

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2010

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. No Approval of the Minutes
 - IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - V. Official Correspondence
 - VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
 - VII. Superintendent's Report
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - 1. Report on Personnel Transactions
 - B. Approval of Contracts
 - C. 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 Budgets
 - 1. \$131,066 Regional After School Technical Assistance Systems (RASTAS) 21st Century Community Learning Center grant from Federal Funds for the period July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011
 - 2. \$211,205 Regional After School Technical Assistance System (RASTAS) After School Education and Safety grant from the California Department of Education for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011
 - 3. \$355,000 Stuart Foundation grant from The Stuart Foundation for the period November 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013
 - D. Board Report – National Guard Youth Challenge Academy
 - E. First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 3600 – Employee Use of Equipment and Facilities
 - F. Board Report – California Academic Content Standards Commission
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. October/November Events
 - B. October/November Visits
 - XI. Adjournment
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I. President Fong called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Board Room of the David P. Meaney Education Center, Sacramento County Office of Education, 10474 Mather Boulevard, Mather, California. Board members present were Greg Geeting, Brian Rivas, Brian Cooley, Harold Fong, Victoria Deane, and Jackie Levy. Also present

were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Martin Cavanaugh, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Robin Pierson, Joyce Wright, Tammy Sanchez, Tim Taylor, Sue Stickel, John Fleischman, Assistant Superintendents; Judy Holsinger, SELPA Executive Director; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Gary Barker, SCOETA; Ivan Myrick, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary. Trustee Scribner was not present.

II. Trustee Cooley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. No Approval of Minutes

IV. Mr. Geeting moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Rivas seconded the motion, which carried.

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. There were no requests for visitor presentations from the general public.

VI.B. There were no requests for presentations from employee organizations.

VII. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- We have good news to report regarding funding for after school programs in Sacramento County. The state is awarding an additional \$2.2 million to our county to bring our total funding level to over \$25 million. Supporting the grantees in our county has been the work of our Curriculum and Intervention Department and, in particular, Frank Pisi and Barbara Metzuck, who oversee After School Partnerships for SCOE.
- Our thanks to everyone who participated in the 3rd Annual Employee Art Show and Reception this evening. Congratulations to the fourteen SCOE artist employees whose artwork will remain on display through the month of October. We would also like to thank the employee events committee for hosting the event and for providing refreshments.
- This is a reminder that our Culinary Arts Café at Palmiter will be opening Tuesday, October 12, 2010 from noon to 1:00 p.m. It is staffed entirely by our students. The grand re-opening menu includes Cornish hen, salad, dessert, and beverage. The cost is only \$6.00. Gratuity is not included. All proceeds go back into the program. The event is by invitation only. You all should have received your invitations. If not, please see Tim Herrera.
- Please join us as we dedicate the SCOE personnel and business services facility as the “Cy” Young Building in recognition of Cy’s committed leadership in our education community. Cy served on our Personnel

Commission for 24 years before retiring in 2007. The event is Tuesday, October 19, 2010, immediately prior to our Board meeting. It begins at 5:45 p.m. There will be a cake and punch reception immediately following the dedication.

VIII.A. Mr. Cooley moved and Mr. Geeting seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried unopposed. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions

VIII.B. Mr. Geeting moved and Ms. Levy seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried unopposed.

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Cooley, seconded by Mr. Rivas and carried, the Board authorized staff to submit grant applications/service contracts and accept funding if awarded; and approved contracts, positions, and other expenditures associated with the grants as outlined in the proposed budgets as follows:

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Trustee Deane arrived at 6:40 pm.

VIII.D. Martin Cavanaugh, Deputy Superintendent, presented a report on the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy. He introduced Colonel Jim Gabrielli and Chief Master Sergeant Jamie Granada of the National Guard, who assisted him in presenting the report.

Trustee Cooley excused himself at 7:03 p.m.

Gary Barker, SCOETA President, shared that he is very enthusiastic about the prospects of this program coming to Sacramento County. It may well take some political pressure or other kinds of influence that the Board could consider. He hopes that it will not be just a presentation tonight but there will be some kind of concrete action on the part of the Board to promote or do further investigation that would impart to our County Board of Supervisors the importance of bringing this type of program to the area.

President Fong asked Ms. Stinson whether, on a Board report, the Board can take action or does it have to be agendized as an action item. Ms. Stinson replied that the

item is on the agenda so she thinks it's permissible to take action if the Board chooses, or if you wanted to wait for further information at another Board meeting that would be okay as well.

President Fong said he wanted to clarify if Mr. Barker wanted us to take some action whether we could or not tonight. Ms. Deane asked if the Board could give direction and Ms. Stinson said yes.

Mr. Rivas said he wanted to ask Superintendent Gordon and the rest of the Board members if it makes sense to ask the Superintendent to come back with a proposed plan of action, like a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He would like to see something organized with what our commitment is and the steps necessary to make this happen.

Superintendent Gordon stated he met with Colonel Gabrielli, Chief Granada, Supervisor Don Nottoli, and the county executive. Supervisor Nottoli was enthusiastic about it. The facility is in his supervisorial district so he directed the staff to have further discussions with the National Guard. We sat in on that meeting; there was a discussion with their group, the county executive, county real estate representative, probation chief, and Bruce Wagstaff. We got a lot of the same questions in that meeting as when we were looking at the Thornton Center and the Esperanza site. From there we are hoping that Supervisor Nottoli will visit the Grizzly Academy to see the program in person. Superintendent Gordon has also talked to Supervisor Dickinson. Personally, the superintendent thinks the best way to get this moving is to get some enthusiasm among the supervisors themselves. If we want to make this happen, we have to do a lot with the supervisors and at some point get some press out there. It could potentially be a win/win for the county and kids.

Ms. Deane asked if we should be working with other people besides Supervisor Nottoli. Superintendent Gordon said we have not yet talked to others because we didn't want to get out in front of the staff having a chance to embrace the program. He feels that once Supervisor Nottoli visits the site and we have a chance to spend some time with him, it would be appropriate for groups/teams of us to go around and meet the supervisors. There's a supervisor elect who will be taking Supervisor Dickinson's seat and it could be a tag team where we could schedule meetings with the supervisors. He thinks that would be far more effective than just working at the staff level.

Mr. Cavanaugh stated that at the staff level meeting there was a lot of concern from the county about appearing to support a program that replaced what had been taken away from Probation. We did not get support for a long-term effort but Chief Meyer said it's an ideal location. Our interest with Supervisor Nottoli was to assure that the footprint of that property stay associated with service to youth into the future and not have some farfetched program set up shop simply because they may be able to pay a higher rent. That was the highlight of the discussion.

Superintendent Gordon said that is where the county is legitimately caught, between wanting to do good things and also needing to earn money from its assets.

Ms. Deane asked that if the National Guard would be renting this facility, will there be some money involved or are they expecting to have it for nothing?

Superintendent Gordon said the National Guard would pay rent. From our experience with the Thornton center as a guide, rent is always a moving target. This would be a win/win for the community. The result of this would be a lot of kids within a facility helping to turn their lives around, rather than letting the facility sit there or selling it to a developer. We want to make that pitch to the supervisors. We need a good news story once in a while.

Mr. Rivas asked the Superintendent what is known about competing alternative uses that the board of supervisors may be looking at. Superintendent Gordon replied that the best guide to that is what is happening to the parks; they could put it up for bid to a private operator to use it for who knows what for a fee; they could try to sell it for development even though there's not much infrastructure out there. They could try to lease it for a correctional facility because they are overcrowded. Those are the kinds of things we have heard. It seems like a very positive partnership for them to partner with the state and federal government; there's no cost to the county and it's a positive program for youth. It employs people and as the colonel said we would probably get 20 jobs out of that.

Ms. Levy said she would definitely contact Supervisor Susan Peters who represents her area. She asked whether it was premature to do that now or do we wait until Supervisor Nottoli makes his visit. Ms. Levy said she could contact Supervisor Peters tomorrow unless we decide to wait. Superintendent Gordon said it would be good to give Supervisor Nottoli the opportunity to take the lead because it is in his territory. He has known Supervisor Nottoli a very long time and could contact him to get his guidance and get back to you so we are not waiting a long time to move forward.

Mr. Cavanaugh said that other counties have expressed interest to the National Guard that seemed to be a little more facile in their ability to entertain this project. We think it would be ideal here in Sacramento and we would hate to lose these partners. They are very fine people. There is a time pressure to some degree.

Superintendent Gordon said in our conversations with the National Guard, they indicated that if they do not get the Boys Ranch they are not writing off Sacramento as a location. However, it's like our work with the Foster Youth Academy; there are not a lot of suitable sites available.

President Fong asked if they have a site B in our county. Mr. Cavanaugh replied that they do not but they have been looking around. The biggest issue is the dormitory component. They really want to work with us and need a place. They are willing to wait. If a really good offer came their way, he wouldn't blame them if they took it.

President Fong said if the state could rent it as a correctional facility the county would go for it. Do we know if that is something the county is waiting for? Mr. Cavanaugh replied that we asked that question to Supervisor Nottoli and was told there would be huge neighbor issues if a correctional facility went in there.

Ms. Levy said her understanding is to wait to hear from the superintendent as to when we should contact the other supervisors.

Ms. Deane asked don't they need a little more than that.

Superintendent Gordon said we will try to get something to the Board by the first of next week on what Supervisor Nottoli's feeling and try to move this forward. He thinks what's been successful for us in the past is to have a couple of individual meetings with each of the five supervisors and bring some appropriate mix of staff and board. We will have all the appropriate handouts. We have to be careful; we cannot negotiate on their behalf.

Ms. Levy said that the National Guard has to go to the county board of supervisors to make this happen.

Superintendent Gordon said the National Guard would have to strike their agreement with the supervisors. They are in the process and we will help them however we can in the negotiations.

Mr. Cavanaugh added that they welcome our support.

President Fong stated that the general consensus is that we will wait for a report from Superintendent Gordon.

VIII.E. President Fong announced that this was the first reading of revisions to Policy 3600 – Employee Use of Equipment and Facilities.

Chair Geeting of the Policy Committee recommended that we present this item for Second Reading at the October 19, 2010 Board Meeting.

VIII.F. Trustee Geeting and Assistant Superintendent Sue Stickel presented a report on the California Academic Content Standards Commission.

IX.A. Mr. Geeting congratulated the fourteen employees who participated in the terrific art show. He attended the LEED Convergence conference on September 24. The conference focused on public service and education. Tiffany Miller from the California Department of Education discussed multiple entry points in the teacher workforce. Theresa Milan, Director, Center for Excellence at Los Rios Community College District, previewed the Sacramento Metro Chamber's 2010 economic impact report on education, which told us about the importance of the industry cluster in our six-county region. The cluster amounts to an impact of \$9.6 billion in 2008 just in our six-county region; 53% of it is direct expenditures; 1/3 of it is employees turning around and spending their income; and the remaining 15% is industry purchases. The education sector increased 19%; it became 19% larger in proportion to the total economic base – the dollar value of our region's economy over the past four years. 133,000 jobs. The featured speaker was Assembly member Roger Niello who provided an upbeat message about future prospects in our region despite the lackluster economy of the past several years. Assemblymember Niello told a humorous story about the Niello Volkswagen (VW) dealership. VW got caught flatfooted in the 70s by better cars

from other countries. VW hired a new CEO who brought all the employees together and told them that problems are just opportunities and here at VW we have lots of opportunities. Mr. Niello emphasized the health of the public sector depends on a vibrant private sector. There was a lively panel: Dr. Barbara O'Connor – CSUS; Susan Peters – County Supervisor; state personnel board representative; Harold Levine – UC Davis; Nancy Aaberg – Yuba City Unified School District Superintendent. There were a wide range of topics and one of them was an economic outlook with future planning, as Ms. Aaberg talked about responding to the ambiguity of change in the region and what's needed to educate our next generation. On September 30, he attended the benefit and silent auction for Wellspring Women's Center which is located in Oak Park. If anyone is looking for another program to which to donate, Wellspring is fabulous. They are serving 200 women and children in the Oak Park area. He thanked everyone who participated in Saturday's retreat. You will receive a report in the form of a Board Communication in this week's mail. He ended up on the nominating committee on the California County Board of Education (CCBE) and had a meeting yesterday. They reached an agreement on a nominee for the position of President elect, which will be presented at the December meeting. His name is Ken Berrick – Alameda County Board. We had an abundance of possibilities for Vice President and several who had difficulties making the deadline for extenuating circumstances so we declined to do a specific nomination for Vice President but instead encouraged a lively meeting in December; encouraged all applicants to make presentations before the group and have the assembly as a whole make the decision. For future reference, it now appears that CCBE is going to move up the election of officers from the December meeting to the dedicated CCBE meeting which usually occurs in the fall. That election will probably be moved up to the fall CCBE convention in 2011.

Mr. Rivas thanked Superintendent Gordon and Assistant Superintendent Taylor for assisting him with a visit to El Centro Jr/Sr High School. He enjoyed it in the sense that he always enjoyed learning, but there were some tough moments. It was very important and moving for him to be there and learn the personal stories involved that go behind our students. It was very informative and a valuable experience for him.

Ms. Deane – no report.

Ms. Levy said she was glad to see Trustee Deane back. Ms. Levy enjoyed the SCOE art show and wasn't aware that this was a three year tradition. She is blown away by the talent of the SCOE staff. Last Friday she attended the Distinguished School Flag Raising Ceremony at Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School in Folsom. The school is only seven years old and they are already a distinguished school. It was wonderful to be a part of that. She was very excited to see that SCOE will be sponsoring the mock trial and moot court. She was a moot court educator judge for many years and hopes to get involved with that again. It's a wonderful experience for the students that participate in that. She enjoyed the retreat very much. As a Board, we are committed to our mission of serving the students of Sacramento County. It's hard to give up a Saturday but this was worthwhile. She signed up to be a LINKS mentor and will attend the training on Thursday. She is looking forward to it.

IX.B. President Fong thanked everyone who attended the retreat. He thanked the employee organization who gave us our space to work on our exercises. He thanked Trustee Geeting for facilitating and thought he did a wonderful job.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the October/November Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the October/November Site Visits item.

XI. Mr. Rivas moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Levy seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: November 16, 2010