

Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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 meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Other Board members present: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, and Trustee Joanne Ahola.

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 Superintendent Brent Malicote; Executive Directors Michael Kast and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats; and Executive Assistant Malissa Kekahu.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Brown lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 12, 2022 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

B. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2022 by Trustee Lefkovitz, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

3. Adoption of Agenda

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Trustee Bina Lefkowitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

4. Official Correspondence

A. There was no official correspondence.

5. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comments

Sean Frame provided public comment regarding an email that he sent to the Board.

Kim Holm provided public comment regarding the passing of a SCOE colleague, Raycheal Fernandes.

Tinsae Birhanu, Samantha Smith, Hannan Canada, and Angela Mathenge provided public comments in support of AB 2774.

Zelia Gonzales provided a public comment to recommend that the Sacramento County Office of Education adopt criteria in order to approve the State Seal of Civic Engagement award across the States.

B. Employee Organizations

There were no requests from employee organizations.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Principal Lauren Roth, along with staff and students at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School, were pleased to host Back to School Night on September 12. Special thanks to Trustees Brown, Lefkowitz, and Corona Sabeniano who joined families and SCOE staff to view programs, projects, and Palmiter's renowned horticultural center and garden. Guests also enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner prepared by students from the Culinary Arts program. Our Culinary Café, located on the Palmiter campus, will host a "by invitation only" grand re-opening for the current school year at Noon on October 27, 2022. Board members will receive an invitation in the mail the first week of October.

PARA EDUCATOR JOB FAIR

Our Human Resource Department with support from SCOE principals—led by Executive Director Michael Kast—and the Communications Office, held a recruitment fair focused on recruiting para educators—that as you know we are short on—on September 10. Applicants submitted applications, completed examinations, and participated in oral examinations that were conducted by school principals and personnel staff. There were many applicants throughout the day, with the last applicant leaving at 5:30 p.m. The event generated an excellent pool of candidates who have been placed on an employment eligibility list and are scheduled for final interviews.

COURT AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Our community-based organizations, such as 916 Ink and Square Root Academy, will begin providing learning activities for our Court and Community programs in the next two weeks. Artist Milton Bowens will visit with youth in our programs before beginning the arts sessions and mural design project the first week of October. There are 39 students enrolled in our Student Outreach Academic Recovery (SOAR) Academy at El Centro in the youth detention facility. The program is designed to help students obtain college credits. Court and Community staff are participating in Professional Learning twice a month on Mondays. As part of our Educator Effectiveness and A-G grants, a team of SCOE Coordinators and Curriculum Specialists is designing the Professional Learning with a focus on engaging all learners for equitable outcomes. The first session, with an emphasis on adult protective relationships, was presented by Mentor CA's CEO Marcus Strother.

ADULT RE-ENTRY

The location of the Placer County Re-entry Program graduation scheduled for September 29 has been changed to the Auburn Veterans Memorial Lodge at 100 East Street in Auburn. The original location was the Gold Country Fairgrounds, which is no longer available as FEMA has secured the location for evacuees of the Mosquito Ridge Fire. The start time is still 5:00 p.m.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Last Thursday, the Kennedy Learning Center hosted a special event in honor of Constitution Day, commemorated annually on September 17, the date on which the founding fathers signed the document in 1787. Superintendent Gordon participated in a live reading of the Constitution (along with Brent Malicote), and 100 others. Students from four local high schools—Florin High, Grant Joint Union High, McClatchy High, and Natomas Charter were invited to meet with members of the “federal court family” that work in the federal court system, including prosecutors, defense lawyers, and marshals. Students also visited a courtroom and met Chief U.S. District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller.

SCOPE CAREER PIPELINE for EARLY EDUCATION and MENTAL HEALTH

For our School-based Mental Health and Wellness Path, our peer specialists and graduate clinical interns are now settled onto school sites, working alongside our mental health clinicians and the school teams. And these we hope will be our clinicians of the future. Additionally, we have secured funding for the Family and Community Health

Systems Navigator position to assist with connecting students and families to resources. SCOE was awarded the Early Education Teacher Development Grant for \$3.7M over three years. This is part of Universal Prekindergarten funding, aimed to increase the numbers of highly qualified preschool and transitional kindergarten teachers and to increase specific competencies for preschool, TK, and kindergarten teachers for a whole child approach to early education. SacE3 (acronym of our program)—with SCOE as lead agency—will coordinate and administer the programs in four different partnership-based pathways for a comprehensive pipeline and professional learning system. The goal is to make sure that in 3-5-7 years that we are adequately staffed. Funding will also be devoted to stipends, professional growth advising, professional learning opportunities, as well as staff to coordinate and sustain the work.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Xanthi Soriano, SCOE's new Executive Director of Communications, starts Monday, September 26. Since 2015, Xanthi has served as the Director of Communications and Public Information Officer at the Elk Grove Unified School District. With her experience in education and the business world, her commitment to learning, and deep knowledge of our region, Xanthi is the ideal person to lead Communications for SCOE. We are eager to have her join us next week.

ADMINISTRATION

As a reminder, the Sacramento County School Boards Association (SCSBA) Dinner Meeting is scheduled for October 12 in the Mather Room. The guest speaker will be (Retired) Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn. As background to our collective work on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Chief Hahn will speak on the history of Sacramento and the surrounding areas and discuss race-based policies that have impacted our communities over the years.

7. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, 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 items were approved:

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

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

Michael Kast, Executive Director, announced that the following 11 students will be awarded diplomas: 2 candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. High School; 8 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; and 1 candidate from North Area Senior Extension.

8. New Business - Approval of Contracts - Nicolas Schweizer

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne 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

Motion to approve by Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

A. Innovations in Citizenship Education Grant - Jerry Jones

B. California Statewide Physical Fitness Test Grant - Dr. Nancy Herota

C. Project Cal-HOPE Student Support 3.0 Grant - Brent Malicote

10. New Business – Other

A. Board Report - Youth Voice - Jacqueline White/Brent Malicote

Assistant Superintendent Brent Malicote presented the Youth Voice Board report with Curriculum Specialist Charley Gilmore.

President Keefer asked for public comments.

The following individuals provided public comments via Zoom:

Michael Minnick, Dr. Hueling Lee, and Ria Srivastava provided public comments in support of a student board member.

The following individuals provided public comments in-person:

Charles Bolton from Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT), Sydney Lewis from IYT, Tylier Smith, and Mulivaya Ivy provided public comments in support of Youth Voice.

The Board asked questions and provided comments regarding the report.

B. Board Report - Special Education - Michael Kast

Executive Director Kast presented the report on Special Education. He was joined by Principals Lauren Roth, Guy Holman, Jillian Friend, and Randy Olson.

11. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report.

Trustee Brown discussed the CCBE Conference in Monterey and stated that he learned a lot about mental health. He commented that he is the co-President of the Kiwanis and that they hosted a farm-to-fork dinner last Saturday. The purpose of the event is to provide scholarships for students, including the Turn Around Scholarship for those students in continuation schools. Nearly 200 people attended. Four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded.

Trustee Lefkovitz discussed the CCBE Conference in Monterey. She specifically mentioned a session about what San Diego is doing with their Court & Community Schools around Design Thinking. She brought a copy of the Parent Guidebook from the Black Parallel School Board for Superintendent Gordon. Trustee Lefkovitz reported that she and Trustee Brown met the BSU students when they went to the State Capitol. They were advocating for AB 2774 and she invited them to come speak to the Board.

Trustee Fong sought to ask questions to one of the public commenters and President Keefer responded that the Board does not engage with public comments on these matters. Mr. Fong also commented about student debt relief. He would like SCOE to inform students about debt relief, and perhaps have staff work with them through the process. Superintendent Gordon stated that we would check on this.

Trustee Davis commented that she is certified to take fingerprints and does so at her mail shop. This gives her many opportunities to meet local teachers and school staff, particularly from River Delta, Galt, and Twin Rivers. She stated how excited she is to greet them and thank them. She also noted how much she appreciates getting to personally thank the staff from Fortune Charter School when they come in her shop.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano discussed the CCBE Conference in Monterey, including that it was her first time at the conference and that she learned a lot. She also commented that she enjoyed Back to School Night at Palmiter. She also stated that she supports the Seal of Civic Engagement.

B. Board President

President Keefer thanked staff for attending and presenting, as well as students who provided public comment. He also informed the group that the Rotary Club of Sacramento is hosting their ride on October 1. There will be over 1,000 riders and the proceeds will support the Crisis Nurseries. Last year over \$100,000 was raised.

C. Committees

There were no committee reports.

12. Items for Distribution

A. September/October Events and Site Visits

13. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. October 11, 2022 and October 25, 2022

14. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: