

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2011

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
 - A. Recognition of the April 2011 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diploma to Court School Students
 3. Adopt Resolution No. 11-04 – Designating April as Public Schools Month
 4. Adopt Resolution No. 11-05 – Declaring April 17 – 23, 2011 as Public School Volunteer Week
 - 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. \$750,000 Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) grant from First 5 California for the period March 15, 2011 through June 30, 2013
 - D. Approval of the Extension of Curriculum and Intervention Annex Bid Award for Printing Services
 - E. Approval of E-Rate Contracts
 - F. Adoption of Resolution No. 11-06 – Establishing a Special Education Pass-Through Fund
 - G. Approval of the 2010-2011 Budget Revision No. 2
 - H. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year
 - I. First Reading and Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 2600 – Compliance Assurances
 - J. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5122 – Performance Goals and Indicators
 - K. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5122.1 – Participation in Assessments
 - L. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5400 – Free Appropriate Public Education

- M. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5405 – Full Educational Opportunity
 - N. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5410 – Child Find
 - O. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5415 – Individualized Educational Program (IEP)
 - P. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5420 – Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
 - Q. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5425 – Procedural Safeguards
 - R. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5430 – Annual/Triennial Reassessment
 - S. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5435 – Confidentiality
 - T. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5440 – Part C– Transition to Preschool
 - U. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5445 – Private Schools
 - V. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5445.a – Service to Disabled Students Voluntarily Enrolled in Private Schools 56205(a)
 - W. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 5550 – Student Assessment
 - X. Board Report – Special Education
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. March/April Events
 - B. March/April Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:
 - A. March 22, 2011 – Board/Superintendent Study Session
 - B. April 5, 2011 – AVID Report
 - C. April 19, 2011 – After School Report
 - XII. 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 Office of Education, 10474 Mather Boulevard, Mather, California. Board members present were Greg Geeting, Brian Rivas, Harold Fong, John Scribner, and Jackie Levy. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Martin J. Cavanaugh, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Robin Pierson, Joyce Wright, Tammy Sanchez, Tim Taylor, Sue Stickel, and 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. Trustee Cooley and Trustee Brown were not present.

- II. President Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. No Approval of Minutes
- IV. Mr. Geeting moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Levy 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.A. Aimee Davis and Roberta Etter, Para-educators in the Special Education department were recognized as April 2011 Classified Employees of the month.

Lisa Walker, SH Teacher in the Special Education department was recognized as April 2011 Certificated Employee of the month.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Publicly congratulated this year's winners of the Gordon D. Shaber Mock Trial and Moot Court competition. He reported that at an awards ceremony on March 7, Elk Grove High was named the Mock Trial winner. Bella Vista High was crowned the Moot Court winner. Elk Grove High is now eligible to compete in the state Mock Trial competition later this month in Riverside. There is no statewide Moot Court competition. Our thanks to Craig Irish, his staff, and all of the volunteer attorneys and judges who made the competition possible. Thanks also to Trustees Levy and Geeting for attending the awards event and helping honor the students.
- Congratulated Granada Hills Charter High School from Los Angeles for winning the 2011 California Academic Decathlon, which was held in Sacramento over the weekend. 65 teams representing 38 counties from around the state competed this year. Two schools represented Sacramento County: Folsom High, the Sacramento County champs finished 14th in the state, and Bella Vista High, the second place finisher in Sacramento County, finished 40th in California.
- Announced that SCOE'S 3rd Annual Health and Wellness Fair, held on March 9, was a success. Employees had the opportunity to learn how to improve health in all aspects of their lives. 30 vendors participated this year. He thanked Payroll Services Manager Sherry Lack and her team for organizing this event.

- On March 17 - also known as St. Patrick's Day - SCOE leprechauns – also known as members of the employee events committee – will be delivering shamrock cookies baked by students from our Culinary Arts program. Through pre-orders, the cookie sale already has raised \$400 for the Culinary Arts program. If you would like to see about ordering cookies, please see Tim Herrera for order forms.
- Reminded the Board of the Board Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011. It will be held here in the Board Room beginning at 6:00 p.m. The topic is the budget.
- Reported that on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 SCOE employees will be rolling up their sleeves for a Mather Employees Blood Drive. The BloodSource mobile will be here at the Meaney Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event was organized by the employee events committee. If you want more information, please contact Emily Greathouse in the Personnel Department.
- Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their skills Thursday, March 31, during Student Entrepreneur Day here at the Meaney Center. Career-Technical Education students in our landscaping program will have plants and seedlings for sale. Students from Leo A. Palmiter will serve a special lunch from their hot dog cart. And students from our Career Exploration course at Morgan School will be selling dog treats and pet toys they have made. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our thanks to the Juvenile Court, Community School and Special Education teachers and staff for helping students prepare for this opportunity.
- Announced that on Monday, April 4, 2011 we will be hosting a reception to honor those county office teachers nominated as the SCOE Teacher of the Year 2012. The reception is in the Mather Room beginning at 4:30 p.m. We will announce the SCOE Teacher of the Year 2012 in early June of this year. The two Sacramento County Teachers of the Year will be announced at a recognition banquet in September.
- Invited everyone to join us on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 for an Open House for programs serving our Leo A. Palmiter and Elinor Lincoln Hickey School campuses. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a light meal prepared by students from our Culinary Arts program. This is a great opportunity to meet our students and staff and to learn more about the great work going on at the Palmiter and Hickey campuses.
- SCOE employees will have students eagerly watching them on Thursday, April 28, 2011 as SCOE students participate in a Job Shadow Day. Students participating in our programs will have an opportunity to observe employees on the job and learn about possible career paths. Our thanks to Debi Lauer, from our WorkAbility Program, for organizing the Job

Shadow Day. WorkAbility is a training program for special needs students, which promote career awareness and exploration.

VIII.A. Mr. Scribner moved and Mr. Rivas seconded adoption of the consent agenda for Items VIII.A.1. and VIII.A.2 as listed below. Motion carried unopposed. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted Report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded Diploma to Court School Students

Mr. Rivas moved and Ms. Levy seconded the motion to adopt Item VIII.A.3. – Resolution No. 11-04 designating April as Public Schools Month and Item VIII.A.4. – Resolution No. 11-05 declaring April 17-23 as Public School Volunteer Week. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adopted revised Resolution No. 11-04 – Designating April as Public Schools Month
4. Adopted Resolution No. 11-05 – Declaring April 17-23, 2011 as Public School Volunteer Week

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

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Levy, seconded by Mr. Geeting and carried, the Board authorized staff to submit the revised 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. \$750,000 Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) grant from First 5 California for the period March 15, 2011 through June 30, 2013

VIII.D. Mr. Scribner moved and Mr. Rivas seconded approval of the Extension of Curriculum and Intervention Annex Bid Award for Printing Services. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.E. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Rivas seconded approval of the revised E-Rate Contracts. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Scribner).

President Fong stated that if any Board member who wished to serve on the Technology Committee should let him know.

VIII.F. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Geeting seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-06 – Establishing a Special Education Pass – Through Fund. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.G. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Geeting seconded approval of the 2010-2011 Budget Revision No. 2. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.H. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Geeting seconded approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.I. President Fong announced that Items VIII.I. – VIII.W. are first readings, which come from the Policy Committee.

Policy Member Geeting recommended on behalf of the Policy Committee that we move forward to Second Reading on Items VIII.I. – VIII.W. at the April 5, 2011 meeting.

VIII.X. Dr. Robin Pierson, Assistant Superintendent, presented a report on Special Education. She was assisted by Principals Sharon Holstege, Beth Vieira, and Carmen Walker. MOVE International trainer Sheila Wolfe also assisted and demonstrated the functions of the equipment.

IX.A. Mr. Geeting reported this past Sunday it was a pleasure to participate as a floor proctor at the state Academic Decathlon Competition's Oral Super Quiz at the Memorial Auditorium. It is always heartening to see students from diverse ethnic and academic backgrounds collaborate toward the common goal of competitive success. He was proctor for San Fernando High School in Los Angeles Unified. They achieved a very respectable 44 out of a possible 60, equaling our county's Folsom High School, which also got a 44. Speaker of the Assembly John A. Perez (for the second year in a row) provided greetings to students. Speaker Perez is an alumnus of Franklin High School in Los Angeles Unified, which actually tied for first place in the super quiz. Speaker Perez included a timely history lesson in his remarks, providing students some background on Upton Sinclair's EPIC (End Poverty in California) movement in 1934. He drew a parallel to our present day asking how different our situation might be today if Upton Sinclair had been successful in his run for Governor in 1934. Also on Sunday, he attended the annual BloodSource donor recognition at the convention center. It is at once a joyful and a humbling experience. It is joyful in the sense of actually meeting some of the recipients and their families whose lives have been touched by donated blood, blood products, and blood components. It is humbling in the sense of meeting – in fact being seated with – some of the donors, who have reached millennium status (1,000 donations) and beyond. There were two that had reached 1,500 and 1,600 donations. To contemplate the scores – perhaps hundreds – of individuals whose lives they have saved – including emergency responders, peace officers, soldiers, and children – was truly an awe-inspiring experience. On Saturday, March 5, he attended the quarterly CSBA Region 6 meeting here at SCOE. Most of the morning involved local board members discussing the key decisions that they had made (or were in the process of making) to deal with the fiscal crisis. Also, Debra Brown from CSBA staff, Brian's colleague, provided up-to-date bulletin on where we stood at that moment with progress on budget and tax extension legislation. On Monday evening, March 7, it was a pleasure to join Trustee Levy and Superintendent Gordon at the awards ceremony for the Mock Trial/Moot Court competition. Congratulations to Elk Grove High School which won the Mock Trial competition. We should note for the record that they ended

up in a statistical tie with Rio Americano, and the winner was decided by the presiding judge. Elk Grove goes on to the Mock Trial competition later this month in Riverside. Congratulations as well to Bella Vista High School which won the Moot Court competition with CK McClatchy High School as runner-up. And, of course, as with Academic Decathlon there were many individual students from all of the schools who received awards for outstanding efforts on their own behalf. Finally, on Friday, March 11, the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Legislative Committee met to discuss a number of bills as well as receiving an update on the budget and tax extension situation. Unfortunately, his daughter unexpectedly had a hospital procedure that morning so he was unable to participate, although he submitted written comments on the bills. There were seven bills that he reviewed quickly so that all members would be aware of these key measures:

- SB 433 (Liu) related to bringing charter schools under the same suspension and expulsion laws that apply to non-charter schools. A support position was taken on that bill. Trustee Rivas is working on this bill for CSBA.
- AB 36 (Perea) would bring about tax conformity with a key component of the federal health care legislation, so that health insurance coverage for adult children (26 and under) would not be taxed. That does have an impact on state revenues. It translates to roughly a \$2.50 per ADA annual reduction in state revenues which then the state would not be passing along to local educational agencies. However, everybody's on board with this change, so that bill will have a support position as well.
- AB 169 (Torres) is largely a technical measure having to do with county offices of education and other non-district LEAs to be sure they are eligible for federal funds. Support position on that. The oddity about it is it's a bill that's gone to the governor twice and been vetoed twice, so it's being tried again with a new governor to see what happens.
- AB 331 (Brownley) is the school bond measure for the 2012 ballot. A support position was taken even though the amount is still unspecified. Of course we have a challenge in 2012 because, under current law, that's when the water bonds will be on the ballot, which will be a major issue to deal with.
- AB 401 (Ammiano) would provide a stricter cap on the number of charter schools for a ten-year period as well as provide for disclosure of certain family relationships that might exist among charter board members and key staff. A support if amended position was taken to examine the impact of this limit on small districts.

Mr. Rivas said there's also a cap on the percentage of schools that could be charters in any district – ten percent. In other words no district could have more than ten percent of its schools be charter schools. CSBA's position was to support if amended to eliminate the cap but he thinks that CCBE adopted a straight support.

- AB 462 (Lowenthal) has to do with providing some specialized funding for ongoing maintenance activities with cleaner-burning compressed natural gas buses. A number of these compressed natural gas (CNG) buses are now reaching the end of their 15-year life cycle, and the CNG tanks themselves have to be replaced. It's very expensive – approximately \$20,000 per bus to do this maintenance.
- AB 751 (Furutani) in effect proposes to reduce the three-year budget projection required under AB 1200, to a two-year projection and also to make some related changes to the definitions of positive, qualified, and negative certifications. The position adopted was oppose unless amended. The goal is to retain the three-year projection idea and to do a slight bit of modification on the definition of qualified status.

Mr. Rivas thanked Superintendent Gordon and Mr. Fleischman for figuring out whether or not it was feasible to broadcast our meetings on the internet. He knows he was a bit of a pest about that but he had a constituent who was asking him about that.

President Fong said he was curious about the results.

Mr. Rivas replied that there is a startup cost of \$24,000-\$26,000 for equipment and a staffing cost of about \$350 per meeting and he doesn't see those costs being warranted relative to the typical level of interest of our meetings. He thinks that question was prompted by a very unusual circumstance with the Fortune charter proposal.

