

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2018

The Oath of Office was administered to Trustee Karina Talamantes by Sacramento City Councilmember Angelique Ashby.

The Oath of Office was administered to Trustee Bina Lefkovitz by Sacramento City Councilmember Jay Schenirer.

The Oath of Office was administered to Trustee Paul Keefer by Superintendent David W. Gordon.

Acting President Brown invited everyone to join them in a short reception in honor of our newly elected trustees.

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Organization of the Board of Education for 2018-2019
 - A. Election of President
 - B. Election of Vice President
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 12, 2018
- V. Adoption of Agenda
- VI. Official Correspondence
- VII. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
- VIII. Superintendent's Report
- IX. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Special Education Students
 3. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code (Special Education and Technology)
 - 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. \$175,000 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years
 - D. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 1250 – Access to County Office Sites

- E. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 5125 – Pupil Records
 - F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 5145.3 – Prohibition on Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Harassment; Participation of Transgender Pupils in Academic and Educational Programs and Activities
 - G. Informational Item: Revisions to Administrative Rules and Regulations 5125 – Pupil Records
 - H. Informational Item: Revisions to Administrative Rules and Regulations 5145.3 – Prohibition on Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Harassment; Participation of Transgender Pupils in Academic and Educational Programs and Activities
 - I. Informational Item: New Administrative Rules and Regulations 5011 – Pupil Enrollment
 - J. Informational Item: New Administrative Rules and Regulations 5145.13 – Response to Immigration Enforcement
 - K. Board Report – School of Education
 - X. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - XI. Items for Distribution
 - A. July/August Events
 - B. July/August Visits
 - XII. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. August 14, 2018 – Early Learning
 - B. August 25, 2018 – Board/Superintendent Retreat
 - XIII. Adjournment
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I. Acting President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:58 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 Joanne Ahola, Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent; Elizabeth Linton, Acting General Counsel; Nancy Herota and Tammy Sanchez, Assistant Superintendents; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. Mr. Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.A. Election of President

Acting President Brown called on Superintendent Gordon to conduct the election of the Board President for 2018-2019.

Ms. Lefkovitz nominated Al Brown to serve as Board President for the 2018-2019 term.

There were no further nominations. Superintendent Gordon conducted a roll call vote on the nomination of Mr. Brown to serve as Board President for the 2018-2019:

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

Mr. Brown was unanimously elected as President of the Sacramento County Board of Education for the 2018-2019 term based on the Roll Call vote above.

President Brown thanked his fellow Board members for electing him to serve in this capacity.

III.B. Election of Vice President

President Brown asked for nominations for the office of Board Vice President for the 2018-2019 term.

Ms. Lefkovitz nominated Joanne Ahola to serve as Board Vice President for the 2018-2019 term.

There were no further nominations. Superintendent Gordon conducted the following roll call vote on the nomination of Ms. Ahola to serve as Board Vice President for the 2018-2019 term:

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

Ms. Ahola was elected as Vice President of the Sacramento County Board of Education for the 2018-2019 term based on the Roll Call vote above.

Vice President Ahola thanked her fellow Board members for electing her to serve in this capacity.

IV. On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Ms. Davis, the revised minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2018 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Keefer, Talamantes).

V. Ms. Ahola moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Lefkovitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VI. There was no official correspondence.

VII.A. Frederick A. Gayle, Jr. raised two questions during his public comment: “Why Charter Schools,” and “Why don’t we pledge the Constitution of the United States instead of the flag?” The Constitution is the document and what is used when we are sworn into office. He has been living since 1931 in the state of Alabama and went to private school. He would like to hear if charter schools are such great schools why don’t we make the rest of our schools charter schools, where we pay the big tax and the big money and we support all of them?

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

VIII. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Welcomed our two new Trustees Karina Talamantes and Paul Keefer to the County Board of Education. Also welcomed back Trustee Bina Lefkovitz as well.
- Congratulated Trustee Brown for being selected to serve as new Board President. Also congratulated Trustee Ahola for being selected to serve as our Vice President for 2018-2019. His thanks to former Trustee Rivas for serving as President over the past year.
- Reminded everyone to mark their calendars for Thursday, August 16, 2018 when we host our annual Employee Recognition Day. The event will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center – across from Sacramento State. The event begins at 8:30 a.m.
- On Friday, August 24, 2018, we will host the Sacramento County Teachers of the Year for 2019 awards dinner. We will honor Cynthia Guzman – SCOE’s Teacher of the Year – along with top teachers from our other districts. The event will be held at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Please see Tim Herrera for details.
- Reminded everyone that we have only one meeting in August. We will be meeting on August 14, 2018.
- We are holding our annual Board Retreat on Saturday, August 25, 2018 in the Superintendent’s Conference Room from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

IX.A. Mr. Keefer moved and Ms. Davis seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes). By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions

2. Awarded diplomas to Special Education Students
3. Declared equipment listed as Surplus Property and authorized staff to dispose of equipment pursuant to Education Code (Special Education and Technology)

Michael Kast, Executive Director, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Amari Amos-Williams, Gabriel Julian Flores, Mitchell Griffin, Kody Phillips, Jesus Noe Salinas, My'kel David Smith, and Devon Cayl Witkofsky from Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School.

IX.B. Ms. Ahola moved and Ms. Davis seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried unanimously (7 ayes).

IX.C. On a motion by Ms. Ahola, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously (7 ayes), 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. \$175,000 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years

IX.D. President Brown announced this was the Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 1250 – Access to County Office Sites.

Chair Brown of the Policy Committee combined Items IX.D., IX.E., and IX.F. and recommended the Board adopt IX.D. – Revisions to Board Policy 1250 – Access to County Office Sites; IX.E. – Revisions to Board Policy 5125 – Pupil Records; and IX.F. – Revisions to Board Policy 5145.3 – Prohibition on Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Harassment; Participation of Transgender Pupils in Academic and Educational Programs and Activities. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

IX.E. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 5125 – Pupil Records – see Item IX.D.

IX.F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 5145.3 – Prohibition on Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Harassment; Participation of Transgender Pupils in Academic and Educational Programs and Activities – see Item IX.D.

IX.G. An informational item on the revisions to Administrative Rules and Regulations 5125 – Pupil Records was provided in the Board packet.

IX.H. An informational item on the revisions to Administrative Rules and Regulations 5145.3 – Prohibition on Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Harassment; Participation of Transgender Pupils in Academic and Educational Programs and Activities was provided in the Board packet.

IX.I. An informational item on the new Administrative Rules and Regulations 5011 – Pupil Enrollment was provided in the Board packet.

IX.J. An informational item on the new Administrative Rules and Regulations 5145.13 – Response to Immigration Enforcement was provided in the Board packet.

IX.K. Dr. Steven Winlock, Executive Director, provided a report on the School of Education.

X.A. Mr. Fong congratulated the new trustees and welcomed them to the Board. He congratulated President Brown and Vice President Ahola as the new leaders of the Board. He commented that Board members have a duty upon being elected to the Board and to represent everyone in their trustee area. He recognizes the composition of the Board has changed in the last three years. He encouraged the new trustees to attend CSBA's New Trustee Orientation. The Superintendent's report on the upcoming programs on the employee recognition, he encouraged the new trustees to attend. Also, the TOY (Teacher of the Year) event coming up. A great teacher can make a difference in the lives of the kids.

Ms. Davis welcomed the new trustees. We are glad to have you and happy to continue working with Ms. Lefkovitz.

Ms. Ahola echoed congratulations and welcome. She looks forward to serving alongside of all three of you.

Ms. Lefkovitz welcomed Karina and Paul and looks forward to working with them. Congratulations to President Brown and a great job running his first meeting. The gentlemen that wrote the suspension report, Dr. Woods, was in town for a meeting. She received a text from Jessie Ryan (Sacramento City Board of Education) who was at the meeting saying Dr. Woods was fabulous. She had conversations with our Superintendent regarding the suspension issue in the county and what our schools are doing and how the county is working with that. In addition, what the county can do to support the reduction of the disproportionate nature of suspension. She is very passionate about civic education and young people voting. She was at a meeting today with the League of Cities at Sacramento City Unified School District. The discussion and activities revolved around curriculum development and delivery in terms of voting and ballot education. It was a great example of student voice and student leadership and young people working on real issues that could make a difference not only to them, but to the community.

Ms. Talamantes looks forward to working with the Trustees and as a team to improve the education outcome of our students here in Sacramento. She thanked Superintendent Gordon for orientation and giving her time while she was campaigning to learn more about what SCOE does and to SCOE's personnel. Their hard work is admired and appreciated. She loved learning about all the different programs and resources that SCOE has to serve our community.

Mr. Keefer expressed his appreciation for SCOE staff and stated he has worked with our team for years and it's been exceptional. He thanked Superintendent Gordon for the hard work he has done. He thanked Trustee Fong for his thoughts. There are 250,000 students that we can help, and that's why he sits on this Board. His goal will be to be critical, fair, and work with the team.

X.B. President Brown thanked everyone for the trust in him to serve as President. He was selected among seven people statewide to go to CSBA to discuss what a new trustee should know. Staff at CSBA will be rolling out an outline of resources a new trustee should do and know in the spring. As a new trustee, he took it upon himself to visit each site at SCOE, which he did. It was hard, but he learned so much. He doesn't think the other Board members will have to do that because we will have a road map. As the new President of the Board, his goal is to work together as a team, complement one another, assist the Superintendent as much as we can and getting our goals met. We have a mission serving the students. Let the Superintendent know what you would like to visit or understand at SCOE, and he will assist setting it up for you.

X.C. President Brown stated he will be considering committee assignments and will report out at the August 14, 2018. Several people have requested different committees. He will try to do the best he can to accommodate member's requests.

XI.A. There was no distribution of the July/August Events item.

XI.B. There was no distribution of the July/August Site Visits item.

XII. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:

A. August 14, 2018 – Early Learning

B. August 25, 2018 – Board/Superintendent Retreat

XIII. Ms. Ahola moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lefkowitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: August 14, 2018