

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19, 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 6:31 p.m. Other Board members present: Paul Keefer, Heather Davis, Alfred Brown, Joanne Ahola, Harold Fong, and Mariana Corona Sabeniano.

Also present were Board Student Liaison Judith Marquez; 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, and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lefkovitz read a land acknowledgement.

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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 February 20, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 20, 2024 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

A. Motion to approve the Adoption of the Agenda as presented by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Ahola.

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 Gordon reported on the following:

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On March 9, SCOE staff attended Sacramento County's First Women and Girls Festival at Sacramento City College. Thank you, Trustee Corona Sabeniano for attending and supporting this event. Former Trustee Talamantes also visited our table and expressed her great appreciation for SCOE's promotion of Head Start and Early Learning programs.

On Wednesday, March 20, the Sacramento County READS team will hold their Community of Practice (CoP), "Guiding Principles for Leading an Effective Literacy Initiative," featuring Co-Founder and Executive Director Kareem Weaver from FULCRUM. This CoP will take place at the California Endowment Building in Sacramento.

On Thursday, March 21, the Culinary Café at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School will host their 25th Anniversary luncheon celebration at noon. The menu features Sauerbraten with braised red cabbage, boiled red potatoes, and vanilla pound cake for dessert.

On Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., SCOE and the School of Education are hosting a Sacramento County School Teacher/Leader Career Fair. There will be 24 employers in attendance representing our local school districts and charter schools including Roseville Joint Union High SD, Vacaville USD, and Washington USD.

STUDENT EVENTS

On March 25, El Centro held a graduation ceremony for two students who earned their Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees from Lake Tahoe Community College. Each graduate holds an A.A. in Social Science, and both have been accepted into the Project Rebound

program at California State University, Sacramento, where they will continue their studies as Juniors. Thank you Assistant Superintendent Jackie White and your team, along with our partners from the Probation Division and Lake Tahoe Community College.

RECOGNITIONS

On March 12, we celebrated our 2024 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year at the Sacramento Kings game. The event was co-sponsored by Jamba Juice, and their staff and the Kings staff did a wonderful job of honoring our teachers. One lucky teacher, Lyndsay Hall (from Robla School District), was selected to go on court to do timed free throws. She made all three shots earning herself Jamba smoothies for a year, plus a free smoothie for everyone attending the game. Thank you to Vice President Brown, and Trustees Ahola, Davis, and Corona Sabeniano for attending.

Also last week, SCOE joined Friends of Sacramento Arts at the *Heroes of Arts Education Gala* where extraordinary arts teachers and educators throughout Sacramento County were honored, including our own Dr. Steve Winlock who received a very special award. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz and Vice President Brown for being there.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

During the week of March 18–22, 2024, Friday Night Live and Club Live chapters are organizing schoolwide events for the National Alcohol and Drug Facts Week where students will facilitate activities to educate their peers in an engaging and fun way.

Also, our College and Career Readiness team kicked off their second annual Counselor Spring Institute at California State University, Sacramento, yesterday. The program included Dr. Steve Winlock and Assistant Superintendent Jackie White facilitating a California County Superintendents Region 3 Arts Convening to address Prop 28 implementation and the intersection of Arts and Social Emotional Learning. Today there was a panel discussion about women in non-traditional occupations moderated by Cristina Mendonsa. The guests included influential women leaders who spoke about overcoming challenges, having grit, being resilient, and leadership. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz for attending the event, and Board Student Liaison Marquez for participating in several of the counseling professional learning sessions, as well as the Arts Convening.

On March 22, in collaboration with the K16 Dual Enrollment collaborative, SCOE will hold a convening to enhance access to Dual Enrollment in the Sacramento Region at the Rancho Cordova City Hall.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for April 5 at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School and will include a school tour.

7. Youth Presentation

A. Youth Presentation - David W. Gordon

Superintendent Gordon introduced Sarah-Michael Gaston, Deputy Director with Youth Forward to present the youth report. The youth presenters included two students from Hiram Johnson High School, two students from Luther Burbank High School, and one student from Rosemont High School.

8. Board Report

A. Board Report - Fortune Annual Report - Dr. Nancy Herota

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Nancy Herota introduced Shela Seaton, Consultant, to present the Fortune Annual Oversight Report. Presenters from Fortune Schools included Dr. Fortune and her colleagues: Dr. Dominic Zarecki, Director of Data, Analytics, and Strategy; Sara Williams, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Joseph Gambino, Director of Education Technology; Wes Pepper, Chief Academic Officer; Bonnie Bensen, Chief Financial Officer; and a performance by the Fortune School Choir.

9. 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 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 White announced that seven students will be awarded diplomas, including one candidate from Cordova Lane Senior Extension, one candidate from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, one candidate from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension, one candidate from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension, and three candidates from North Area Senior Extension.

10. New Business - Approval of Contracts - Nicolas Schweizer

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

11. 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. Title III County Office of Education Regional English Learning Specialists Agreement Grant - Channa Pitt

Motion 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 by Trustee Keefer, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

12. New Business - Other

A. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report and Budget Revision No. 2 for 2023-2024 - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Schweizer introduced Budget Committee Chair Heather Davis to present the Second Interim Financial Report and Budget Revision No. 2 for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Motion to approve the Second Interim Financial Report and Budget Revision No. 2 for 2023-2024 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Network Infrastructure Modernization Projects - Nicolas Schweizer

Motion to approve the authorization of staff to award the construction contracts to the selected contractors, enter into additional contracts as necessary, hire necessary consultants, and retain any services required to bring the projects to completion by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Pending Legislation - Senate Bill 1094 - David W. Gordon

Superintendent Gordon presented pending legislation Senate Bill 1094 which promotes greater civic learning and engagement opportunities, especially in grades 1-8.

Motion to approve Board support of SB 1094 and direct staff to send a letter of support on behalf of the Board by Trustee Fong, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Corona Sabeniano

13. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report.

Trustee Keefer recommended that the youth report portion of our Board meetings be limited to 10 minutes and that the presentations should be made primarily by the youth.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano commented that we should be sure to follow up on the action item request made during the youth presentation.

Trustee Brown – no report.

Trustee Davis – no report.

Trustee Fong – no report.

Board Student Liaison Judith Marquez – no report.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz said “Ramadan Mubarak” to Muslim staff, students, and community, and she also said to pray for peace along with our Muslim brothers and sisters. She stated that March 31 is Transgender Day of Visibility and noted that SCOE staff are promoting the day in their DEI work and a letter of support is going out to district superintendents.

President Lefkovitz also presented information about organizational changes related to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Board and the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) and suggested that this topic be added to a future Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

C. Committees

14. Items for Distribution

A. March Events and Site Visits

15. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. April 5, 2024 and April 16, 2024

16. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

Trustee Davis read a poem from a 916 Ink publication written by a middle school student.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: