

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2020

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 September 1, 2020
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 15, 2020
Approval of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of October 6, 2020
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Official Correspondence
- VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Recognition of the November 2020 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. Accept Donations to College and Career Readiness Department, Culinary Arts Café, and Technology Services
 - 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. \$9,857,843 Project Cal-Hope Student Support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
 2. \$600,000 Statewide Special Education Workgroups: Individualized Education Program (IEP) Template Workgroup and Alternate Pathways to a High School Diploma Workgroup from the California Department of Education – State General Fund for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years
 - D. Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget Revision No. 4
 - E. Approval of the 2019-2020 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report
 - F. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-11 – Authorization to Apply for California State Non-profit Security Grant Program Funds
 - G. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 20-12 – Establishing the 2020-2021 Appropriations Limit
 - H. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-13 – Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member
 - I. Informational Item: 2020-2021 Annual Report: Summary of District & School Support (LCAP and Differentiated Assistance)
 - J. Board Report – Senior Extension – A Pathway to Success
- 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. November 17, 2020
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Ahola called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. via teleconference call in Sacramento, California. Board members present were Joanne Ahola, Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

II. Ms. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Gordon announced that the Board would meet in Closed Session under Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) regarding pending litigation of the Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-209-80003194. The Board provided public notice that the Board will meet in Closed Session for this purpose.

President Ahola recessed Open Session at 5:39 p.m.

Closed Session convened at 5:40 p.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:38 p.m.

President Ahola announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

Other staff present via teleconference were Tamara Sanchez and Nick Schweizer, Associate Superintendents; Brent Malicote, Assistant Superintendent; Coleen Johnson, Chief Administrator; Michael Kast, Executive Director; Kristin Wright, Executive Director; Channa Cook-Harvey, Executive Director; Rachel Perry, Executive Director; Tim Herrera, Director, and (present in-person) Craig Bradford, Principal.

III. On a motion by Mr. Keefer and seconded by Ms. Talamantes, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2020 were approved. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes

Mr. Keefer – yes

Mr. Fong – absent at this time

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

On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Brown, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2020 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Keefer) based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

On a motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Talamantes, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of October 6, 2020 were approved. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

IV. Mr. Fong moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. Tim Herrera read one Public Comment regarding San Juan Unified School District's election method from the following individual: Scott Rafferty.

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

VII.A. Corrina Beatty, School Secretary, El Centro Jr./Sr. High School, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for November.

Patricia Millings, Teacher, Senior Extension, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for November.

Superintendent Gordon provided an update on reopening plans in our local districts, distance learning in SCOE schools and programs, and reported on the following:

COVID YOUTH RESPONSE BOARD (CYRB)

- SCOE will work in partnership with the Sacramento Youth Development Network to implement and support the COVID Youth Response Board initiative to support mental health and wellness and positive school climate in our district schools. Thanks to Intel for the grant that supports this work. One example includes a project to provide Mental Health and Wellness mini grants for high school student leaders in Sacramento County Schools.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL VIRTUAL GRADUATION

- This Thursday – October 22 – we will be hosting a virtual Fall Community School Graduation on our SCOE YouTube channel at noon. You should have the link to join us “live.” We also will send you a link after the ceremony so you can watch it at your leisure.

SLY PARK REMOTE CLASSES

- We are very proud of the innovative work by our Sly Park team that is now offering a new service to beam up-to-date science lessons from Sly Park straight to classrooms. We are actively promoting this service with our districts, and our mission is to engage students, support science instruction, and teach the importance of their role as stewards of the environment.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE/CLUB LIVE TRAININGS

- To support student/teacher engagement, our Prevention & Early Intervention Department has been training more Friday Night Live and Club Live faculty and student advisors for the fall. Through virtual workshops, our PEI team has been training nearly 50 middle and high school teachers and more than 90 student leaders.

PALMITER MOCK ELECTION

- We are proud of students at our Palmiter Campus for voting in this year’s statewide High School Mock Election. The state provided lesson plans to engage students and share as part of their Mock Election activities. AND they also got the very popular “I VOTED” stickers.

Thanks to Principal Lauren Roth and our Palmiter staff for delivering materials to students' homes so they could participate.

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED FIBER INSTALLATION UPDATE

- SCOE's architect has completed the engineering plans for the fiber installation between Mokelumne High School and Bates Elementary in River Delta. We will select a qualified contractor with the highest consideration being given to the one who can complete the work as soon as possible. The K-12 High Speed Network plans to install the high-speed connection at Mokelumne High in November.

USA LEARNS NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

- In collaboration with the Health Workforce Initiative, our award-winning USA Learns website is now offering an online course called "Skills for the Nursing Assistant." The course is for adults studying for careers in healthcare and it teaches language and academic skills that help students better communicate with patients and co-workers. Great work by our Internet & Media Services Team!

