

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES – UNAPPROVED

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Members present via teleconference: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; Jerry Jones, Executive Director; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

Other staff present via teleconference were Darrien Slider-Johnson, Chief Administrator; Brent Malicote and Jacqueline White, Assistant Superintendents; Michael Kast, Channa Cook-Harvey, Kristen Wright, and Rachel Perry, Executive Directors; and Tim Herrera and Shanine Coats, Directors.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Ahola lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2021

Motion to approve the Minutes by Trustee Harold Fong, second by Trustee Heather Davis.

Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

4. Adoption of Agenda

A. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the Adoption of the Agenda as presented.

Motion by Trustee Paul Keefer, second by Trustee Harold Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

5. Official Correspondence

A. There was no Official Correspondence.

6. Visitor Presentations

A. General Public

Public comments were provided by the following individuals: Gabrielle, Crystal Dunn, Brenda Smith, Pam Viray, Erin Page, Rachel Kattan, Lisa Pelletier, Annie Kaye, Andrea, Thaddeus Kozinski, Kelly Kulikowski, Lyndi Brasier, and Matthew Newton.

B. Employee Organizations - There were no presentations.

7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

LOCAL DISTRICT UPDATES

All districts that participated in today's call reported that COVID cases are significantly decreased from last week for both staff and students. (Twin Rivers USD and Robla USD were not on today's call.)

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Our community school team has remained focused on serving students despite daily staffing shortages. Team members have supported our sites by subbing in classrooms and backfilling for the principals when they have been subbing for staff.

He is sorry to inform you that Bill Meehan, President of Northern California Construction and Trades (NCCT), passed away on the evening of January 24. Bill was a good friend and partner to SCOE and led the development of the program that has provided so many youth and adults opportunities for high wage jobs in the trades. His son Jake, daughter Tami, and son-in-law Mike will continue to provide this amazing program to our Community Schools, El Centro, VOYA youth, and Adult Re-Entry programs.

EL CENTRO

Over the past two weeks, two units in El Centro have been quarantined. Probation and SCOE staff continue to partner to provide services for students during this difficult time. As a result, construction and culinary programs have been unable to operate. Due to high numbers of COVID cases, Probation has pulled field officers back into the Youth Detention facility to support the quarantined staff.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The restart of in-person services for Infant Development Program has been postponed

until April due to continued COVID concerns for both SCOE staff and families that they serve. Day-to-day staffing is a regular struggle due to COVID cases and mandatory quarantines. Staff are doing an exemplary job of being flexible in their work assignments to keep classrooms open.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION UPDATE

We have made a National Equity Project 5-part series open to all SCOE employees and LEAs in Sacramento and surrounding counties. Veronica Ruiz joined our DEI team on January 3 as our new Coordinator for Diversity, Equity and Social Justice. Our team has drafted an Equity Action Plan to communicate our inclusion vision within SCOE, build capacity for support, and embed metrics and expectations within all SCOE departments. We continue to work with our extended leadership team and Cabinet to deepen equity-focused facilitation leadership skills. Many thanks to retired Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn who, on January 28, so graciously gave a rich and riveting presentation for all SCOE staff titled “A Way Forward: System to System - Improving Outcomes for Sacramento's Youth by Understanding Race-based Policies.”

CHILD-SIZE MASKS

Cal OES has procured more than 9-million child-size surgical masks and roughly 7.6-million kid-sized KN95 masks. The state will be combining the delivery of these masks to county offices who will distribute them for students and staff in each county, including private schools. Allocations are based on student enrollment per county. Yesterday, we received more test kits, which we also will distribute to our local schools. Our outstanding Support Services team has been doing an amazing job coordinating the distribution of masks and tests.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

The 2022 Sacramento County Academic Decathlon will be held at Folsom High School on Saturday, February 5, 2022. The 2022 topic: Water - A Most Essential Resource. The decision to host an in-person scholastic competition was made following consultation with the Sacramento County Public Health Department and will have strict health and safety protocols that parallel those for in-person instruction and sporting events in public schools in Sacramento County. 16 Sacramento County teams and three Placer County teams will compete. The Placer County teams will compete amongst themselves and be scored separately.

SLY PARK VISITS

As COVID case rates continue to be of particular concern, we have been in close contact with County Health officials regarding the operation of Sly Park. We made the collaborative decision to postpone in-person services at Sly Park through February. The first potential campers would arrive on February 28. As we have seen throughout the pandemic, our staff have pivoted to provide meaningful support to the Pollock Pines Community and the schools that we support. The kitchen staff restarted the “Supper Program” for the Pollock Pines community on January 28 and the teachers will be providing hybrid supports to participating schools with virtual and limited in-person support at the school sites. We are thankful for the hard work, flexibility, and innovation

that our Sly Park team continues to demonstrate! We are considering scheduling a site visit to Sly Park in February while students are not present for Board members to see the recent renovations. If you are interested in participating in a visit, please contact Wende Watson.

SCOE OFFICES CLOSED

SCOE offices will be closed for the following holidays: Lincoln's Birthday on February 14 and Washington's Birthday on February 21.

