senior Extension.

9. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

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Motion to approve contracts as presented by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

A. Quality Counts California Workforce Pathways Grant - Dr. Channa Pitt

B. California Serves Grant - Dr. Channa Pitt

C. Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program Statewide - Dr. Channa Pitt

D. Local Child Care Development Planning Council - Dr. Channa Pitt

11. New Business - Other

A. Establish July 16, 2024 as Annual Organizational Meeting - David W. Gordon

Motion by Trustee Keefer to establish July 16, 2024 as the annual organizational meeting, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

B. Notice of Public Hearing on 2024-2025 Proposed Budget - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Nicolas Schweizer presented the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget and 2024-2025 State Financial Report.

Public Hearing opened at 7:40 p.m.

No Public Comment

Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

C. Notice of Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) - Jacqueline White

Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline White provided a presentation on the 2024-2025 Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Public Hearing opened at 8:09 p.m.

There was one public comment: Maria Elena Sepulveda spoke about parent engagement, asked if the parent surveys went out in multiple languages, and if the timing of parent advisory and LCAP meetings allowed non-English-speaking parents sufficient time to speak. She stated that Goal 2 is “amazing” and commended SCOE for their work around this goal. She also made comments around the homeless rate and ways to support students experiencing homelessness.

Public Hearing closed at 8:12 p.m.

D. Year in Review - David W. Gordon

Superintendent Gordon presented the Year in Review report for 2023-2024.

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Keefer commented about the important civics programs, the moot court and the Academic Decathlon, and ways to increase participation from schools that do not traditionally participate. He also commented about the importance of making drivers' education accessible to students.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano thanked SCOE for attending and participating at this year's Pride Parade. She also requested follow up on public comments regarding drivers' education and transportation to the Annual California Native American Day taking place on Friday, September 27, 2024 at the California State Capitol Building.

Trustee Brown - no report.

Trustee Ahola read from “Behind the Brick Wall: Mental Revolution” written by a student from of El Centro Jr./Sr. High and published by 916 Ink.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz shared several photos from the Pride Parade which took place in Sacramento on June 8-9. She also encouraged people to participate in the Public Library Summer Reading program. The Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network (GSA) Clubs are having a convening at SCOE on June 18, 2024.

C. Committees

13. Items for Distribution

A. June Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. June 25, 2024 and July 16, 2024

15. Adjournment

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Fong, Davis

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: