

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2011**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 18, 2011
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Official Correspondence
- VI. Visitor Presentations
  - A. General Public
  - B. Employee Organizations
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Recognition of the March 2011 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
    - 1. Report on Personnel Transactions
    - 2. Award Diploma to Special Education Student
    - 3. Adopt Resolution No. 11-01 – California Week of the School Administrator
    - 4. Award of Contract and Authorization to seek Bids – Deferred Maintenance and Modernization Projects at Clellan "Cy" Young Building
    - 5. Award of Contracts for Leo A. Palmiter Phase 2 Modernization Project
    - 6. Award Contracts for Services – Sacramento Community Based Coalition (SCBC)
  - 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. \$975,000 Friday Night Live, Club Live and FNL Mentoring programs grant from the Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Services Division for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014
    - 2. \$35,000 Improving Summer Enrichment in California grant from the Packard Foundation for the period February 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011
    - 3. \$2,500 Department of Water Resources / 09-10 Watershed Education grant from the County of Sacramento for the period March 1, 2011 through May 13, 2011
  - D. Adopt Resolution No. 11-02 – Authorizing the Temporary Interfund Transfer of Funds
  - E. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 3080 – Technology
  - F. Board Report – Leadership Institute
  - G. Adopt Resolution No. 11-03 to Support Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot
- IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
  - A. Board Members

- B. Board President
  - C. Committees
  - X. Items for Distribution
    - A. February/March Events
    - B. February/March Visits
  - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:
    - A. March 1, 2011 – Measuring Student Progress
    - B. March 15, 2011 – Special Education Report
    - C. April 5, 2011 – AVID Report
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Fong called the meeting to order at 6:32 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, Eleanor Brown, John Scribner, 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; Bill Mullen, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. President Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Geeting and seconded by Mr. Rivas, the revised minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 18, 2011 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Levy).

IV. President Fong requested that the Board consider item VIII.G. prior to item VIII.F., which is the Board report. Mr. Cooley moved to adopt the revised agenda. Mr. Geeting 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. Gary Barker, SCOETA President, commented that the proceedings at the February 1 Board meeting were some of the most challenging and enlightening he has seen in his professional history. He appreciated the challenge that the Board faced to make such a difficult decision. He wanted to compliment the organization, particularly staff, on how professionally it was handled, and how the meeting was handled. It was a challenge, with the meeting going as late as it did, to expect people to function. It was an interesting experience and one this organization handled very well.

President Fong thanked the support staff and administrative staff for all the work on the February 1 meeting.

Trustee Rivas brought to the attention of the Board a request from a parent who asked about the feasibility of broadcasting our meetings online in the way that Sacramento City USD does. President Fong asked legal counsel if the Board could speak to this issue at this time. Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, replied that it's not specifically on the agenda and therefore we need to look into it.

VII. Angela Frison, Para-educator, Special Education, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for March.

Dan Calhoun, Teacher, ROP/CTE Programs, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for March.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Congratulated Folsom High School for winning the 2011 Sacramento County Academic Decathlon. This is Folsom High's second consecutive championship. Bella Vista High from the San Juan District placed second, and Monterey Trail High from Elk Grove finished third. Monterey Trail was also the most improved team. He publicly thanked Kevin Riggs, from KCRA TV, for serving as Emcee at our banquet, and Paul Robins, from FOX 40 news, for serving as our Quiz Master for the Super Quiz. They both did a tremendous job. Trustee Geeting served as one of the scoring judges. Our thanks to Trustees Fong, Levy, Brown and Geeting for attending the awards dinner. Both events were wonderfully well-coordinated events, and he thanked Academic Decathlon Coordinator Craig Irish and his staff for all of their hard work.
- Teacher Appreciation Night was a great success at the Sacramento Kings. The events for the Teacher of the Year were first rate as the teachers enjoyed a pregame meal and gifts courtesy of our sponsor Intel. They also took pictures with Kings star Tyreke Evans, and were recognized on the court during a half-time ceremony. Our thanks to Intel and the Kings for their continued support of this program. He thanked Trustees Levy, Rivas, and Geeting for attending.
- February is American Heart Month. To celebrate good health, you are invited to the 5th Annual Heart and Soul Luncheon tomorrow from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the lunchroom. Just \$5 gets you a delicious bowl of soup, chili or stew; includes salad and bread. Proceeds will again benefit students in SCOE's Foster Youth Services. Our thanks to the employee events team for organizing this event.
- Please remember to save the date for Monday, February 28, 2011 for the EXPRESSIONS: An Art Exhibit by the Students of SCOE Court and Community Schools, located at the California Department of Justice at 1300 I Street, the Attorney General's office. A reception will be held on

opening night beginning at 5:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by SCOE and the California Arts Council.

- This is a friendly reminder that the SCOE offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2011 in observance of the President's Day holiday.

VIII.A. Mr. Geeting moved VIII.A.1., VIII.A.2., VIII.A.4., and VIII.A.6. and Ms. Levy seconded the adoption of the consent agenda items. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Cooley was not present at this time. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diploma to Special Education Student
3. Awarded contract and authorized to seek bids – Deferred Maintenance and Modernization Projects at Clellan "Cy" Young Building
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6. Awarded contracts for services – Sacramento Community Based Coalition (SCBC)

VIII.A.3. - Adopt Resolution No. 11-01 California Week of the School Administrator  
Mr. Geeting moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-01 – California Week of the School Administrator; Ms. Levy seconded the motion. President Fong thanked all administrators. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cooley was not present at this time.

VIII.A.5. - Award Contracts for Leo A. Palmiter Phase 2 Modernization Project  
Mr. Scribner moved to award contracts for Leo A. Palmiter Phase 2 Modernization Project; Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

Marty Cavanaugh explained the leaseback project and clarified that the funds are strictly for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

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

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Ms. Brown 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:

1. \$975,000 Friday Night Live, Club Live and FNL Mentoring programs grant from the Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Services Division for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014
2. \$35,000 Improving Summer Enrichment in California grant from the Packard Foundation for the period February 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

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VIII.D. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Cooley seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-02 – Authorizing the Temporary Interfund Transfer of Funds. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.E. President Fong announced that this was the second reading and adoption of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 3080 – Technology.

Policy Committee Chair Geeting recommended the Board adopt the proposed revisions to Board Policy 3080 – Technology. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.G. Mr. Cooley moved and Mr. Rivas seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-03 to Support Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot.

Ms. Brown stated that in reading the different points of the resolution she was comfortable with all the items because they are facts except for the last "whereas" which is more of a position as opposed to a fact. She would like to amend the motion to delete the last "whereas" and still retain the purpose of the resolution to get it on the ballot.

Mr. Cooley and Mr. Rivas accepted Ms. Brown's revision to the motion.

The motion carried 6 ayes and 1 no based on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Scribner – no  
Mr. Rivas – aye  
Ms. Levy – aye  
Mr. Geeting – aye  
Mr. Cooley – aye  
Ms. Brown – aye  
President Fong-- aye

VIII.F. Sue Stickel, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Dr. Steven L. Winlock who provided a report on the Leadership Institute.

IX.A. Mr. Geeting reported that everyone received an email from Cynthia O'Connell, President of the Natomas Teachers Association, regarding a student reportedly transferred to Inderkum High School from Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep High School as a means of boosting the charter school's STAR scores. He indicated he was able to do some follow up on that matter and the information is included in the Board members' folders. He said attending the Kings game was a great honor and taking time to honor our teacher Barbara Modlin was a thrill. It was a great pleasure to attend the Super Quiz portion of the Academic Decathlon on February 5 at Inderkum High School. Channel 40's Paul Robins reprised his outstanding work from last year as master of ceremonies by reading some very complex scientific terms. It was a pleasure

to join Trustees Brown, Fong and Levy at the Academic Decathlon Awards Banquet on February 9. KCRA's Kevin Riggs reprised his fabulous work of the past several years as master of ceremonies, almost effortlessly and flawlessly calling out the many challenging competitors' names. He congratulated Folsom High School which will do an admirable job representing our county at the state level competition. We should give special recognition to the three students who respectively won gold medals in the speech contest because they came forward and did their speeches for the banquet attendees. The three students are Allison Harvey of Bella Vista High School; Austin Kelley of Folsom High School; and Veronika Zherdeva from Center High School. On February 3 he joined Trustee Levy at the Poetry Out Loud competition at Rosemont High School. Our congratulations and best wishes go to Brittany Wiltz from Natomas Charter School who will be representing our Sacramento County at the state level on March 20-21, 2011. It will be an easy walk for Trustee Scribner as the event is taking place on the senate floor. For the second year, Sacramento's poet laureate Bob Stanley served as master of ceremonies and did a terrific job. Bob cleverly reiterated a line from one of the poems read by Brittany Wiltz as a way of summing up the days remarkable artistry. The poem was "Who Understands Me But Me" by the contemporary American poet Jimmy Santiago Baca and the line is this: "and when they spoke, sunlight came out of their mouths". Back in January he attended the graduation ceremony for our Chiropractic Assistants, which was held in the multipurpose room at Palmiter. The students spoke with a great sense of accomplishment. It was evident that program's director Kathy Turner is very much admired by her students. The best part of all is the students leave this program and 100% of them will be employed as chiropractic assistants. On January 21, he joined Dave Gordon, Tim Taylor, and Bill Lane for the SCBC awards program at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn. SCBC client William Martin, who was celebrating his completion of phases 2 and 3 of the program, was one of the keynote speakers. He is a "lifer" who spoke very movingly about how the SCBC had given him the confidence and the skills to stay out and to stay straight. Another featured guest was Matthew Cate, Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Secretary Cate has just recently been retained by Governor Brown. Mr. Cate highlighted the fact that 82% of our SCBC clients who completed phase 3 have jobs and only 5% of parolees who don't have that kind of support program after the same period of time have jobs. He concluded his remarks by quoting Father Greg Boyle or G-Dog as he's known to the parishioners, from the Los Angeles Dolores Mission Church. Father Boyle is fond of saying "Nothing stops a bullet like a job!" In January, he attended the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Legislative Committee, which is done in conjunction with the CSBA Legislative Committee, and there were several positions taken on five bills:

- 1) support position on SCA 5 (Simitian) which would reduce the vote on parcel taxes for local educational agencies from 2/3 to 55%.
- 2) approve position on SB 13 (Correa) which would authorize districts to provide teen dating violence prevention education and would call on the State Board of Education to incorporate materials into the health curriculum framework the next time that document is revised.

