

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.**

MINUTES – UNAPPROVED

1. Procedural

A. Meeting Access

B. Public Comment Procedures and Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

C. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Keefer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Other Board members present: Bina Lefkovitz, Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, and Harold Fong (via Zoom). Joanne Ahola was absent. Alfred Brown departed during closed session for a personal commitment. Mariana Corona Sabeniano arrived while closed session was in progress.

Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Executive Director Jerry Jones; and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Keefer led the pledge.

President Keefer asked if there are any public comments before convening to closed session. There were no public comments.

Open Session recessed at 4:32 p.m.

Closed Session opened at 4:34 p.m.

Closed Session recessed at 6:07 p.m.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:34 p.m.

Also present were Deputy Superintendent Nancy Herota; Associate Superintendent Nick Schweizer; Chief Administrator Darrien Slider-Johnson, Associate General Counsel Elizabeth Linton; Assistant Superintendents Brent Malicote and Jacqueline White; Executive Directors Michael Kast and Xanthi Soriano; and Director Shanine Coats.

President Keefer announced that the Board took action in Closed Session to extend Superintendent Gordon's contract through June 30, 2027, by the following vote: 5 ayes (Lefkovitz, Keefer, Davis, Fong, Brown), 1 abstention (Corona Sabeniano), and 1 absent (Ahola). He also stated that by extending the Superintendent's contract, the

Board is expressing its confidence and support for the Superintendent and what he has accomplished for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). He further stated that for purposes of public disclosure: Under the provisions of the Superintendent's existing employment contract with the Board and consistent with longstanding practice, the Superintendent receives the same Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) as SCOE bargaining units and managers, which will be 8% as of July 1, 2023, with a one-time, off-schedule COLA of 3%. With these increases, the Superintendent's salary will be \$368,513 for the 2023-2024 school year.

President Keefer asked that a motion to ratify and extend the Superintendent's employment contract through June 30, 2027 be considered.

Trustee Davis moved, and Trustee Lefkovitz seconded the motion to ratify and extend the Superintendent's Employment Contract through June 30, 2027.

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

2. Visitor Presentations

A. Public Comment

The following individuals made public comments regarding employee wages: Wendy Roberts, Connie Holmes, and Robin Satow.

B. Employee Organizations

Tara Degg, President of CSEA Chapter 480, provided an update on negotiations.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. No Approval of Minutes

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

5. Official Correspondence

A. No Official Correspondence

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

DISTRICT UPDATE

Going into the new year, we have three new district superintendents. As announced earlier this year, Melissa Bassanelli is the new superintendent with the San Juan Unified School District. Effective July 1, Eileen Aguba Chen will officially take the helm at Robla School District and Dr. Robyn Castillo will be in position as superintendent at Natomas Unified School District. As for trustees, both San Juan Unified and Natomas Unified will have a special election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, to fill their Vacant Trustee seats, Area 4 for Natomas and Area 7 for San Juan.

PREPARING STUDENTS

Thank you, Trustee Brown for attending the El Centro Jr./Sr. High School Graduation on June 21. We are all very proud of every graduate this past year and look forward to continued success for the 2023-2024 school year.

SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAMS UPDATE

This summer, our SCOE students and district students participated in either a career path building workshop or real-world CTE experience opportunity. For Career Pipeline, we had 91 completers and for our CTE program, we had 18 students complete with a passing grade and many earned As for the course. Additionally, completers received a \$1,000 internship stipend, and for the CTE program, access to \$2,000 in additional cash prizes in the amounts of \$150 (first place), \$75 (second place), and \$50 (third place) in seven industry sectors such as Arts, Media, and Entertainment; Business and Finance; Education; Engineering; and Transportation, etc. Three CTE students received \$25 each in growth mindset awards. 17 CTE students earned a Food Handlers certification, bringing them one step closer to helping them find employment in the food industry. When surveyed about the CTE program, students enjoyed the cooking, business aspects, and meeting and working with others. They also highlighted the growth mindset, perseverance, communication, pricing, mechanical and circuit work, and learning more about "my career." Students listed earning their Food Handlers certification, being ahead and keeping up with their work, getting a lot of work done in one day, showing up, trying their hardest and never stopping, etc. as their greatest accomplishments during the three-week course.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

On June 14, CapRadio ran an arts-related story featuring quotes from Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline White who spoke to the need for as many as 200 arts teachers in Sacramento County and 15,000 statewide. The story was titled "The way Sacramento pays for arts education is broken. Here's what could help." This story features a variety of views from arts advocates and focuses on the recent legislation of Assembly Bill 181 and Proposition 28 that both promised significant arts funding yet became subject to the Governor's recent budget cuts.

On June 26, Executive Director Jerry Jones participated in a state-wide press conference sponsored by the California School Boards Association to support Assembly Bill 1023. The bill is sponsored by Assemblymember Diane Papan and will require the State's new Cybersecurity Integration Center to provide Cybersecurity support and coordination to school districts and county offices of education. Since current statute does not require the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) to support schools in the way it does other government agencies, AB 1023 is an essential measure to enhance school safety and data privacy. The bill has received unanimous support in the Assembly and is expected to pass in the Senate as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On June 28, SCOE's School of Education will hold its End-of-Year Celebration for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program at the SCOE Conference Center for 72 aspiring leaders. He, Dr. Winlock, and Dr. Herota will be speaking at this event, along with members from the cohorts who were selected to speak by their peers.

On July 10, SCOE will facilitate the final Listening Session for FY 2023 organized by Jacqueline White and her team to gather input from students enrolled in our school programs at El Centro Jr./Sr. High School. *(Note: This has been rescheduled to August 10.)*

7. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items - David W. Gordon

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

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

C. Disclosure of Salary Increase in Accordance with Education Code 1302 (a) - David W. Gordon

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

Executive Director Michael Kast announced that 7 students will be awarded diplomas, including 1 candidate from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School and 6 candidates from Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School.

8. New Business - Approval of Contracts - Nicolas Schweizer

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

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 by Trustee Fong 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 Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

A. Local Child Care Development Planning Council Grant - Brent Malicote

B. Friday Night Live and Social Emotional Learning Program - Brent Malicote

C. County Technical Assistance Grant - Brent Malicote

D. Friday Night Live/Club Live/Friday Night Live Mentoring Programs Grant - Brent Malicote

E. Prevention Coalition Grant - Brent Malicote

F. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Friday Night Live Grant - Brent Malicote

G. Quality Counts California (QCC) Block Grant - Brent Malicote

H. Early Head Start Grant and Adoption of Resolution No. 23-09 - Brent Malicote

I. Geographic Lead Agency System within California's Statewide System of Support - Dr. Nancy Herota

J. Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists Educator Training Grant Program - Brent Malicote

K. Educator Workforce Investment Grant Program: Effective Language Acquisition Programs Grant - Brent Malicote

10. New Business - Other

A. 2023-2024 LCAP Adoption and Dashboard Local Indicators Report - Jacqueline White

Motion by Trustee Davis to adopt 2023-2024 LCAP and Dashboard Local Indicators report, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

B. Adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget - Nicolas Schweizer

Motion to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget by Trustee Davis, second by Trustee Corona Sabeniano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

C. Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget Revision No. 3 - Nicolas Schweizer

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Revision No. 3 by Trustee Corona Sabeniano, second by Trustee Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

D. Approval of Use of Proposition 30, the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012, in Substitution of Regular Revenue Limit Apportionments - Nicolas Schweizer

Motion to approve use of Proposition 30, the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012, in Substitution of Regular Revenue Limit Apportionments by Trustee Corona Sabeniano, second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

E. Universal Prekindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant Proposal - Brent Malicote

Assistant Superintendent Brent Malicote introduced Executive Director Julie Montali and Coordinator Steven Hicks from the Early Learning Department who provided an

overview of the Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Mixed Delivery Planning Grant.

F. 2023-2024 Annual Report: Summary of Support (LCAP & Differentiated Assistance) - Dr. Channa Cook

Executive Director Dr. Channa Cook presented the 2023-2024 Annual Report: Summary of Support (LCAP & Differentiated Assistance).

11. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Lefkovitz thanked SCOE staff for answering her many questions and enjoyed reading our professional development plan for next year. She commented that she has been reflecting on the hate speech that is happening, anti-LGBTQ, antisemitic, anti-Black, the anti-Asian, anti-immigration, etc. and feels like SCOE needs to continue to stand up and speak out. She wondered if it would be helpful to create professional development courses on the various subgroups to help people understand, if it could be used as a primer for ethnic studies, and if it could help inform anti-bullying policies. She stated that she went to a My Brothers Keeper event, and they have developed strategies for helping young black men be successful and shared their report with her colleagues. Ms. Lefkovitz also commented that she was recently appointed by Supervisor Patrick Kennedy to the Library Board.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano commented that she was briefly looking at the job postings on the SCOE website and noticed some of them only had a single wage listed as opposed to a range. She referenced a state law that was passed last year that requires that wage ranges be posted and offered to send more information.

Trustee Davis - no report.

Trustee Fong referenced an article about a group of elementary students given the task of redesigning their playground and how they were able to successfully accomplish the task. He stated that if a student is given a task or a challenge, the student will meet it, such as the role of student trustee.

B. Board President

President Keefer thanked Superintendent Gordon for a great year. He thanked his colleagues and SCOE staff for their support and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn this year. President Keefer read *What Brings Me Light* written by an El Centro Jr./Sr. High School student.

C. Committees

12. Items for Distribution

A. July/August Events and Site Visits

13. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

A. July 11, 2023 and August 15, 2023

14. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Corona Sabeniano, second by Trustee Lefkovitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustees Ahola, Brown

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon

Secretary to the Board

Date approved: