

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21, 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: Alfred Brown, Paul Keefer, Heather Davis, and Joanne Ahola. SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students Judith Marquez was also present. Board members Mariana Corona Sabeniano and Harold Fong were 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 and Jacqueline "Jackie" White; Executive Directors, Xanthi Soriano, and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats, and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. 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. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 5, 2024 by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola
Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola
Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

5. Official Correspondence

A. There was no official correspondence.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Last week, our civics sponsored bill, SB 1094, which promotes civic education and engagement in grades K-8, and would require the study of social sciences to include principles of democracy and the State and Federal Constitutions, authored by Senator Limón and co-authored by Assemblymember Pellerin, has passed out of its second senate committee (Appropriations), and now heads to the Assembly for further action.

STUDENT EVENTS

Last week, our SCOE Foundations Academy hosted a graduation ceremony to honor seven students. Thank you, Board President Lefkovitz and Vice President Brown, and Trustee Keefer for your support and attendance. Thank you, Assistant Superintendent Michael Kast, and your team for making these events memorable for our students and their families.

CONVENINGS

On May 3, the Computer, Network, and Telecommunication Support Department hosted 90 K-12 school district and charter school technology staff from the Sacramento region to learn about the latest Cybersecurity technologies available to protect our confidential student and employee data from cyber-attacks.

On May 8, the Sacramento County READS initiative held another Community of Practice featuring Kareem Weaver, Co-Founder and Executive Director of FULCRUM. Kareem led an inspiring and pointed presentation on the key components needed in leading literacy, emphasizing the importance of teacher preparation, and how each member of the community must insist on prioritizing literacy and ensuring that teachers

have the tools and time they need to teach.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

On May 16, our Sacramento Community Based Coalition team hosted visitors from Belarus. Arranged through Global Ties Sacramento, five professionals from Belarus were invited through the U.S. Department of State for an International Visitor Leadership Program to explore best practices in re-entry programs with a focus on rehabilitation services. Assistant Superintendent Michael Kast and his team provided an excellent overview of SCOE and our re-entry program.

On the same day, members of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team hosted a convening for community-based organizations as part of SCOE's work to further understand the landscape with regard to how Black children and families experience education in Sacramento County. The purpose of this gathering was to foster dialogue, collaboration, and action between SCOE, local community organizations, and advocates who are dedicated to advancing the educational outcomes of Black students and youth.

RECOGNITION AND NEWS

Early in May, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond announced the winners of the California 2024 Classified School Employees of the Year program. One classified school employee from the Twin Rivers Unified School District was among the group selected to represent California. Congratulations to Joshua Crotts, Instructional Materials Coordinator from Twin Rivers. All of the winners of the 2024 Classified School Employees of the Year program received an invitation from Superintendent Thurmond to an awards luncheon hosted by the California Department of Education on May 23. All of our own 2024 Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year will be honored on Sunday, June 2, at the River Cats game.

We recently received the "Counties on the Move 2024: Expanding Access to Arts Education for All Students," a publication supported by the California County Superintendents in which SCOE Schools and students were well represented for Region 3. Thank you, Assistant Superintendent Jackie White and your team for continuing to support and grow the arts for our county and our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On May 22, we will celebrate a graduation for our Court and Community Schools and Senior Extension program with 125 graduates expected to receive diplomas. The event will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center located in Sacramento.

On May 28, the Student and Community Mural Painting events start, hosted by Assistant Superintendent Jackie White and her team at Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School and Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. High School. The painting will continue May 29 at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School. Renowned artists will lead the mural projects.

On May 30, Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School will host their School to World Awards

Ceremony. In addition to recognizing Palmiter students enrolled in the work-based learning opportunities program, we will also recognize local businesses that support our students.

SCOE's Human Resources team, led by Chief Administrator Darrien Johnson, will have recruitment tables at the June 8 and 9 Sac PRIDE festival where hundreds of attendees and marchers will be present.

Elk Grove Unified School District in partnership with the City of Elk Grove was chosen to host the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, The Bias Inside Us. The exhibit is free and will open to the community on Monday, June 17 and will continue through July 12.

B. SCOE 2024 Classified School Employee of the Year - Xanthi Soriano

Principal Lauren Roth introduced the SCOE 2024 Classified School Employee of the Year, Alex Ayuli.

7. Youth Presentation

A. SCOE Youth Presentation - Jacqueline White

Assistant Superintendent White introduced the SCOE Youth report presented by SCOE Curriculum Specialist Charley Gilmore. The following two student members shared about their positive experiences from being part of the Youth Advisory Committee: Native Robinson, a 10th grade student from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School and DJ (Douglas James) Lair, an 11th grade student from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. High School.

8. 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: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

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 69 students will be awarded diplomas, including 15 candidates from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. - Senior Extension; 19 candidates from Cordova Lane Senior Extension, 2 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School,

14 candidates from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension, and 19 candidates from North Area Senior Extension.

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

Surplus Property listed in this item included three vehicles, a snow thrower, and a copy machine.

E. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code - Jerry Jones

Surplus Property listed in this item included various electronic surplus equipment.

9. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

A. No Contracts

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

Motion to approve authorization to submit grant applications/service contracts and accept funding if awarded; and approve contracts, positions, and other expenditures associated with the grants as outlined in the proposed budget by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola
Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

A. Early Head Start and Adoption of Resolution No. 24-11 - Dr. Channa Pitt

B. California Farm to School Incubator Grant Program: Track 3 - Dr. Channa Pitt

C. California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Support System (CAASPP) - Dr. Nancy Herota

11. New Business - Other

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-12 - Resolution Recognizing LGBTQIA+ Pride Month - Kristin Wright

Dr. Nancy Herota presented Resolution No. 24-12 - Resolution Recognizing LGBTQIA+ Pride Month for the Board's consideration.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-13 - Recognizing the Public Health Risk of Intoxicating Hemp to Minors - Kristin Wright

Dr. Herota presented Resolution No. 24-13 - Recognizing the Public Health Risk of Intoxicating Hemp to Minors for the Board's consideration.

There were five Public Comments in support of Resolution No. 24-13:

Faith Galati, Executive Director of Breakthrough Sacramento; Marina Barrera, High School Resilience Manager of Breakthrough Sacramento; Jacquie Washington, high school student; Jennifer Forminskaya, high school student; and Jim Keddy, Executive Director of Youth Forward.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

C. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-14 - Accepting the Real Property at 10520 Armstrong Avenue - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Nick Schweizer introduced Resolution No. 24-14 - Accepting the Real Property at 10520 Armstrong Avenue for the Board's consideration.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

D. Board Report - Attendance and Engagement - Rachel Perry/Jacqueline White

Assistant Superintendent White presented the Attendance and Engagement Board report.

Scott Meyer, Director of Behavior Intervention & Student Services at Folsom Cordova Unified School District provided an overview of the district's attendance improvement efforts.

E. Board Report - Youth Voice and Engagement Update - Dr. Channa Pitt

Assistant Superintendent White presented the Youth Voice and Engagement report to the Board.

F. California County Boards of Education (CCBE) and California School Boards Association (CSBA)

Motion to send a letter on behalf of the Sacramento Board of Education to the CSBA with the Board's recommendations by Trustee Ahola, second by Trustee Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report.

Trustee Keefer - no report.

Trustee Brown complimented SCOE Appointed Board Member Representing Students, Judith Marquez on her growth and activity while serving with the Board.

Trustee Davis stated that her daughter recently graduated from Sac State, her son is graduating high school tomorrow, and her other son is getting married in January. While she has enjoyed these family events, she noted that they have prevented her from attending SCOE events she would otherwise have attended.

Judith Marquez stated that she graduated from Senior Extension in 2019 and thanked the Board members for welcoming her and expressed appreciation for everything she learned while serving. Ms. Marquez read two poems written by El Centro students and published by 916 Ink.

B. Board President

President Lefkovitz - no report.

C. Committees

13. Items for Distribution

A. May Events and Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. June 11, 2024 and June 25, 2024

15. Adjournment

A. Adjourn the Meeting

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Brown, Ahola

Absent: Fong, Corona Sabeniano

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: