

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021**

**VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE CALL**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 2, 2021  
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2021
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Official Correspondence
- VI. Visitor Presentations
  - A. General Public
  - B. Employee Organizations
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Recognition of the May 2021 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
    1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
    2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students
    3. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code (Technology)
    4. Accept Donation to Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School Culinary Arts Program
    5. Approval of School Plans for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools
  - 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 Budget:
    1. \$750,000 Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
    2. \$166,539 Sacramento Health HeART and Mind Collaborative grant from the City of Sacramento for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
    3. \$360,000 California Environmental Literacy grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
    4. \$1,233,329 K-12 Strong Workforce Program – Greater Sacramento Region Workforce Collaborative grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) K-12 Strong Workforce Program for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 fiscal years
    5. \$192,102 Transition Partnership Program grant from the Department of Rehabilitation for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
    6. \$540,541 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Comprehensive Support and Improvement County Office of Education grant from the California

Department of Education/ESSA Funds for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years

- D. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-02 – Authorization for the Temporary Interfund Transfer of Funds
  - E. First Reading of Proposed Elimination of Board Policies 5145 and 6000 and Board Bylaw 8001
  - F. Board Report – Court and Community Schools: 2019-2020 End of Year Report and 2020-2021 Mid-Year Update
  - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
    - A. Board Members
    - B. Board President
    - C. Committees
  - X. Items for Distribution
    - A. April/May Events
    - B. April/May Site Visits
  - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
    - A. May 4, 2021
    - B. May 18, 2021
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. Acting President Talamantes called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. via teleconference call in Sacramento, California. Board members present were Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant. President Ahola was absent.

Other staff present via teleconference were Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; Brent Malicote and Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendents; Coleen Johnson, Chief Administrator; Michael Kast, Executive Director; Kristin Wright, Executive Director; Channa Cook-Harvey, Executive Director; Rachel Perry, Executive Director; and Tim Herrera, Director.

II. Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Keefer, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 2, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Ahola), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes  
Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Fong, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Ahola), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes  
Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

IV. Ms. Lefkovitz moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Ahola), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes  
Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. Tim Herrera read Public Comments from the following individuals regarding their request that we notify parents about safe storage for firearms to protect students.:

Rodger Stein, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America  
Cynthia Shallit, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America  
Carol Rodgers, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America  
Suzanne Lander, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

VI.B. There were no requests for presentations from Employee Organizations.

VII.A. Kim Norris, Special Education Technician/RSP, was recognized and honored as the classified employees of the month for May.

Mike Anckner, Construction Instructor/Career Technical Education, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for May.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

#### **LOCAL DISTRICT UPDATES**

- **Arcohe:** 90% returned in-person, 5 days/week with early dismissal on Fridays.

- **Center:** 75% returned in-person, hybrid AM/PM model 5 days/week for elementary. MS/HS returned 50% in-person. HS is AB model every other day. Considering returning high school to 5 days/week.
- **Elk Grove:** 40% returned in-person, 4 days/week.
- **Elverta:** 95% returned in-person, AM/PM hybrid model.
- **Folsom Cordova:** 4 days/week for elementary with 55% in-person. HS/MS merged AB together for 4 days/week – 65% returned in-person.
- **Galt Elementary:** 84% returned in-person, 4 days/week AM/PM Tk-8.
- **Galt High:** 60% returned in-person, 4 days/week.
- **Natomas:** *Reported 4/13* – 5 days/week with 50% attending in-person.
- **River Delta:** Hybrid 2 days/week. 94.5% in-person. Transportation is an issue.
- **Robla:** *Reported 4/13* – Returned in hybrid model 4/12. Considering the possibility of merging cohorts, A and B.
- **Sacramento City:** Settled bargaining agreement last night. Secondary students returning this week.
- **San Juan:** *Reported 4/13* – Will be combining A/B for 4 days/week. Return to in-person varies from school to school.
- **Twin Rivers:** *Reported 4/13* – In conversation about returning to 4 days/week.

### **SCOE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT TO DISTRICTS**

- Before schools opened, CNTS performed an emergency network upgrade that doubled the capacity for our districts, increasing their Internet connectivity from 10 Gigabits to 20 Gigabits in most cases and from 10 Gigabits to 40 Gigabits for the Elk Grove USD. This upgrade ensured there were no issues with Zoom or online learning in the schools. The districts were extremely appreciative that SCOE was able to perform this upgrade so quickly before students returned to school. CNTS is working on additional network upgrades that will provide up to 100 Gigabits of connectivity to our districts, ensuring they have adequate broadband connectivity for the foreseeable future.

### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY VACCINATION EFFORTS**

- I am pleased to announce we are scheduling more COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the SCOE Conference Center where we are averaging between 200 and 300 vaccinations per day.
- Effective April 15th, all Californians 16 years of age and older became eligible to receive vaccinations. So, we are partnering with the districts, charter schools, childcare providers, and the City of Rancho Cordova to reach out to youth.
- Our clinics are open to the community and scheduled as follows:
  - Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- We are looking to schedule more clinics on Saturdays as well as working with Safeway to see if there is a way students can be vaccinated without a parent or guardian present provided, they have written consent.
- We could not do this without our partners at Safeway, and we especially could not do this without the support of all the SCOE employees who have volunteered

their time to make sure the clinics run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering at the clinic, please contact Shannon Hansen.

### **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BASE PROGRAM**

- More students are returning to school daily. Faculty are focused on student wellness, engagement, and family outreach. Students are responding well to personal help and being on campus. We will offer two sessions of summer school. Students, Families, Staff, and Partners have provided input for the Expanded Learning Grant Program Plan. All 16+ students have received vaccination invitations. We are adding NCCT to summer school with additional trades topics.

### **SENIOR EXTENSION**

- Enrollment continues to grow. We will offer two sessions of summer school. Because of the growth of the program, we are working on expanding space for Senior Extension at the Hickey campus. We have a “virtual” graduation scheduled for May 26 at 12:00 noon. We will provide the link. All 16+ students have received vaccination invitations.

### **EL CENTRO**

- Enrollment is steady at approximately 80 students per day. All students are attending daily in-person. Our construction and culinary programs are now fully operational. In fact, both NCCT and Culinary will expand to a 245-day program. We are adding a 21st Century Skills and Career Center to the Library to serve all students with a special emphasis on long-term students.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

- Our Infant Program continues to offer high quality distance learning for their families. All assessments and IEP are also being conducted virtually.
- On Monday, April 19, we officially brought back our first preschoolers for in-person instructions at our Hillsdale Head Start location. All SCOE preschool students will have a chance to comeback to in-person learning no later than Monday, May 3.
- All of our Kindergarten – Young Adult programs are now offering an in-person option. Distance Learning is also an option. All of these programs are offering live Zoom sessions during their in-person days so they can have concurrent whole class instruction.
- Staff at all locations have had nothing but positive comments about working with students again in-person.
- We are now finalizing plans for Extended school years

### **GUN SAFETY**

- In response to letters that we have received from the organization Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, I wanted to let the Board know we have been in communication with the group’s representatives. We are currently drafting a communication on gun safety and firearm storage that we will be sending to all our families.

## **SUMMER INNOVATION EDUCATION CENTERS**

- To enhance learning for students preparing for the next school year, we are partnering with local districts to provide enrichment opportunities to re-engage youth with the excitement of learning.
- SCOE is organizing and will be operating the summer enrichment programs in high-need communities throughout Sacramento County.
- We are working with community-based organizations, non-profits, and local school districts to create Summer Education Innovation Hubs. We are currently exploring options in three districts – Encina High School in San Juan USD, Grant Union High School or Martin Luther King Jr. Tech Academy in Twin Rivers USD, and a middle or high school in Sacramento City USD.
- Current planning efforts are focused on supporting students from Grades 3 through 12.
- Education programs for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade include Arts, Civics, Computer Science, Outdoor Education, and the Sciences. The focus of the summer session will be on engagement and exploration through integrated learning.
- To support our High School aged students, we are developing a program that involves peer mentoring. Students involved in peer mentoring will learn skills to lead their younger peers and gain valuable experience that they could site on a resume or job application. Students will also have access to credit recovery classes offered by the district to ensure they are able to access this experience.

## **ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

- This week, our Adult Education team is helping coordinate and host a big statewide California Council for Adult Education Conference for over 1,300 participants.
- Yesterday and today, adult education field members engaged in advocacy activities. The rest of the week involves workshops on topics such as overcoming barriers, student assessments, and motivating students.
- OTAN and our Adult Ed team is providing technical assistance. Individual SCOE Adult Education staff are presenting breakout sessions.
- Branka Marceta – Director of the Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium – and Coordinator Bethany Ely are key members of the planning team.
- Many thanks to our Adult Education for their leadership across the state.

## **STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY**

- We will be hosting a virtual ceremony recognizing all those students in Sacramento County who have earned their State Seal of Biliteracy.
- The event will be on May 5 at 4:30 p.m. Let us know if you would like to attend and we will have the Zoom link sent to you.
- To earn the Seal, students must demonstrate English competency by scoring proficient on the California Standards Test in English language arts and receive good grades in all English classes required for high school graduation.

## **SCOE TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES 2022**

- On Wednesday, March 24 we held a virtual reception for those SCOE teachers who were nominated for the 2022 SCOE Teacher of the Year. Thanks to several

of our Board members for attending. We will be announcing our 2022 Teacher of the Year very soon. Stay tuned!

### **KINGS/TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

- This is normally the time of year when the Sacramento Kings celebrate our County Teachers of the Year on the court during a half-time ceremony. Because of COVID restrictions, the Kings are not holding a traditional Educator Appreciation Night at Golden 1, but they are honoring local teachers. The Kings invited our Teachers of the Year from 2020 and 2021 to tonight's home game, the first one this season where fans will be allowed inside the stadium. It is part of a tribute to local frontline workers. Many thanks to the Sacramento Kings.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY**

- Finally, I wanted to remind everyone that tomorrow is Administrative Professionals Day. It is a day when we recognize the professionals who keep our offices running smoothly every day. So, many thanks to the administrative assistants, secretaries, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals. Thank you for keeping our offices organized and efficient.

Mr. Fong suggested that under 18-year-olds that want to get vaccinated to access Uber drivers for transportation.

Superintendent Gordon said we will look into it.

Mr. Keefer asked when will districts return to traditional minutes in class. There are requirements for Charter Schools in proposed legislation.

Superintendent Gordon responded that looking forward to next year, some students will still want to participate in distance learning so there is a push/pull regarding the required number of traditional minutes.

VIII.A. Ms. Lefkowitz moved and Mr. Brown seconded adoption of the consent agenda. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court and Community School Students
3. Declared equipment listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to dispose of equipment pursuant to Education Code (Technology)
4. Accepted donation to Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School Culinary Arts Program
5. Approved School Plans for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools

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Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Keshawn C. Atlas, Di'Shara Fancy Johnson, Ashley S. Jones, and Keziah Makeela Sullivan-Walker from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; 4 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Ahmia Bell and Ramon Emilio S. Treto-Gallegos from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Juan Rodriguez from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; Alexis Choyke, Lawrence E. Cole, Bernabe Guerra, and Julian M. Ydrogo Winn from Gerber Senior Extension; and Jett Tomas Drummond, Vivianna I. Rivera, and Sadrina Alexandria Stoica from North Area Senior Extension.

VIII.B. Ms. Davis moved and Mr. Keefer seconded approval of the contracts. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Ahola), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Lefkovitz, seconded by Mr. Keefer, 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. \$750,000 Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
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Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

VIII.D. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-02 – Authorization for the Temporary Interfund Transfer of Funds

Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent, presented this item.

Mr. Brown moved, and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-02 – Authorization for the Temporary Interfund Transfer of Funds. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Ahola), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes  
Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

VIII.E. Acting President Talamantes announced this is the First Reading of Proposed Elimination of Board Policies 5145 and 6000 and Board Bylaw 8001.

Chair Paul Keefer of the Policy Committee recommended that the First Reading of Proposed Elimination of Board Policies 5145 and 6000 and Board Bylaw 8001 move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting and asked Ms. Stinson to present the items.

Ms. Stinson explained that the Policy Committee unanimously recommended elimination because these polices are either outdated or no longer applicable, and the essence of Board Bylaw 8001 is included in revisions to another Board Bylaw which will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Board members discussed the elimination of Board Bylaw 8001 (Board Member Liaison) and expressed an interest in knowing the organizational bodies for which the Board must or may appoint liaisons.

VIII.F. Dr. Perry provided a report on the Court and Community Schools: 2019-2020 End of the Year Report and 2020-2021 Mid-Year Update to the Board.

IX.A. Ms. Davis gave a shout out to graduates. One of the students that has been in mentoring through LINKS for the last two years is graduating.

Mr. Keefer thanked the whole team with Dr. Perry for consideration of the whole child. Every kid is receiving a lot of attention from caring adults. He commends the grant writers at SCOE for writing, securing, and implementing programs. He also commended Superintendent Gordon for his work during the pandemic and especially the Safeway COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Mr. Fong reported that he was excited that so many school districts are implementing a return to school. He was concerned about the safety of students from the API community when they return to school. About 40% of API students are not returning to school. The Superintendent Memo that went out on the Chauvin verdict was really appropriate. The President's message was also really encouraging around Black Lives Matter.

Ms. Lefkowitz was emotional because of the trial and the verdict. She feels encouraged by Dr. Perry's report. She asked if Superintendent Gordon could provide an update on the incoming state and federal COVID money to SCOE on how much it will be and how will SCOE use it at the next Board meeting during his Superintendent's Report. She also thanked Superintendent Gordon for the statement on the Chauvin verdict.

Mr. Brown also appreciated the Chauvin statement and had no other report.

Acting President Talamantes thanked Superintendent Gordon for issuing the statement regarding the Chauvin verdict. Kudos to our Sly Park staff – they were on ABC 10 for bringing science into the classroom and it made her happy to see our great work highlighted.

IX.B. President Ahola was absent.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

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

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

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. May 4, 2021 in-person for Board members

B. May 18, 2021

Acting Board President Talamantes read “Where is the Pause Button?” by Christopher Grady from Luther Burbank High School, from the 916 Ink Daybreak book.

XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Ahola), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes  
Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: May 18, 2021