RESILIENCY SCHOLARSHIP/GARY HART

As you may know, former Secretary of Education Gary K. Hart passed away last week. Prior to his passing, Gary made it known to him that he wished for donations to be made to our Resiliency Scholarship fund in his name. To make the donation process more user-friendly, we made changes to the scholarship page on the SCOE website. We can now accept electronic donations, as well as those made by check. We also have made it clear to those wishing to contribute that donations to the SCOE Resiliency Scholarship fund are tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Code. As he closes out his report, he would like to ask that at the end of the meeting that we adjourn in memory of Gary Hart and Bill Meehan.

8. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items - David W. Gordon
- B. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions - Darrien Johnson

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Trustee Paul Keefer, second by Trustee Joanne Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

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

Jacqueline White, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: two candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Angel Gabriel Gutierrez-Rodriguez and Najalay Monique Richards from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; and Sierra Ku Byzaayen Chavez-Taylor, Ravanna Conston, and Roberto Antonio Rodriguez from North Area Senior Extension.

9. New Business - Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

- A. Approval of Contracts – Nicolas Schweizer

Motion to approve.

Motion by Trustee Harold Fong, second by Trustee Karina Talamantes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne 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

Action: A. First 5 California's Dual Language Learner Pilot Expansion - Local Administrative Agency (LAA) - Brent Malicote

Motion to Approve.

Motion by Trustee Heather Davis, second by Trustee Bina Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

11. New Business – Other

Action: A. Authorization to Enter into Contracts for E-Rate Services - Jerry Jones

Motion to Approve.

Motion by Trustee Paul Keefer, second by Trustee Harold Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Action: B. Authorization for Out-of-State Travel for Trustee Alfred Brown

Motion to approve.

Motion by Trustee Paul Keefer, second by Trustee Joanne Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Joanne Ahola

No: Trustee Harold Fong

Abstain: Trustee Alfred Brown

Action: C. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-03 - In Support of the 1300 Campaign

Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, presented this item.

Trustee Fong stated that he supports the goals of the 1300 Campaign but requested revisions to some portions of the proposed Resolution. A discussion by the Board followed.

Motion by Trustee Bina Lefkovitz to adopt Resolution No. 22-03, second by Trustee Paul Keefer.

Motion by Trustee Fong to table or revise the proposed Resolution was not seconded. Motion to approve Resolution 22-03 as proposed carried.

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

No: Trustee Harold Fong

Information: D. First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 9281 - Committees

Chair Paul Keefer of the Policy Committee presented this item for the First Reading.

Information: E. First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 1240 - Volunteers

Chair Keefer of the Policy Committee presented this item for the First Reading.

Information: F. First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 9000 - Purpose and Role of the Board

Chair Keefer of the Policy Committee presented this item for the First Reading.

Information: G. Evaluating Programs and Measuring Student Outcomes

Jacqueline White, Assistant Superintendent and Melissa Neuburger, Program Manager presented this item.

Information: H. Youth Voice/Civic Engagement

Brent Malicote, Assistant Superintendent, introduced this item and Frank Pisi, Director, lead the presentation.

Information: I. Board Report - Governor's Budget

Nicolas Schweizer presented this item.

12. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

Reports: A. Board Members

Trustee Davis is excited to hear that there is a possibility of bus service coming back. If there is money available for dual enrollment, reformation is needed to benefit our students and create effective programming.

Trustee Ahola asked Superintendent Gordon to follow up with Superintendent Kern about the student at Bella Vista which was mentioned during the public comments portion of the meeting. Regarding masking, parents should make what choice is best for their students.

Trustee Lefkovitz is excited about the budget report presented tonight. She noted that it is Black History Month and the Lunar New Year. She plans to donate to the Scholarship Fund in honor of Gary Hart and asked if her fellow Board members are interested. CSBA Lobby Day is in March, and she will be participating via Zoom.

Trustee Fong also commented on Black History Month and Lunar New Year. He also requested an update on AVID and commented that it is a fantastic program that assists students to graduate.

Trustee Brown participated in Legislative Advocacy Day the last few years. He also talked about the Academic Decathlon and commented that there are still some opportunities to help with the event. He is a Kiwanis Club board member, and they have a \$2,000 scholarship available for one student from the continuation program in Elk Grove, Calvine, William Dillard, Las Flores, or Rio Cazadero next year. Trustee Brown will be going to Washington, DC for Cap-to-Cap and plans to provide a report when he returns.

Trustee Keefer walked the Board through a scenario and cited an article in the Wall Street Journal that there was 950,000 COVID deaths in the United States. Of those, 700,000 people were over the age of 65. On this website, covid.cdc.gov, he cited statistics that show youth are not dying from COVID. He urged the Board to consider a resolution to remove the mask mandate because of the data.

Reports: B. Board President

President Talamantes acknowledged that January was a long difficult month. People are still hurting from the pandemic. There is a lot of work ahead of us. She is thankful for being here and to provide people with security any way she can.

Reports: C. Committees - There were no committee reports.

13. Items for Distribution

Information: A. February/March Events

Information: B. February/March Site Visits

14. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

Information: A. February 15, 2022

Information: B. March 1, 2022

15. Adjournment

Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting

Trustee Lefkovitz moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Bill Meehan and Gary Hart.

Motion to approve adjournment.

Motion by Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, second by Trustee Paul Keefer

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: