

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 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 July 13, 2021  
Approval of the Minutes of the Board/Superintendent Retreat of July 24, 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 September 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. Donation to the Sly Park Environmental Education Center
    4. Declaration of Portable Building as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code
  - 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. \$257,700 WorkAbility I grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
    2. \$115,674 Early Head Start – COVID grant from the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years and Adoption of Resolution No. 21-09
    3. \$250,000 California Partnership Academies grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
    4. \$130,000 K-12 Strong Workforce Program – Pathway Coordinator grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
  - D. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 21-10 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education code Section 60119 (Juvenile Court Schools)
  - E. First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8222 (Renumbered 9222) – Orientation of New Board Member
  - F. First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8260 (Renumbered 9260) – Board Compensation
  - G. Update SCOE's Vision, Mission, and Goals
- IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

- A. Board Members
  - B. Board President
  - C. Committees
  - X. Items for Distribution
    - A. August/September Events
    - B. August/September Site Visits
  - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
    - A. September 14, 2021
    - B. September 28, 2021
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. 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, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Samantha Ramsey, Associate General Counsel; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Shanine Coats, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Monica Eisel, Facilitator, other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant. Trustees Ahola and Fong were absent.

Other staff present via teleconference were 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; and Tim Herrera, Director.

II. Ms. Lefkovitz 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 July 13, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong), 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Brown, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Retreat of July 24, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong), 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

- Ms. Lefkovitz – yes
- Mr. Keefer – yes
- Mr. Fong – absent

Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent  
Ms. Talamantes – yes

IV. Ms. Lefkovitz moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. There were no requests for presentations from the General Public.

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

VII.A. Lin Baerresen and Suzanne Shehadeh, Para-Educators, Special Education Department, were recognized and honored as the classified employees of the month for September.

Allen Walsh, Teacher, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for September.

Superintendent Gordon introduced Jackie White, the new Assistant Superintendent of Court & Community Schools & CTE, and Shanine Coats, Director of Strategic Initiatives.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

#### LOCAL DISTRICT UPDATES

- Arcohe: School starts August 16.
- Center: School started August 4; some increase in COVID cases. Contact tracing is a challenge. Most cases are from household transmission.
- Elk Grove: 18 school sites in session, other 67 sites start August 12. As of August 6, there have been 77 cases, mostly household transmission among 15,000 students.
- Elverta: School starts August 11.
- Folsom Cordova: School starts August 11; enrollment is increasing in Independent Study; limiting non-essential people on campus; using seating charts; not enough bus drivers.

- Galt Elementary: School starts August 19.
- Galt High: School starts August 9; no volunteers allowed on campus; no back-to-school nights scheduled.
- Natomas: School starts August 12.
- River Delta: School starts August 11; transportation is at 30% capacity; 26 students enrolled in Independent Study.
- Robla: School starts August 23; summer programs ended last week.
- Sacramento City: Two charter sites started August 9; other sites start Sept. 2.
- San Juan: School starts August 12 – 250 students enrolled in home study; 200 + enrolled in Independent Study. District has approx. 42,000 students.
- Twin Rivers: School starts August 17; 150 students enrolled in Independent Study (K-12); transportation is a challenge, and shortage of Classified staff.

#### COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- The community school base program will open at E.L. Hickey and Nathaniel S. Colley Sr. High School on August 12. The base program will return to North Area Community School when SCOE has enough new student referrals from Twin Rivers and Center Unified School Districts. Our staff is very excited to start a new school year with students on campus and a group choosing to study via Independent Study (using our daily engagement distance learning protocols).

#### SENIOR EXTENSION

- Senior Extension is opening at all five sites: North Area, E.L. Hickey, Cordova Lane, Nathaniel S. Colley, and Estrellita High School in Galt. Folsom Cordova USD has prepared an additional classroom for the program at the wonderful Cordova Lane site.

#### EL CENTRO

- El Centro is offering in-person instruction in all classrooms to all students. The library is open and staffed by our SCOE Teacher Librarian. Culinary and Construction are operating at capacity. The early college program is running with high school students and graduates. The Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA), students who would have been served by Dept. of Juvenile Justice in the past, are integrated throughout the above-mentioned offerings.

#### SUMMER INNOVATION HUBS

- SCOE provided five weeks of community support in our Summer Education Innovation Centers which ended on July 30. During the five weeks, over 175 students in three schools in Sac City, San Juan, and Twin Rivers were served. Students received breakfast and lunch daily and were sent home with weekend meals. Health Professionals were on site or on call in each district. 15 local CBOs provided outdoor

science, athletics, theatre, music, dance, entrepreneurship, and STEM activities. 15 Peer mentors met with students daily. Students in need of additional services were connected to mental health supports.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

- Aug. 4: Spinelli and WC Riles programs started.
- Aug. 9: Galt High and all preschool programs start.
- Aug 12: George Washington Carver, CSUS, Prairie Elementary, Sunrise, Rutter, Sheldon, Smedberg, Monterey Trails, Jessie Baker, and Markofer programs start.
- Aug. 17: Palmiter, Dry Creek, Rio Linda Prep, and Rio Linda High programs start.
- Aug. 19: Greer and McCaffrey programs start.
- The vast majority of students are opting for in-person instruction, we do have some families exploring the Independent Study option through SCOE. For students opting for Independent Study, teachers will use Zoom during their regular instructional day to educate the students on Independent Study.

#### STATE and FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

- The SCOE team is gathering input from stakeholders to develop actions and budget plan for the ESSER III federal funds. The plan is due to the California Department of Education by October 29, 2021. We will provide an overview of the plan at an upcoming Board meeting. This overview will include a graphic of the various state and federal funding sources, along with potential strategies and metrics to measure impact. The ESSER III plan will be on the Board agenda for approval at the October 19 Board meeting.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

- Congratulated our Sacramento County Teachers of the Year for 2022. Mandy Garner is an agriculture teacher at Liberty Ranch High School in the Galt Joint Union High School District. Yvonne Thornton teaches chemistry, math, and study skills at Cordova High School in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. We made the announcement during a Zoom event on June 28. Thanks to President Talamantes who announced the winners. The Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium is producing a TV program and we will provide you with the YouTube link when it is available. The two winning teachers are now eligible to compete in the California Teachers of the Year program.

#### VIRTUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

- Due to the COVID-19 situation, we are not hosting an in-person Employee Recognition Day event. However, our Communications team has produced an Employee Recognition program, which will premiere tomorrow – August 11 - on the SCOE YouTube channel.

You should have the link from a previous BC. Please contact Tim Herrera if you need that link. If you are unable to watch the streaming tomorrow, the program will be posted on the SCOE YouTube page, and we will provide that link for you.

VIII.A. Ms. Lefkovitz 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 Schools Students
3. Accepted donation to the Sly Park Environmental Education Center
4. Declared Portable Building as Surplus Property and Authorized Staff to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code

Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: four candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Aram Mondragon-Hernandez from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; and Elyse McGhee from Natomas PROMISE Program.

VIII.B. Mr. Keefer moved and Ms. Lefkovitz seconded approval of the contracts. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Davis, 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. \$257,700 WorkAbility I grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
2. \$115,674 Early Head Start – COVID grant from the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years and Adoption of Resolution No. 21-09
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Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – absent  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – absent  
Ms. Talamantes – yes

VIII.D. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 21-10 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Juvenile Court Schools)

President Talamantes opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

There were no public comments.

President Talamantes closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Ms. Lefkovitz moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-10 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Juvenile Court Schools). Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.E. President Talamantes announced this is the First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8222 (Renumbered 9222) – Orientation of New Board Member.

Policy Committee Chair Paul Keefer recommended that the revisions to Board Bylaw 8222 (Renumbered 9222) – Orientation of New Board Member move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting.

VIII.F. President Talamantes announced this is the First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8260 (Renumbered 9260) – Board Compensation.

Policy Committee Chair Keefer recommended that the revisions to Board Bylaw 8260 (Renumbered 9260) – Board Compensation move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting, with a minor change to the language to provide clarity to the intent.

VIII.G. Update SCOE's Vision, Mission, and Goals

President Talamantes stated that the SCOE's Vision, Mission, and Goals Update is an informational item. No Board action is required.

Superintendent Gordon commented on this item and introduced the facilitator, Monica Eisel.

Ms. Eisel provided an overview of the process for reviewing the proposed draft mission and goals statement, explained why this update is taking place, and provided a definition of vision, mission, goals, and value statements. A discussion followed amongst Board members and the facilitator.

Ms. Eisel explained that the next steps include working with Deputy Superintendent Herota and Superintendent Gordon to review and incorporate the feedback received from the Board.

IX.A. Ms. Ahola was absent.

Mr. Brown – no report.

Ms. Davis – no report.

Mr. Fong was absent.

Mr. Keefer – no report.

Ms. Lefkowitz – no report.

IX.B. President Talamantes – no report.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.



- X.A. There was no distribution of the August/September Events item.
- X.B. There was no distribution of the August/September Site Visits item.
- XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
  - A. September 14, 2021
  - B. September 28, 2021

Superintendent Gordon stated that the County Committee meeting for the Elk Grove USD has been scheduled for September 9 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

The Colley dedication planned for September 30 is being rescheduled due to the COVID restrictions. A new date will be selected when conditions permit.

XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lefkovitz seconded the motion, which 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: September 14, 2021