

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2021

VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE CALL

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. No Approval of 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. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students
 - 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. \$2,250,298 Statewide Non-Profit Private School Professional Development (SNPSPD) grant from the California Department of Education for fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023
 2. \$654,006 California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) Grant from California Student Aid Commission for fiscal year 2021-2022
 3. \$22,000 CA Student Aid Commission Capital Area Cash for College, Regional Coordinating Organization from California Student Aid Commission for fiscal year 2021-2022
 4. \$192,000 Capital Area Promise Scholars (CAPS) Program from Sacramento Region Community Foundation for fiscal year 2021-2022
 5. \$160,906 Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program/Child Protective Services (CPS) Collaborative Project from Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2021-2022
 6. \$2,097,702 Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program from California Department of Education for fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024
 7. \$50,000 Sacramento Adult Day Reporting Center from Sacramento County Probation Department for fiscal year 2021-2022
 - D. Adoption of the 2021-2024 LCAP
 - E. Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget Revision No. 3
 - F. Adoption of the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
 - G. 2020-2021 Annual Report: Summary of Support (LCAP and Differentiated Assistance)
 - H. Reporting on California Dashboard Local Indicators

- I. Establish July 13, 2021 as the 2021-2022 Annual Organizational Meeting Date
 - J. SCOE Resiliency Scholarship Program
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. June/July Events
 - B. June/July Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. July 13, 2021
 - B. July 24, 2021 – Board/Superintendent Retreat
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Ahola called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. via teleconference call in Sacramento, California. Board members present were Joanne Ahola, Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Bina Lefkowitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant. Trustee Paul Keefer was absent.

II. Ms. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ahola announced that the Board will recess the meeting and the Board will convene in Closed Session. Under Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), the Board will meet in Closed Session regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Board has provided public notice that the Board will meet in Closed Session for this purpose.

Recessed Open Session at 4:36 p.m.

Convened Closed Session at 4:42 p.m.

Adjourned Closed Session at 6:22 p.m.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:34 p.m.

The Board took action in Closed Session to extend Superintendent Gordon's contract through June 30, 2025, by the following vote: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Keefer), 0 abstentions.

For purposes of public disclosure: Under the provisions of the Superintendent's existing contract, the Superintendent receives the same salary increase as SCOE bargaining units and managers, which will be 3% as of July 1, 2021.

President Ahola entertained a motion to ratify the extension of the Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Brown moved, and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to extend Superintendent's Employment Contract through June 30, 2025.

President Ahola asked Superintendent Gordon to conduct a roll call vote on this item:

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

President Ahola read the Sacramento County Office of Education mission.

Also, other staff present via teleconference were Brent Malicote and Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendents; Coleen Johnson, Chief Administrator; Michael Kast, Executive Director; Channa Cook-Harvey, Executive Director; Rachel Perry, Executive Director; and Tim Herrera, Director.

III. No Approval of Minutes

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

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

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. Tim Herrera read Public Comments from the following:

Scott Rafferty
Carolina Flores
Magali Kincaid
Mario Villegas
Maria Grijalva
Amy Kassouni

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

VII. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

Many of our districts have summer programs in progress with high attendance.

He announced the three new superintendents serving our districts: Lisa Pettis – Galt Joint High School District, Lois Yount – Galt Joint UESD, and Michael Wells – Elverta.

ONGOING DEI STUDY SESSIONS AND OTHER UPDATES

- We are coordinating efforts to confirm either September 28, 2021, or October 5, 2021, for a DEI Study Session, as well as March 1, 2022, where we will continue to learn, incorporate DEI, and partner with the Board in this important work. DEI updates will also be shared at the November 16, 2021, and January 11, 2022, Board meetings. At the June 28, 2021, Leadership meeting, a 90-minute interactive session has been scheduled that focuses on enhancing staff effectiveness in the area “Creating LGBTQ and Gender Inclusive Schools for School Leaders.” Board members are invited to attend.

SCOE VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS

- We have scheduled a series of dates for 2021-2022 to begin the important work of revising SCOE’s Vision, Mission, and Goals, which includes incorporating our focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We will begin the process August 10 with the goal of completing the process in October or November.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- Summer school is well underway. We are enrolling new students for Nathaniel S. Colley Sr. High School. NCCT is adding a mobile welding lab to complement our CTE courses.

SENIOR EXTENSION

- Summer school is operating across the county
 - We have added a faculty member with expertise in African American Studies. Outreach efforts are underway to recruit young adults who are moving into the area, without a high school diploma. We are identifying a new classroom at the Cordova Lane site as enrollment continues to grow.

EL CENTRO

- We have hired a Teacher Librarian to run the 21st Century Learning Center!
- El Centro enrollment seems to be stabilizing around 112 students, including a number of students enrolled in our early college program. In the past, these students would have been served by the Division of Juvenile Justice.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

- Summer program is underway.
 - Mod/severe programs started June 14 and run through July 9.
 - ED program: runs through July 2.
 - Preschool started June 14 and will run until July 22.
 - Students and staff are adjusting well to the 6-hour day. We finished the year with 4 hours a day in-person, the 6-hour days will help the students reacclimate to a full day prior to the 2021/2022 school year.
- Our team is working on plans for the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

SUMMER EDUCATION INNOVATION CENTERS

- We have launched our free Summer Education Innovation Centers. We are partnering with local districts, community-based organizations, and non-profits to provide students with opportunities to re-engage with the excitement of learning. The centers are operating for five weeks: now through July 30. They will be closed the week of July 4. We currently have 220 students enrolled and enrollment is still open. The centers will offer a variety of integrated hands-on experiences such as arts, social emotional learning, outdoor education, physical activities, and science experiments.
- The Centers are operating at the following sites:
 - F.C. Joyce PK- 8 School, Twin Rivers
 - Thomas Edison Language (K-6) Institute, San Juan Unified
 - Rosa Parks K-8 School, Sac City Unified
- All participating students will have peer mentors who will be hired from local High School and College programs. So far, we have recruited 16 peer mentors.

VACCINATION CLINICS

- As of June 10, we administered more than 3,800 first and second doses. We were successful in reaching young people by delivering nearly 400 first and second doses to eligible youth. What is also impressive is the fact that SCOE employees volunteered nearly 1,000 hours of their time to ensure the clinic's success. He thanked Safeway and Sacramento County Public Health for partnering with us to make the clinic a success. Meantime, we continue exploring opportunities to continue this collaboration.

HEALTHY HeARTs EVENT

- On June 14, at McClatchy Park in Sacramento, he participated in an event celebrating the success of Healthy HeARTs and Minds. We were joined by Mayor Darrel Steinberg, Councilmember Jay Schenirer, and Trustee Lefkowitz.
- The program is a partnership between SCOE, the City of Sacramento Office of Arts and Culture, and several amazing nonprofit partners that use the arts to help address mental health issues, trauma, absenteeism, and other effects of the pandemic on youth.

- During the program, we distributed 10,000 art kits to students in 26 schools.

2021 SUMMER OF CS KICKOFF

- For the third year, we are hosting the “Summer of CS.” It is California’s K-12 Computer Science Professional Development Week. Throughout June and July, the free conference will feature intensive, in-person professional learning, designed to help teachers of all subjects learn to infuse computer science into their courses. This week, we have 150 teachers, administrators, and counselors that we are serving remotely throughout the state. We are working with many partners: Santa Barbara County Office of Education, San Diego County Office of Education, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Riverside County Office of Education, and the CSforCA Coalition.

NATALIE WOODS ANDREWS AWARD

- As she begins her retirement from SCOE, he noted that retiring Early Learning Executive Director Dr. Natalie Woods Andrews received another recognition. She has been awarded the Innovations for Children Award by the Sierra Health Foundation for her outstanding leadership in service to students and families as the co-chair of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths. She received the award at the Juneteenth Festival on Saturday at William Land Park.

JUNETEENTH

- This past Saturday, June 19, we recognized Juneteenth, which is now a national holiday. This commemorates the day in 1865 when the last remaining enslaved people in Galveston, Texas finally learned of their freedom, established by the Emancipation Proclamation over two years before. We want the recognition to serve as an opportunity to listen, engage in conversation, and remember the long struggle for true liberty and justice for all in the United States continues.

LABOR MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE PRESENTATION

- SCOE labor and administrative leaders were invited to present strategies and practices that have supported strong labor-management collaboration at the California Labor Management Initiative Virtual Summer Institute which was held today. This featured the SCOE team presenting their story and how collaborative problem solving has helped build trust and coherence at the county office as they worked to develop solutions to the challenges of COVID-19.
- Highlights of the presentation included:
 - Joint commitment to interest-based bargaining and collaborative problem solving.
 - Weekly communication on COVID-related issues and program planning with CSEA and SCOETA leaders and management team to alleviate questions and concerns.

- Proactive and open communication to address questions about transition to in-person instruction and support with program staff.
- Focus on continuous improvement to enhance, innovate, and sharpen SCOE programs to improve outcomes for students and support school districts and the community.
- We are proud of this collaborative partnership and look forward to our continued work together.

VIII.A. Ms. Davis moved and Ms. Talamantes seconded adoption of the consent agenda. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court and Community Schools Students

Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Keefer), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Dr. Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: 2 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Rachel Garcia from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Mohammed Nasrullah Tilbani from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; Myisah D. Hester, Julian Michael Lopez, and Jennifer Rivera-Serna from Gerber Senior Extension; Elias Aguirre from North Area Community School; and Colton Paul Coughran and Sukari Chevone McClish from North Area Senior Extension.

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

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

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Fong, seconded by Ms. Davis, 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. \$2,250,298 Statewide Non-Profit Private School Professional Development (SNPSPD) grant from California Department of Education for fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023
2. \$654,006 California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) Grant from California Student Aid Commission for fiscal year 2021-2022
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Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Keefer), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.D. Ms. Lefkovitz moved, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to adopt the 2021-2024 LCAP. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Keefer), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Mr. Brown – yes
Ms. Ahola – yes

Dr. Perry provided technical edits – on page VIII.D.47., the actual figures in the box of percentage to increase or improve services for Foster Youth should be 2.82% and the increased apportionment based on the enrollment of Foster Youth, English learners, and low-income students should be \$809,337.

VIII.E. Ms. Davis moved, and Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Revision No. 3. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Keefer), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.F. Mr. Fong moved, and Ms. Lefkovitz seconded the motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Keefer), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.G. Dr. Herota presented the 2020-2021 Annual Report: Summary of Support (LCAP and Differentiated Assistance) to the Board.

VIII.H. Dr. Perry and Michael Kast, Executive Director, presented the Report on California Dashboard Local Indicators to the Board.

VIII.I. Ms. Talamantes moved, and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to Establish July 13, 2021 as the 2021-2022 Annual Organizational Meeting Date. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Keefer), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Ms. Ahola – yes

VIII.J. Superintendent Gordon expressed his gratitude to the Board for establishing the SCOE Resiliency Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Stinson provided an overview of the SCOE Resiliency Scholarship Program. The Board also heard from Dr. Perry and Cal-SOAP Director Guadalupe Delgado. A video highlighting our first 12 scholarship recipients was shared with the Board.

Board members expressed gratitude for the video and the opportunity to see students.

IX.A. Ms. Davis – no report.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Mr. Keefer was absent.

Ms. Talamantes – no report.

Mr. Brown thanked Bina for initiating the scholarship fund. It would not have happened without her. He commented he is seeking donations from friends.

Ms. Lefkovitz thanked Dr. Brown for his fundraising efforts. She commented that she feels moved by the video and especially appreciates the mentoring piece of the program.

IX.B. President Ahola – no report.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the June/July Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the June/July Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. July 13, 2021

B. July 24, 2021 – Board/Superintendent Retreat

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

Ms. Talamantes – yes

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes

Mr. Keefer – absent

Mr. Fong – yes

Ms. Davis – yes

Mr. Brown – yes
Ms. Ahola – yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: July 13, 2021