

Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda *REVISED**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the County Committee Meeting which is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

1. Procedural

A. Meeting Access

B. Public Comments Procedures and Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

C. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Lefkovitz called the regular meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

Other Board members present: Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Alfred Brown, Harold Fong (via Zoom), Heather Davis, Joanne Ahola, and Paul Keefer.

Also present were Judith Marquez, Board Student Liaison; David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Acting General Counsel Elizabeth Linton; Associate Superintendent Nicolas Schweizer; Assistant Superintendents Jacqueline "Jackie" White and Brent Malicote; Executive Directors Michael Kast, Xanthi Soriano, and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats; and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the County Committee meeting immediately prior to this meeting.

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

There was one public comment (via Zoom) from April Javist from the Sacramento Literacy Foundation.

B. Employee Organizations

There were no requests from employee organizations.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2023 by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

A. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. Official Correspondence

A. There was no official correspondence.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

IN THE COMMUNITY

Thank you President Lefkovitz for attending the El Centro graduation on October 18. Your presence along with SCOE and El Centro staff, and the probation team make a world of difference to our students and their families.

On October 27, President Lefkovitz, Trustee Corona Sabeniano, and I visited American River Collegiate Academy (ARCA). We thank the ARCA team for organizing an excellent tour. ARCA continues to diligently explore options for a facility in Citrus Heights and updates will be provided by ARCA as more information becomes available.

On November 1, Vice President Brown, Xanthi Soriano, and I attended the PBS KVIE special screening of Season 5 of Inside California Education at the Sofia Theater. This new series features student and school stories from around the state and several here in Sacramento County. You can visit the insidethecaled.org website and the PBS streaming app to watch and share.

Congratulations to Jared Amalong and the Computer Science and Ed Tech Team in College and Career for winning the Innovation Award for the "Season of Computer Science (CS)" program, which was presented at the recent Computer Science Education Conference.

On November 2, Becky Sullivan was honored as a “California Reading Hero” during the California Reading Summit organized by the California Reading Coalition.

On November 4, Trustee Fong and a team from SCOE attended the Sacramento Latino Book and Family Festival where we gave out more than - 200 books and continued to do recruitment outreach.

On November 6, Vice President Brown took part in a special speaker series to honor the words, life, and legacy of one of our namesakes, the prolific civil rights attorney Nathaniel Colley. The series was co-sponsored by the California Association of Black Lawyers, the Sacramento County Bar Association, and the Wiley Manuel Bar Association.

On November 13, our Human Resources team, led by our Chief Administrator of Human Resources, Darrien Johnson, continued in their recruitment outreach focused on diversity and attended the Local Chamber Collaborative 2023 Diversity Summit & Expo hosted by the Sacramento Black Chamber, Sacramento Hispanic Chamber, and Sacramento Rainbow Chamber.

On November 14, we continued in our literacy work in holding the Literacy Chat titled “Accelerating Foundational Literacy in an MTSS Framework,” which was a highly collaborative day of learning with educators and leaders throughout local districts focused on Literacy and a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework.

On November 15, the second Sacramento County READS! Community of Practice (CoP) is taking place at the SCOE Conference Center and will focus on Multilinguals and English Learners and the Science of Reading featuring Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan. Each participant will receive a copy of Dr. Cárdenas-Hagan’s book, “Literacy Foundations for English Learners: A Comprehensive Guide to Evidence-Based Instruction.” More than 99 participants are registered for this session. Last week more than 800 participants were registered for a webinar featuring Dr. Anita Archer who presented “The ‘How’ of Structured Literacy,” as part of our California Dyslexia Initiative.

On November 16, the Foundations Academy will host a Fall Celebration for families in Oluchi Okemiri’s classroom at Sheldon High School. Along with a delicious feast, families and honored guests will enjoy decorations created by the students and will recognize students in their progress learning the correlating American Sign Language motions for the four colors in nature.

This past week, we kicked off our Season of Giving with many opportunities for SCOE employees to help SCOE students and families, as well as our community. We have book drives, fundraisers, food drives, toy drives, and more. This year’s turkey drive, led by Robin Ryan and her team, that benefits the Sacramento Food Bank, exceeded last year’s number by three with a total of 45 turkeys donated.

Our ongoing giving opportunities include:

“Books Break Barriers” for donations to the Youth Detention Facility, El Centro High School Library.

In partnership with PRO Youth & Family Collective, the College & Career Readiness Department with SCOE Schools and Student Programs is facilitating the Season of Giving Holiday Meal drive. Meals will be provided to families from El Centro, Elinor L. Hickey, Nathaniel S. Colley, Senior Extension, and the CARE program.

The SCOE Foundations Academy and Early Learning Department have combined efforts to supply holiday baskets for families in need who were nominated by teachers.

At the December 14 SCOE School Graduation, we will share the Gary K. Hart Resiliency Scholarship opportunity with SCOE students. To boost fundraising efforts for the scholarship, we added the Resiliency Scholarship to our Season of Giving.

B. Recognition of the December 2023 Employees of the Month - Xanthi Soriano

Alexis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Department, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for December.

Ju Park, Alternative Education Teacher, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for December.

7. Youth Presentation

A. 916 Ink - Jacqueline White

Assistant Superintendent White introduced staff and three youth presenters from 916 Ink. Each of the students read an original poem and commented about what they like best about 916 Ink.

8. 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 Corona Sabeniano.

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

Executive Director Michael Kast announced that 16 students will be awarded diplomas, including six candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Senior Extension, four candidates from Cordova Lane Senior Extension, one candidate from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, two candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension, and three candidates from North Area Senior Extension.

D. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Auction Property Pursuant to Education Code - Michael Kast

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, Fong, Davis, Brown, Ahola

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

A. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Technical Assistance Grant - Brent Malicote

Motion by Trustee Davis, to approve 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; second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Ahola

11. New Business - Other

A. 2022-2023 Annual Report of Sacramento County Williams Review - Elizabeth Linton

Acting General Counsel Elizabeth Linton presented the 2022-2023 Annual Report of Sacramento County Williams Review to the Board.

B. Board Report - Sacramento County READS! Update - Dr. Channa Cook

Dr. Channa Cook introduced the Sacramento County READS! Update; presented by Tami Wilson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report.

Trustee Keefer thanked Trustee Brown for hosting the Cub Scout pack in his absence on October 17. He also thanked President Lefkovitz for her leadership, listening to the Board, and moving the agenda forward for students.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano - no report.

Trustee Brown thanked Becky Sullivan for providing books for the Cub Scout pack when he stepped in for Trustee Keefer on October 17.

Trustee Davis - no report.

Trustee Fong stated that he enjoyed attending the Sacramento Latino Book and Family Festival.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz attended the Colour of Music, a Black Classical Musical Festival. She stated this was their second year and they plan to come back next year. Some schools sent students.

C. Committees

13. Items for Distribution

A. November/December Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. December 12, 2023

15. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

Board Student Liaison Judith Marquez stated that she and Matt Perry have been meeting with the Principal at El Centro about ways she can get more involved in the school at Juvenile Hall.

Judith Marquez read "I Remember" from 916 Ink written by an El Centro Student.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: