

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2019

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 Budgets
 1. \$12,000 California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Arts Initiative grant from CCSESA for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
 - D. Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget Revision No. 4
 - E. Approval of the 2018-2019 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report
 - F. Board Report – SCOE's System of Supporting Districts
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. October/November Events
 - B. October/November Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. October 12, 2019 – Board/Superintendent Retreat (Saturday)
 - B. October 15, 2019 – Countywide Student Performance Results and District Assistance Strategies
 - XII. Adjournment
-

I. President Lefkovitz called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Coleen Johnson, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; 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. Three students from El Camino High School: seniors Jillian Campbell, Patricia Gilbert, and Marcus Fredrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. No Approval of Minutes

IV. Ms. Talamantes moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Brown 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. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Our Family and Community Engagement Workshop on September 25 was another great and well attended event. We explored how educators can break cultural barriers and engage families of English learners to build a bridge between the home and cultures. Thanks to Curriculum Specialist Graciela García-Torres for leading the workshop. On November 1, 2019, we will host our next FACE Summit featuring author, speaker, and family engagement expert Dr. Steve Constantino. Following the Summit, our next workshop will explore family engagement frameworks that provide evidence-based, family engagement strategies. We are working to schedule this for November and hope you can attend. For more information, please contact Carla Miller.
- Thanks to everyone who attended tonight's reception for SCOE's 11th Annual Employee Art Show. Hope you'll get to enjoy the exhibit and see the creative side of some of our employees. The art will be on display through October, weekdays during office hours.
- Reminded everyone that tomorrow night, the Sacramento County School Boards Association will meet 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 Community of Practice. The event is from 9:00 a.m. – 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.

VIII.A. Mr. Keefer moved and Mr. Fong 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: Marsella Marie Prater from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Unique Gasaway, Rogelio Guzman, Vanessa Mendoza, Amen-Ra Riddick-Drew, Wendi Sanchez-Vasquez, Nicholas Baffa Stotts, and Alicia Kalia Vang from Gerber Jr./Sr. High School; and Michael Henry Brown, Yesenia Marcella Gonzales, Emma Olivia Medina, Asia Robinson, and Christian Chimeng Yang from North Area Community School.

VIII.B. Ms. Davis 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. Ahola, 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. \$12,000 California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Arts Initiative grant from CCSESA for the 2019-2020 fiscal year

Ms. Ahola requested a report to the Board at the culmination of the Arts grant.

Superintendent Gordon stated he is happy to provide a presentation and we are fortunate to have a lot of support from the Sacramento City Government; there will be an event next week with Mayor Steinberg, led by Dr. Steve Winlock. He and his team

are trying hard to raise funds to assist our districts and maintain their arts lead personnel. It has been a great community effort and happy to share it with you.

VIII.D. Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget Revision No. 4

Ms. Davis, Chair of Budget Committee, stated that she would like the Board to consider items VIII.D. and VIII.E. together, as the data from both reports is derived from the same place.

Ms. Davis moved to approve item VIII.D. – 2018-2019 Budget Revision No. 4 and item VIII.E. – 2018-2019 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report. Ms. Ahola seconded the motion which carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.E. Approval of the 2018-2019 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report – see motion above.

VIII.F. Dr. Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Director Shela Seaton, who provided a report on SCOE's System of Supporting Districts to the Board. Superintendent William Spalding of the Galt Joint Union High School District and Assistant Superintendent Curtis Wilson of Folsom Cordova Unified School District provided testimony of their successes as a result of their support from SCOE.

IX.A. Mr. Brown reported that he had attended a memorial service for William Lee. Mr. Lee was the founder of the Sacramento Observer. The service was very well attended by the Mayor of Sacramento, several members of the City Council, and quite a few community leaders. Mr. Lee grew up in Sacramento and at 26 years old started the Sacramento Observer along with two other people, who eventually left. He kept the paper going and his son is currently running the paper. Mr. Brown went to Monterey last week for a Hall of Fame dinner that allows kids to learn how to play golf for \$5 in 34 states and Canada.

Ms. Talamantes reported she is learning how to play golf. She is looking forward to the Resource Fair on Friday. She enjoyed explaining to the students the role of SCOE and how we provide support services to 13 school districts.

Mr. Keefer reported he will be attending the SEL event on Thursday and the SCBC Resource Fair on Friday. He commended fellow Board members for supporting our at-risk students. Heritage Peak Charter School has a graduate, Cameron Champ that just won the Safeway Open, who is a local pro. By the way, Heritage Peak does not have a golf team.

Mr. Fong mentioned William Lee and the Observer. About 20 years ago, he and a group of people approached Mr. Lee about putting an Asian American insert in his paper, and Mr. Lee was in favor of the idea. Unfortunately, we couldn't come up with enough ads to support the insert. He appreciated Mr. Lee's commitment.

Ms. Davis mentioned that her daughter left for college this week. She and Bina have been participating in LINKS mentoring the past couple of weeks. It's an emotional roller coaster, but definitely worth the ride.

Ms. Ahola reported that she intends to attend the Resource Fair on Friday to Dr. Perry.

Mr. Brown added that he was at Cameron Champ's foundation golf tournament last Monday. RSM donated \$300,000 to the foundation; the chairman of the board from Chevron was there. They are trying to make things easier for kids to learn how to play golf in the Sacramento area.

IX.B. President Lefkovitz appreciated staff for the Art Show. She wished a belated happy birthday to our Superintendent. Everyone sang happy birthday to Superintendent Gordon. Regional Transit (RT) has created free rides for our students. She distributed a flyer to the Board. They had a kickoff event today. This is for every young person who is enrolled in the K-12 system, charter schools, and private schools throughout the county. She hopes this will help our students with their school attendance. RT will be interested in hearing where the challenges are for the students. She received a great compliment from city staff that Dr. Perry had been very helpful with getting the word out to the school districts.

Dr. Perry replied that all the SCOE students have their RT passes and the topic of this year's Academic Bowl is transportation.

President Lefkovitz mentioned that mental health and student wellness is one of our priorities, there is a group in town funded by Sutter Health called City Rise; they have just released a proposal request for young people to submit solutions to the mental health problems in our county. They will select the top five best solutions and fund them up to \$10,000 per student team that submits an idea that can be implemented. She will send Carla the notice and would like the Board to send out the information.

President Lefkovitz reminded the Board that the Retreat is coming up. At the suggestion of one of our Board Members, we will be doing a pre-assessment which is the yellow paper. Please fill it out and return it to Carla. This will help us inform our discussion. She thanked the Executive Committee for helping with developing the agenda. If there are any concerns or comments about it, please let Superintendent Gordon know. We can make sure this agenda is on target with everyone, but thinks we are addressing people's issues. There will be some team building and a discussion on strategic priorities – things we want to make sure our expectations are clear about what we are hoping from them. It should be a great morning and looking forward to see everyone there.

President Lefkovitz and Mr. Brown announced that the Board is establishing a scholarship fund and if there are any suggestions for the name of the fund, please send them to Superintendent Gordon. There will be a report towards the end of the year regarding structure, name, etc. so this can launch by the end of the year.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

- X.A. There was no distribution of the October/November Events item.
- X.B. There was no distribution of the October/November Site Visits item.
- XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:
 - A. October 12, 2019 – Board/Superintendent Retreat (Saturday)
 - B. October 15, 2019 – Countywide Student Performance Results and District Assistance Strategies

President Lefkovitz read her quote, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” Quote is by Nelson Mandela.

XII. Ms. Talamantes moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of William Lee. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: November 12, 2019