- 3) agreed to watch AB 5 (Fuentes) which would provide substantial reforms for our system of evaluation for certificated employees. Trustee Rivas is the CSBA staff person working on that bill.
- 4) support, if amended, position on AB 39 (Beall) which would appropriate \$57 million from Proposition 63 revenues to restore the balance of an item veto by former Governor Schwarzenegger related to special education mental health services.
- 5) support, if amended, position on AB 47 (Huffman) which would redo the list of low-achieving schools created by the State Superintendent. The list has been controversial because it included some schools that had relatively high API rankings. The bill would include only schools with the APIs of 1. The bill currently excludes charter schools and the proposed amendment would include them.

Mr. Rivas thanked Dr. Winlock for his presentation. He shared that he has had the pleasure of working with Dr. Winlock and Trustee Geeting in his role at CSBA. He shared that Dr. Winlock is chairing the State Board of Education's Advisory Committee on African Americans and the achievement gap. He would love to hear a presentation some time on the status of Dr. Winlock's work in that capacity.

Mr. Cooley thanked staff and the Board for a long board meeting on February 1. He thought as Mr. Barker indicated earlier, that there was a lot of professionalism and thoughtful staff work. He attended the Redistricting Committee meeting with Trustees Brown and Scribner last week and he thinks the Request for Quotations (RFQ) went out today. On a non-SCOE note, he attended the Super Bowl last Sunday, which was a really nice opportunity. He asked whether the Board will have a study session on budgets. Superintendent Gordon responded that the Study Session will take place on March 22, 2011.

Ms. Brown echoed all the compliments for the Academic Decathlon. It's always exciting and sometimes rare to see a situation where you have students, parents, teachers and administrators who not only are very proud of what the students have done but also celebrating together. She was struck by the content of the speech given by the winner in the speakers' contest. She thought it projected insight on handling tragedy in life that most adults might not be able to equal and would probably be a good lesson and could serve some groups in helping to understand loss. She is anxious for the study session on budgets. She attended the CSBA Institute in Millbrae; it was a wonderful opportunity to meet other Board members and to establish contacts for the future.

Mr. Scribner wanted to follow up on Brian Cooley's earlier comments regarding the RFQ that did go out today. The Capitol Weekly and the Morning Report have agreed to run the notice.

Ms. Levy publicly extended her sympathies to the families of the three students from Rancho Cordova who were killed this last weekend. She hopes that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that the community can heal because it really was a tragedy.

She enjoyed attending all the recent academic competitions. It is absolutely wonderful that SCOE is sponsoring these types of programs. It's fabulous that students can meet other students in this way. She spoke with some friends who are principals at local schools that were not represented in these events and she urged them to get some of their students there next year because they are worthwhile student events. The Teacher of the Year event at the Kings was wonderful. She hopes to attend next year assuming the Kings are still in Sacramento. There have been other accolades this evening for SCOE staff and she joins her fellow Board members in applauding the work done in preparation for our marathon meeting on February 1. She is always so impressed with the work that is done by SCOE staff. She would like to extend a special thanks to Tim and Cathy from the communications staff who are present at all events. And, no matter where they are, the next morning all the beautiful pictures and articles are on the SCOE website. She uses that as a link a lot of times when people ask what's going on at SCOE.

IX.B. President Fong joined trustees in thanking staff and thanking those who attended the February 1 meeting and provided input for and against the charter petition. He thinks the input and the participation speaks well of how decisions are made with the input from the public. He asked staff to verify whether any school, other than Bella Vista has repeated winning the Academic Decathlon trophy. He congratulated Folsom High School (FHS) for a repeat. Dr. Wright stated she will go back through the records to find out. He thanked our Communications Department for getting the picture in the Bee for the Super Quiz. He thinks it would be great to videotape the Super Quiz and place it on our website so that folks can get the feel and excitement of what it's like. The statewide competition will be happening in March. He hopes to see FHS in the top five.

IX.C. President Fong reported that the Redistricting Committee met last week and we have received their report.

Mr. Geeting reported that the Policy Committee met earlier and worked on revisions to the conflict of interest code and it will be coming back to the committee with a number of changes. We will review it one more time next month and the month following that it will come for first reading.

Ms. Brown stated she had some comments on the policy and asked who she should send them to. President Fong asked legal counsel if Board members should pass comments to the committee. Mr. Geeting suggested she send them to legal counsel. Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, asked that any comments come to her department.

X.A. There was no distribution of the February/March Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the February/March Site Visits item.

- XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:
- A. March 1, 2011 – Measuring Student Progress
  - B. March 15, 2011 – Special Education Report
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President Fong reminded everyone about the Board Study Session on March 22, 2011.

XII. Mr. Cooley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: April 5, 2011