

Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m. *REVISED***
Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

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 6:34 p.m. Other Board members present: Bina Lefkovitz, Mariana Corona Sabeniano (arrived at 6:38 p.m.), Joanne Ahola, Alfred Brown, Harold Fong, and Heather Davis.

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

B. Employee Organizations

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2023 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Not present at vote: Corona Sabeniano

4. Adoption of Agenda

- A. Motion by Trustee Fong to rearrange the order of the agenda to hear *Item 10.B. Fortune Countywide Charter School Annual Report* after *Item 6.A. Superintendents Report* and adopt the rearranged agenda, second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Not present at vote: Corona Sabeniano

5. Official Correspondence

- A. There was no official correspondence.

6. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent's Report

STUDENT EVENTS (COUNTYWIDE)

The 2023 Academic Decathlon took place on February 4 at Folsom High School, where 14 teams competed at the Super Quiz. Folsom High School took first place, followed by Bella Vista in second, and Vista del Lago in third. Folsom High School and Bella Vista will represent Sacramento County at the state contest in April.

The 2023 Gordon D. Schaber Mock Trial competition went very well. We had 20 schools, 380 students, and 132 attorneys and judges involved. Sacramento Country Day took first place, Elk Grove High School came in second, and Del Campo High School came in third.

The 2023 Gordon D. Schaber Moot Court competition is going well. We have six schools and 75 students participating. Our final round and awards will be held on February 28 at the 3rd District Court of Appeal.

The Poetry Out Loud program is taking place at Rosemont High on February 23. And, lastly, March 4 is Sacramento History Day at Inderkum High School. You are all welcome to attend any, or all, of these events.

CTE PROGRAMS (COUNTYWIDE)

Our College and Career Readiness team is preparing for two spring break culinary camps for students in grades 6 through 8 to be held March 13 through the 17 and the first week of April. Students will learn about careers in cooking, diverse cuisine, kitchen smarts, and food innovations. The program is free, and training is with culinary professionals. This unique culinary program will conclude with a special new sandwich pitch (a.k.a. the Bocado Innovation pitch) where they create and present a sandwich idea to the chefs for feedback. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

SCOE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

This Spring, our Community Schools and El Centro will be hosting Bite of Reality (Budget Cents) fairs for SCOE students. SCOE is partnering with SAFE Credit Union to host these financial literacy simulation fairs. Please contact Wende Watson if you are interested in attending any of these fairs scheduled for late March, mid-April, and May.

DEI AND OUTREACH

On February 16, representatives from SCOE attended the Diversity, Belonging, and Inclusion at Work networking event sponsored by UC Davis Internship and Career Center (ICC) and the Office of Campus Community Relations/Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. This event highlighted organizations with effective Employee Resource Groups and a proven commitment to diversity and inclusion. The goal was to help UC Davis students develop connections with professionals who could provide career clarity and build professional networks while maintaining their intersectional identities in the workplace. Thank you, Channa Cook, for helping arrange the visit and to staff who took time to represent SCOE and recruit talent.

SCOE RECRUITMENT

Speaking of recruitment, SCOE has partnered with the Tulare County Office of Education to host the first-ever regionwide certificated and classified recruitment fair for Northern California on March 18. Approximately 50 agencies representing Sacramento County school districts and many other LEAs from across northern California will participate. SCOE will have booths representing the School of Education and SCOE Personnel to recruit for certificated and classified opportunities. Additional media and marketing outreach from Communications will feature mental health clinician openings and special education certificated and classified positions.

SPRING CONVENINGS

Three large convenings will take place this March. On March 1, SCOE will host the California Dyslexia Initiative Spring Professional Learning Network featuring a variety of fabulous presenters and experts in their field of supporting students with reading difficulties and dyslexia. Dr. Tracy Weeden, President, and CEO of the Neuhaus Education Center will deliver her keynote address titled, "Literacy Is a Human Right of the 21st Century." On March 23 and 24, SCOE will host the Counselor Spring Institute at Sacramento State University. It is a professional development opportunity to support approximately 150 school counselors in our County. Sessions and keynote speakers will address the areas of Academics, College and Career, and SEL which are the strands of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Some of the sessions will be delivered by SCOE experts: Mai Xi Lee, Mary Reed, Dwight Harvey, Veronica Ruiz, Lindsay Cathcart, Amber Jacobo, Cathy White, Chris Williams, Daniel Cisneros, Michelle McIntosh, and more. On March 29, SCOE will welcome the Spring convening of the California Early Literacy Professional Learning Network through the Early Literacy Support Block Grant. SCOE is leading this effort by supporting the 70 schools in the grant in the development and implementation of literacy instruction and support programs, particularly focused on literacy in the early grades, resulting in improved student outcomes in grades TK/K-3.

SCOE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Online, the Coalition for Clean Air published a story on how students are creating change by highlighting their sensor studies for policy makers. Amy Kraft was quoted saying that SCOE has plans to make its air quality kits available to other Expanded Learning programs to provide more students with the opportunity to learn about the air around them. Ms. Kraft is also looking for ways to integrate the air quality kits in outdoor education programming at the River Bend Outdoor Education Site, an acclaimed program by many, to monitor and analyze

air quality in open spaces surrounded by housing developments.

INVITATION TO THE SOFIA

On the evening of March 16, the Friends of Sacramento Arts will be hosting “Heroes of Arts” to recognize several arts teachers representing six or more of the 13 districts in Sacramento County as outstanding arts educators and several others. The is at the Sofia on Capitol Avenue in Sacramento and Board Members are invited to attend.

7. 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: Corona Sabeniano, Lefkovitz, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Ahola

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

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

Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline White announced that 5 students will be awarded diplomas, including 2 candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension; 2 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, and 1 candidate from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School.

D. Approval of the 2021-2022 School Accountability Report Cards for Court and Community Schools and Special Education Programs- Jacqueline White/Michael Kast

8. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

A. Motion to approve contracts by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. 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

A. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts

10. New Business - Other

A. California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election Ballot - David W. Gordon

Motion by Trustee Ahola for the Board to cast its ballot for the representatives, Kara Lofthouse, a trustee from Folsom-Cordova USD, and Cindy Quiralte, a trustee from Natomas USD, to CSBA's Delegate Assembly for Subregion 6-B, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Fortune Countywide Charter School Annual Report - Teresa Stinson (with Revised Attachment)

SCOE General Counsel Teresa Stinson introduced Nancy Brownell, Educational Consultant, who presented the Fortune Countywide Charter Annual Report.

A report and updates were also presented by Margaret Fortune, President and CEO, Joseph Gambino, Fortune's Director of Education Technology; Wesley Pepper, Chief Academic Officer; Dominic Zarecki, Director of Data, Analytics, and Strategy, and Sara Williams, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Several Fortune Charter School Students and families were present and invited to share stories of their experiences at the school.

11. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Fong referenced a book he is reading, *Making Americans* by Jessica Lander and how certain people groups were excluded from entering the United States. He commented that ships full of people were blocked due to prejudices and racism.

Trustee Davis commented that her daughter volunteers at the Museum of Science and Curiosity (MOSAC) and she stated that she is happy that SCOE supported the MOSAC.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano – no report.

Trustee Lefkovitz provided highlights from the February 16, 2023 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Trustee Brown read a poem entitled *The House by the Side of the Road* by Sam Walter Foss.

Trustee Ahola noted that the Fortune Annual Report was scheduled during Black History Month and appreciated the timing.

B. Board President

President Keefer read a poem entitled *Dark Path Bright Future* by G.E., a student at El Centro.

C. Committees - no reports

12. Items for Distribution

A. February/March Events and Site Visits

13. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. March 7, 2023 and March 21, 2023

14. Adjournment

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.