

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 10, 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 Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Other Board members present: Paul Keefer, Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, and Vanessa Caigoy. SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students Judith Marquez was also present. Board member Bina Lefkovitz was 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 Michael Kast, Channa Pitt and Jacqueline “Jackie” White; Executive Directors Xanthi Soriano and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats; and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Caigoy led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Brown read a land acknowledgement.

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

There was one public comment from Jim Melrose. Mr. Melrose introduced himself as a member of CSEA Chapter 480 and announced that he has been elected to be the Union Chief Job Steward and looks forward to serving in his new role.

B. Employee Organizations

There were no presentations by employee organizations.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 16, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 16, 2024 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

4. Adoption of Agenda

A. Motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented by Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

5. Official Correspondence

A. There was no official correspondence.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Presentation of Commissioned Art Piece to Former Board Member - Jacqueline White

President Brown, Superintendent Gordon, and Assistant Superintendent Jackie White presented the commissioned art piece to Former Board Member Joanne Ahola.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

RECOGNITION AND NEWS

Last month, we celebrated our 2025 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year at our annual awards banquet and announced our two Sacramento County winners who were Joshua Weeks, a 5th-grade STEM teacher at Bell Avenue Elementary School in the Robla School District and Marc Vankeuren, a 10th–12th-grade AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, and Physics of the Universe teacher at Grant Union High School in Twin Rivers Unified School District. Thank you, President Brown, Trustees Davis and Caigoy, and SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students Judith Marquez for joining us for this great celebration of teaching in our county.

On September 4, our staff at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School welcomed many families and students to their Back-to-School Night. Thank you, Assistant Superintendent Michael Kast and to your team for a wonderful event and a delicious BBQ. And thank you President Brown, Vice President Corona Sabeniano, and Trustees Caigoy and Keefer for coming out to welcome our students, staff, and families.

On September 5, our Sacramento County READS literacy initiative team kicked-off the school year with a Community of Practice featuring Dr. Anita Archer, renowned educational consultant and author, who shared best practices for providing reading interventions to older students and how to meet their needs based on the research. Thank you, Trustee Davis, for joining us at this event.

We have exciting news that our SCOE Arts Programs – pending a validation visit - was selected for a CSBA Golden Bell Award. Congratulations to Jackie White, Steve Winlock, and their team for their great work.

Our School of Education has been given permission to offer the Single Subject Supplement Credential to existing credential teachers in our region by CTC. SCOE will begin offering this credential in January of 2025.

Shanine Coats, Director of Strategic Initiatives, has been selected as “Sac Cultural Hub 2024 Educator of the Year for the Exceptional Women of Color (EWOC) Awards and Expo.” In addition to having a feature profile in the Fall 2024 issue of THE HUB Mag, Shanine will be formally acknowledged and recognized for her outstanding work in education at the 16th Annual EWOC Awards & Expo taking place on Thursday, September 26. Shanine joins past SCOE honorees like Dr. Channa Pitt and Vice President Mariana Corona Sabeniano, who were recognized by EWOC for their accomplishments in 2023.

Andrew Brooks and the Computer, Network, and Telecommunication Support Team worked over the Labor Day weekend to ensure the successful installation of a new

battery backup system for SCOE's data center. This system is what keeps SCOE's computer services and district Internet connectivity up and running during a power outage. These new batteries are similar to ones found in modern electric cars with more power and longevity. Thank you to the CNTS Department for their preparation and hard work over the holiday weekend—within 24 hours, everything was installed and operational again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Capital Area Regional Transformational Assistance Center (R-TAC) will have its Community Schools Launch on Thursday, September 12, at the Marriott in Rancho Cordova. This event is for grantees and interested LEAs. It is a full-day session for county, district, and school teams and individuals that will include networking, content, role-alike groups, planning time, and orientation to the full set of R-TAC supports.

On Saturday, September 14, 2024, SCOE will present at the California School Boards Association on County Educational Innovations at the 2024 County Board Member Services Conference. SCOE will provide multiple presentations related to our Community Schools R-TAC work, "Centers of Wellness", and "CalHOPE Student Support."

On September 21, 2024, our SCOE Human Resources recruitment team will be at the Farm to Fork Festival at 3rd Street to 7th Street in Sacramento, to provide information about careers at SCOE and highlight some of our key initiatives. The festival runs from September 5 through September 21.

On September 28, 2024, our Sacramento County READS Literacy Initiative team will be at the Literacy Festival at the Oak Park Farmer's Market. SCOE is a presenting sponsor of this event along with the Sacramento Literacy Foundation, EdVoice, SMUD, and Teach for America.

Also, on September 28, 2024, we will have a table at the Latino Book & Family Festival at Sacramento City College. This year's festival features Reyna Grande, Victor Villasenor, and Edward James Olmos.

The Sacramento County School Boards Association Dinner Meeting will be held on October 9, 2024 in the Mather Room here at SCOE.

On Saturday, October 26, we look forward to celebrating our Sacramento Classified School Employees for 2024 and our new 2025 Teachers of the Year together at the FC Republic soccer game.

C. Recognition of the October Employees of the Month - Xanthi Soriano

Nan Thao, Program Analyst with Community Schools, was recognized and honored as the October classified employee of the month.

Andrea Irwin, Teacher for Alternative Education, was recognized and honored as the October certificated employee of the month.

7. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

Resolution: Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

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 nine students have completed all requirements for high school graduation including six candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School and three candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. High School.

8. New Business - Approval of Contracts - Nicolas Schweizer

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Motion to approve contracts by Trustee Caigoy, second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

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

Motion by Trustee Davis to authorize submission of 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, second by Trustee Caigoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

A. Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant - Dr. Channa Pitt

10. New Business - Other

A. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of Resolution No. 24-19 - Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 for SCOE Community and Special Education Schools - Jacqueline White/Michael Kast

Assistant Superintendent White presented the adoption of Resolution No. 24-19 - Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 for SCOE Community and Special Education Schools.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:04 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion to approve by Trustee Corona Sabeniano, second by Trustee Caigoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

B. Board Report and Adoption of Resolution No. 24-18 - Sacramento County READS Literacy Resolution - Dr. Channa Pitt

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Channa Pitt and Director II, English and Language Arts, Tami Wilson presented the Sacramento County READS Literacy Initiative Board Report.

A Public Comment was made by Denise Morgan in support of Resolution 24-18.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-18 - Sacramento County READS Literacy Resolution by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Caigoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

C. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Memberships

The Board considered if SCOE should continue paying the fees to support the CSBA Membership (2024-2025) for \$12,318, County Board Member Services Membership (2024-2025) \$4,170, and the Gamut Policy membership (2024-2025) \$3,600.

Motion by Trustee Corona Sabeniano to pay the fees to renew the CSBA Membership (2024-2025), County Board Member Services Membership (2024-2025), and the Gamut Policy membership (2024-2025), second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Brown

No: Keefer, Fong, Davis, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

A second motion was made by Trustee Fong to pay the CSBA membership fee (\$12,318) only, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yes: Fong, Corona Sabeniano, Brown

No: Keefer, Davis

Abstain: Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

Trustee Fong brought a motion that the previous motion to pay the CSBA membership fee (\$12,318) be reconsidered, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yes: Fong, Corona Sabeniano, Brown

No: Keefer, Davis, Caigoy

Abstain: Lefkovitz

Trustee Caigoy made a new motion to pay the CSBA membership fee ((\$12,318) only for the contract period stated (2024-2025) and that renewal of the CSBA membership be brought before the Board for consideration at the end of the 2024-2025 term; second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Fong, Corona Sabeniano, Caigoy, Brown

No: Keefer, Davis

Absent: Lefkovitz

11. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Caigoy stated that she wants SCOE to be intentional about calling out subgroups and lowest performing subgroups so the work can be intentional to make improvements for these groups.

Trustee Keefer thanked staff for the presentation of the art piece to Former Trustee Ahola. He also thanked Dr. Pitt and Tami Wilson for the Sacramento County READS presentation.

Vice President Corona Sabeniano stated that she has interests in the CSBA membership beyond attending the conference as she values the training, newsletters, and services they offer; and that she generally aligns with their values..

Trustee Davis stated that she wondered if we are staying in alignment with our values in regard to the CSBA Membership decision. She stated that paying the CSBA membership fee is not aligned with her values.

Trustee Fong stated that he would like the Williams Reports to be an agenda item at a future Board meeting. He also stated that he is attending the CSBA Conference in

Monterey.

SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students Marquez stated that she wondered if we are staying in alignment with our values in regard to paying the CSBA Membership fee.

B. Board President

President Brown stated that he agrees with Vice President Corona Sabeniano's comments about the CSBA Membership and its value beyond attending the conferences. He reported that the Board/Superintendent Retreat was a success.

C. Committees

12. Items for Distribution

A. September Events and Site Visits

13. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. September 24, 2024 and October 8, 2024

14. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Corona Sabeniano, Keefer, Fong, Davis, Brown, Caigoy

Absent: Lefkovitz

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon

Secretary to the Board

Date approved: