

**Sacramento County Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**MINUTES – UNAPPROVED**

**1. Procedural**

A. Meeting Access

B. Public Comments Procedures and Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

C. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Keefer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members present: Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Joanne Ahola, Alfred Brown, Harold Fong, and Heather Davis. Trustee Bina Lefkovitz was absent.

Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Deputy Superintendent Nancy Herota; General Counsel Teresa Stinson; Associate Superintendent Nick Schweizer; Assistant Superintendents Brent Malicote and Jacqueline White; Executive Directors Michael Kast, Xanthi Soriano, and Jerry Jones; Director Shanine Coats, and Executive Assistant Wende Watson.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Visitor Presentations**

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

B. Employee Organizations

Tara Degg, President of CSEA Chapter 480, stated that they were nominated for the Appreciating Classified Employees (ACE) Program but not accepted. She commented that she is working with SCOE to develop an internal program to run during Classified Employee Appreciation Week. This program invites managers, the Board of Education members, and others to experience an hour in the workday life of a Classified Employee.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A. No Minutes

#### 4. Adoption of Agenda

- A. Motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented by Trustee Brown, second by Trustee Ahola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustee Bina Lefkovitz

#### 5. Official Correspondence

- A. There was no official correspondence.

#### 6. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent's Report

#### **STUDENT EVENTS (COUNTYWIDE)**

February saw many student competitions and at each event, our young scholars showed great empathy toward each other, respect, and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful seeing everyone come together in-person and hearing parents, friends, and families cheer their children on.

The Poetry Out Loud program took place on February 23 at Rosemont High School. Ms. Soriano was the emcee and helped keep the audience entertained with anecdotes that reflected the importance of the arts. Alex Yue from John F. Kennedy High School was the first-place winner and Julia Smith from Elk Grove High School placed second. Our judges included Dr. Steve Winlock, Assistant Superintendent Jackie White, Dr. Chris Roe, and Allison Cagley from the Friends of the Arts Foundation. Special thanks to the School of Education staff who helped coordinate this unique arts program.

The 2023 Gordon D. Schaber Moot Court competition took place on February 28 at the 3rd District Court of Appeal. Mira Loma High School won first place while Bella Vista took second. Both schools are in the San Juan district and have dominated the competition in recent years.

The 2023 Sacramento County History Day event took place on March 4 at Inderkum High School. Exhibits and Posters were featured by student artists. Awards were issued by categories including California History and Women's History. Thank you Trustee Corona Sabeniano and all who attended these wonderful events.

Looking ahead into March and April, the Club Live Countywide Lip Sync Competition will be held Friday, March 10 at The Sophia Theater. This is a fast-paced high-energy event featuring middle school performers. Local celebrities will be judging the event.

The Friends of Sacramento Arts is hosting "Heroes of Arts" on March 16 at The Sophia

Theater. The event will honor several arts teachers representing six or more of the 13 districts in Sacramento County as outstanding arts educators and several other local community leaders. Please contact Wende Watson if you would like to attend any of these exciting events.

### **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT: Learn at Lunch**

On February 14 and 28, a two-part Learn at Lunch series in honor of Black History Month was led by Shanine Coats and Dr. Channa Cook. Presented to a packed room, more than 45 staff attended on each of the two days. Called, "A Journey Through Black History", the presentation featured a balance of the historical experiences and accomplishments of African Americans that most individuals may not have been taught in school. Significant people, places, and events in history were discussed and attendees had opportunities to discuss topics at their tables. Thanks Shanine, Channa, and everyone else who helped make this valuable program possible.

### **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL**

March 10 is Social Emotional Learning Day and in March, schools and organizations are encouraged to celebrate their SEL work and continue advocating, practicing, and participating in SEL work throughout their community. SCOE will be offering a series of workshops. The "Transformative Social-Emotional Learning in Action" spring series workshop will continue March 9. The "Integrate Social-Emotional Learning Into a Multi-Tiered System of Support" series will continue on March 28.

