

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 3, 2019
  - IV. Adoption of Agenda
  - V. Official Correspondence
  - VI. Visitor Presentations
    - A. General Public
    - B. Employee Organizations
  - VII. Superintendent's Report
    - A. Recognition of the October 2019 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
    - 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. \$100,000 CA Statewide Preparedness Program for the Classroom (Grade 4) grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
      2. \$135,359 First 5 California's Dual Language Learner Pilot Study-Local Administrative Agency (LAA) grant from the First 5 California Commission for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
      3. \$95,335 Credit Option for Professional Learning Completion grant from the California Department of Education for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
    - D. Deferred Maintenance and Modernization Projects: Sacramento Community Based Coalition
    - E. Board Report – Early Learning
  - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
    - A. Board Members
    - B. Board President
    - C. Committees
  - X. Items for Distribution
    - A. September/October Events
    - B. September/October Site Visits
  - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
    - A. October 1, 2019 – SCOE's System of Supporting Districts
    - B. October 12, 2019 – Board/Superintendent Retreat (Saturday)
    - C. October 15, 2019 – Countywide Student Performance Results and District Assistance Strategies
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Lefkovitz called the meeting to order at 6:33 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; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Tammy Sanchez, Associate Superintendent; Nancy Herota and Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendents; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; and Rachel Perry, Executive Director of C-SAPA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison.

II. Mr. Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Keefer and seconded by Ms. Talamantes, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 3, 2019 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Fong).

IV. Ms. Ahola moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Fong seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes).

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. Yolanda Adams, Transition Specialist, North Area Community School, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for October.

Jayme Heal, CARE Teacher, Alternative Education, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for October.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone who attended last week's Community School Graduation ceremony at the Sierra Health Foundation. Every member of that graduating class was from our Senior Extension Program. We are grateful to Sierra Health for hosting and also grateful to our keynote speaker, RoLanda Wilkins, Founder and Director of Earth Mama Healing, Inc.
- Our back to School Night at Leo A. Palmiter on September 11 was a great success. Thanks to Principal Lauren Roth for hosting and to Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Steve Hazelton and his student team for providing food for the event. It's always a nice opportunity to meet with students, families, and staff.

- On Wednesday, October 2, 2019, we will be hosting the Sacramento County School Boards Association meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Mather Room. Our guest speaker will be Aneesh Raman, Senior Advisor on Economic Strategies for Governor Newsom. His topic: “The Future of Work and the Governor’s Priorities.” Dinner is being provided by Chef Hazelton and the students from our Culinary Arts program.
- On Thursday, October 3, 2019, at the SCOE Conference Center, we will host our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Community of Practice. The event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are seeking to convene teams of educators ready to lead SEL integration in their schools. The goal is to offer a collaborative space for professional learning around SEL and connected equity efforts. We have two other similar events planned for November 14, 2019 and March 3, 2020. Please see Dr. Al Rogers for details.
- On Friday, October 4, 2019, SCOE’s Sacramento Community Based Coalition is hosting an annual Resource Fair for the formerly incarcerated. This collaborative event seeks to connect parolees and probationers with community resources and services to assist in successful re-entry. The event is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please see Dr. Matt Perry for details.
- On October 5 & 6, 2019, you are invited to enjoy a Weekend in the Woods at Sly Park. This is the first of three special events as part of the Sly Park Environmental Education Center’s 50<sup>th</sup> year. Overnight guests can enjoy meals, and fun activities like hiking, planetarium presentations, and telescope viewing. For more information, please see Dr. Nancy Herota.

VIII.A. Ms. Davis moved and Mr. Keefer 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 Court and Community School Students

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: 1 candidate from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Camryn Jonise Barber, Sean Elliott Dustin, Omar Mohammad Shatnawi, and Andres Piedra Virelas from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; and Kamaree Dalon Burton, X-Zavion Damarea Christian, Covar Kamal Colquitt, Doneisha Sargent, Hanna Selmi, Guy A. Taylor, Marko Lionel Taylor, and Abigale Renae Williams from North Area Community School.

VIII.B. Mr. Fong moved and Ms. Talamantes seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Brown 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. \$100,000 CA Statewide Preparedness Program for the Classroom (Grade 4) grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
2. \$135,359 First 5 California's Dual Language Learner Pilot Study-Local Administrative Agency (LAA) grant from the First 5 California Commission for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
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VIII.D. Mr. Fong moved and Ms. Ahola seconded the motion to award the contract to RBH Construction, Inc. for the required facility improvements at the Sacramento Community Based Coalition Mather Campus. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

Mr. Fong would like some solar and electric incentives for people who drive electric cars to provide chargers. We need to do our share as we remodel our facilities if they are not too expensive.

Tammy Sanchez, Associate Superintendent, stated the buildings before the Board tonight are located at Missile Way, which is where SCBC, Print Shop, Warehouse, some portables, and older facilities are located, and we already have our contracts in place with SMUD and PG&E. It's very difficult to feasibly add solar to existing projects. However, we are studying our options for the new community school site (Gerber). It will be a new building and we don't have contracts established yet with the utility company.

Mr. Brown asked if we could take a look at Gerber's cost for charging stations for vehicles. He is assuming in the future that people will be driving electric cars to work and will need a charging station.

Ms. Sanchez stated she would look into the matter.

President Lefkovitz said we will have an update soon on the new community school.

VIII.E. Dr. Nancy Herota, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Dr. Natalie Woods Andrews, who provided a report on Early Learning. Dr. Woods Andrews introduced Galt Joint Elementary School District Superintendent Dr. Karen Schauer and her Director Donna Whitlock.

The Board members thanked the Early Learning team for this outstanding presentation. Questions and discussion took place among topics such as academic performance tracking in prekindergarten, funding for particular programs, home visits in Early Head Start, and the Help Me Grow program.

IX.A. Ms. Ahola reported that she was summoned for Jury Duty and today was her first day to report and she was not selected. She enjoyed the CCBE conference. The main focus was on charter school issues and 1505 in particular. She attended both of the charter school sessions. She will email Carla the information that was read and four documents: CCSESA report from April 2019 on recommendations for improving charter authorizing; CSBA and Capitol Advisors interpretation of 1505; and California Charter Schools Association.

Mr. Brown reported that he attended the CCBE Annual Conference on Educational Changes on the Horizon. AB 1505 was passed by the Legislature, and if signed by Governor Newsom, will mean that all children must meet the same metrics for success in charters and public schools. Charters renewals may be extended from five to seven years. Other sessions included closing the achievement gap through investments and early education; First 5; assisting parents in navigating the system; young children need help with access to the facilities; attendance; funds for dental health programs; and emergency preparedness, safety, and security.

Ms. Talamantes thanked staff for being so visible everywhere. She saw Superintendent Gordon at Innovative Pathways. It was really great. She's thankful for having a great Board and team.

Ms. Talamantes left at 8:16 p.m.

Ms. Davis – no comment.

Mr. Fong attended the Learning Policy Institute presentation and brought back copies and distributed them to everyone. Yesterday, he went to Oak Ridge Elementary School along with Trustee Lefkovitz and Dr. Rogers – another school that is using a different model to close the achievement gap. They have three classrooms within the school that are using this model. The data they gave us shows they are making extraordinary progress – 70% and 40% improvement in 2 different areas. It's in a low income area.

Mr. Keefer reported he is proud to announce that Carmichael Hart, which is a homeless assistance relief team, is launching the student buddy program. The MOU is with San Juan Unified School District. We look forward to offering students a once every couple weeks lunch and fellowship with those students who are shelter in-secure. The hope is to expand that across San Juan Unified and through other Hart groups, which are in Elk Grove, Folsom, downtown; there's a Hart group in just about every community. All the data shows that the more relationships these kids have, the better. The Rotary Club of Sacramento is having its Sacramento Century Ride on October 6, 2019 and everyone is invited. All the proceeds will go to the Crisis Nursery Center. He is not riding, but collecting money. There are about 700 riders and we should go up to 1100. Last year, we gave a check for \$115,000 to the Crisis Nursery Center. The Crisis Nursery is an organization for mothers who need to place their children overnight or for the day for interviews, appointments, etc. There is one in the south area and one in Carmichael.

IX.B. President Lefkovitz reported she attended the CCBE conference. She went to a session on mental health. One of the statistics mentioned was that suicide is the second leading cause of death in kids ages 10-24. One suicide is committed every two

hours. The other session was on differentiated assistance. It was from the County of San Diego. They look at differentiated assistance through an equity lens. She picked up some materials she will share. They are having an equity conference in January 2020. She thought it might be interesting to attend. We had a meeting about our scholarship fund for students. We did some brainstorming about criteria for students, who will be on the advisory board: two Board members from SCOE, one retired judge who is not retired, 1 past SCOE Board member, and Superintendent Gordon. We need a name for the advisory board and suggested sending your suggestions to Superintendent Gordon. Hoping to come back with some firm recommendations in about six weeks or so. See if you can guess who this quote is from. Her quote tonight is "The more you read, the more things you will know, the more you learn, the more places you will go." The quote is by Dr. Seuss.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the September/October Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the September/October Site Visits item.

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XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ahola 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: October 15, 2019