Mr. Scribner was not present at this point.

Ms. Levy thanked Dr. Pierson and her staff for a wonderful presentation. In December, Dr. Pierson took her to some of these schools and saw them firsthand and was overwhelmed. She thinks seeing this presentation had her reflecting back on what she saw then and it kind of helps her understand the MOVE philosophy a lot better now. This is one presentation she will remember for a long time. She enjoyed being involved with the Moot Court and this year she presented awards, which was really fun. Craig Irish and his staff did an amazing job. She knows how difficult it is to pull something like that off with hundreds of kids and lots of lawyers, lots of teachers, everybody wanting everything done. It was done very beautifully. She hopes we can get some support to do it again next year. Even though nobody gets paid, it's an expensive program because of the cost of the courthouse and security. She is assuming those people are not volunteers. She attended the SCOE Health and Wellness Fair the other day, which was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, she got here too late for a massage, but she got a bag full of information. She went to the self-defense for women class; it was only for half an hour. It was very interesting and there were quite a few people in the room. Sherry and Julie did a great job on that fair. She will be back next year and will get there early so she can get a massage. Last night, she went to the LINKS mentor meeting. She has been a LINKS mentor since the beginning of this school year but there was a meeting for the mentors from all the different sites so it was fun for her because she got to meet people who were at the other sites like the North Area and so on and Gerber. It was

good training and a recap. The bottom line is we all want to be better mentors and the training was very helpful. If you want someone to be a board liaison to the tech committee, she is happy to volunteer. She doesn't know what your process is for choosing someone but she's putting her name out there.

Mr. Cooley was absent.

Ms. Brown was absent.

IX.B. President Fong reported that he was invited to attend a new Hispanic educators group meeting called ARE. He thinks ARE stands for Association of Raza Educators. We may be hearing from this group because they seem to be very ambitious and will focus on dropouts and closing the achievement gap amongst this population. He would like to say something about the layoff notices that's going out to everybody in the county but specifically our people: teachers, staff and administrators who may have received the layoff notices. He wants them to know that he was a teacher at Sac City Unified for three years and he did receive one of those layoff notices back in 1985. He wants them to know that he doesn't care if you got it the first time, the second time, the tenth time; it is very upsetting and disturbing. It's like a shock to the body that you get these kinds of layoff notices and it's nothing that you did wrong or anything, it's just the finances of our state economy and it goes on to the education system. He sympathizes with what happened and he hopes that we can bring everyone back. As we are talking about the attitude of changing the expectation in special education in this MOVE presentation that we saw, he hoped that changing the expectation would result in the same results in our court and community schools. He thinks in some sense with the LINKS program that has happened. We need that passion attitude about we expect that change in our court and community schools also. He congratulated Granada Hills Charter High School for winning the California Academic Decathlon and for Folsom for coming in 14th. He was hoping they would break the top ten but one of the schools will do it next time around. He wanted to ask staff if Granada Hills Charter High School is a new winner. There are two schools in LA that always wins and switch it back and forth.

Superintendent Gordon replied there are three: University High School, El Camino and Granada Hills and all are in the San Fernando Valley.

IX.C. Mr. Geeting, as Chair of the Policy Committee, reported that the Policy Committee met today. We spent most of the meeting on the conflict of interest policy and gave direction to staff for additional changes to that policy and will be reviewing it again at our next Policy Committee meeting in April.

President Fong had asked about the possibility of considering the Board Bylaws in the next set of items under review by the Committee. Is that going to be something that we will be able to do?

Mr. Geeting replied that all the items we have on the table right now relate to Board Bylaws including this conflict of interest. He inadvertently said it was a policy. It's actually a Board Bylaw.

President Fong, as Chair of the Executive Committee, stated they are trying to get a meeting together maybe in the next week or two and we are going to take up this request on forming a legislative committee and a few other items. The meeting will probably be offsite most likely at the Capitol so John can make it. We will make the appropriate announcements and arrangements to publicly notice it. He reminded the Board that March 22 is the Board Study Session at 6:00 p.m. and the Redistricting Committee at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:

A. March 22, 2011 – Board/Superintendent Study Session

B. April 5, 2011 – AVID Report

C. April 19, 2011 – After School Report

XII. Mr. Rivas moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Levy seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: April 19, 2011