### **DEI AND OUTREACH**

A virtual learning session titled "The Bridge Between Disability and Intersectionality" will be held on March 16. A follow up in-person luncheon will be held on April 3 at 12:00 p.m. where staff will be encouraged to share and discuss what they learned at the previous session.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF STAFF: CSEY Reception/TOY Celebration**

Thanks to everyone who attended the Classified Employee of the Year Nominee Reception that took place earlier today. Thanks also to Trustees Ahola, Brown, Davis, and Corona Sabeniano for attending the Teacher of the Year Celebration at the Sacramento Kings game last night.

### **SCOE RECRUITMENT**

We are looking forward to hosting one of Northern California's first hybrid recruitment events at SCOE on Saturday, March 18. SCOE's Personnel Department, School of Education, and Special Education teams will be side by side with several local and Northern California districts recruiting for talent. Approximately 52 local educational agencies will be on site and another several dozen will be online. Communications helped further Tulare COE and Sonoma COE as well as our SCOE teams promote the March event locally and worked with our Personnel Department to develop marketing and branding elements they will use as we prepare for recruitment season.

### **SPRING CONVENINGS**

On March 1, SCOE hosted the California Dyslexia Initiative Spring Professional Learning Network. SCOE will host the Counselor Spring Institute at Sacramento State University on March 23 and 24. On March 29, SCOE will welcome the Spring convening of the California Early Literacy Professional Learning Network through the Early Literacy Support Block Grant.

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

Barbara McKnight, Accounting Technician with Accounts Payable, was recognized and honored as the Classified Employee of the Month for April.

Jacob Mickelson-Steele, Infant Development Teacher, was recognized and honored as the Certificated Employee of the Month for April.

7. New Business - Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustee Bina Lefkowitz

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

C. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students - Jacqueline White

Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline White announced that eight students will be awarded diplomas including one candidate from Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. Senior Extension; and seven candidates from North Area Senior Extension.

8. New Business - Approval of Contracts - Nicolas Schweizer

A. No Contracts

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

A. No Grants

10. New Business - Other

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-01 - In Support of Funding for Juvenile Court and Community Schools - Nicolas Schweizer

Associate Superintendent Nicolas Schweizer presented this item.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-01 - In Support of Funding for Juvenile Court and Community Schools by Trustee Corona Sabeniano, second by Trustee Fong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustee Bina Lefkovitz

B. Board Report - Mental Health Initiative - Brent Malicote

Assistant Superintendent Brent Malicote introduced Director Chris Williams to present the Board report on the Mental Health Initiative.

11. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

A. Board Members

Trustee Ahola - no report

Trustee Brown stated that the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta, of which he is a member, is hosting Kids Fishing Day April 1 for youth 12 and under.

Trustee Corona Sabeniano reported that she is working with the Natomas Schools Foundation on their annual scholarship application. Six scholarships will be awarded to students that attend school in the Natomas Unified School District. She also commented that she really enjoyed the student programs she recently attended. She stated that she was a history minor in college and that she learned a lot from reading the student-created posters at the 2023 Sacramento County History Day. She wished everyone a happy Women's History Month.

Trustee Davis reported that she does about 250-300 fingerprinting/live scans per month at her store. Many of which are for volunteers with the Community Services District, which is a big deal in her town. Many of her customers are parents that have volunteered to coach their child's team and they feel ill-equipped to do so. Ms. Davis uses this time with her customers as an opportunity to encourage them. She said that, as Board members, the most important thing to do is encourage students, parents, and teachers.

Trustee Fong made comments in response to the Mental Health presentation regarding the behavioral diagnosis of students. He stated that the diagnosis is placed on their record which makes him a little uncomfortable and wondered if having mental health clinicians in schools could lead to an over-diagnosis of students.

## B. Board President

President Keefer read a poem entitled *Dark Path Bright Future* from a student at El Centro.

## C. Committees

### 12. Items for Distribution

#### A. March/April Events and Site Visits

### 13. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

#### A. March 21, 2023 and April 7, 2023

### 14. Adjournment

#### A. Adjourn the Meeting

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Absent: Trustee Bina Lefkovitz

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.