LEARN AT LUNCH/OCTOBER

- We are excited about continuing our Learn at Lunch series. Last month's session on our "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" was virtual and with over 70 attendees, it was our highest attended ever. Our next session is Wednesday, October 21 from Noon-1 p.m. the topic is "Interactive Tips for Virtual Meetings: Be an Awesome Zoom Host" and will be led by David Chun, Director, K-12 Mathematics. Please contact Tim Herrera for details.

UC DAVIS TEACHER ED PROGRAM

- This is an update on the recent proposal by UC Davis to suspend admissions to its Teacher Education program. The university has announced that following feedback from faculty, staff, and community input and they will not be closing down their program for a year.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT MEETING

- On Thursday, Superintendent Gordon will be participating in the Mental Health Services Oversight Accountability and Commission teleconference meeting. He serves as Chair of the Schools and Mental Health Subcommittee. The Commission will consider adopting "Every Young Heart and Mind: Schools as Centers of Wellness," the Commission's report and recommendations on enhancing school mental health programs. The Schools and Mental Health Project began

in 2016 to explore how school settings can be better used to meet the mental health and wellness needs of children, youth, and families.

Superintendent Gordon answered questions regarding his report and completed his report by stating he joined the Board of Supervisors virtual meeting today to address the health and safety precautions that the districts are taking in response to COVID. While there, he expressed his appreciation for the ongoing and tremendous support from Dr. Beilenson and Dr. Kasirye during the pandemic.

VIII.A. Mr. Keefer moved, and Mr. Fong seconded adoption of the consent agenda. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court and Community School Students
3. Accepted donations to College and Career Readiness Department, Culinary Arts Café, and Technology Services

Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: José Antonio Camacho Esquivel, Dylan Zinslen Milburn, and Natali Alvarez from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; Trevor Joseph Aragon from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; 2 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Patrick Rayford from Gerber Senior Extension; and Angel Divine Cardenas, John Carter, Daniel Zore Vaughn Navarro, and Estefany Josefina Vasquez from North Area Senior Extension.

Michael Kast, Executive Director, announced that the following student will be awarded a diploma: Cameron Lewis from Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School.

VIII.B. Ms. Davis moved, and Ms. Lefkovitz seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Mr. Brown – yes
Ms. Ahola – yes

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Lefkovitz, seconded by Mr. Brown, 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. \$9,857,843 Project Cal-Hope Student Support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
2. \$600,000 Statewide Special Education Workgroups: Individualized Education Program (IEP) Template Workgroup and Alternate Pathways to a High School Diploma Workgroup from the California Department of Education – State General Fund for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years

Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.D. Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget Revision No. 4

Ms. Sanchez provided an explanation and summary of the changes in Budget Revision No. 4 and the 2019-2020 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report, explaining that due to COVID this year there have been many unexpected changes. She also answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Keefer moved, and Mr. Fong seconded the motion to approve item VIII.D. – 2019-2020 Budget Revision No. 4 and item VIII.E. – 2019-2020 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.E. Approval of the 2019-2020 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report – see motion above.

VIII.F. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-11 – Authorization to Apply for California State Non-profit Security Grant Program Funds

Mr. Jones provided an overview of this funding opportunity for active shooter training and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Brown moved, and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-11 – Authorization to Apply for California State Non-profit Security Grant Program Funds. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.G. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 20-12 – Establishing the 2020-2021 Appropriations Limit

President Ahola opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

No one came forward.

President Ahola closed the Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Fong seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-12 – Establishing the 2020-2021 Appropriations Limit. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.H. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-13 – Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member

Ms. Stinson explained Ed Code 1090 provides for absent Board members to be paid for services provided if Board member is absent due to illness, Board business, or other exigent circumstances, such as family emergency.

Mr. Fong moved, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-13 – Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member Keefer. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Keefer) based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.I. An informational item on the 2020-2021 Annual Report: Summary of District & School Support (LCAP and Differentiated Assistance) was provided in the Board packet.

Dr. Cook-Harvey presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

VIII.J. Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Craig Bradford, Principal, who provided a report on the Senior Extension – A Pathway to Success to the Board.

IX.A. Mr. Brown – no report.

Ms. Davis expressed her gratitude for the information received tonight, especially the opportunity to learn more about the Senior Extension program.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Mr. Keefer stated that he is more interested in SCOE schools data than district data in regards to COVID related news. He is more concerned about the programs that we can control.

Ms. Lefkovitz commented that it was nice to see everyone.

Ms. Talamantes appreciated the student testimonials during the Senior Extension presentation and was thankful to learn about the program.

IX.B. President Ahola had the opportunity to do some socially distanced volunteer work with her family for the Active 20/30 Club Children’s Shopping Spree and looks forward to doing it again when students can be present. She also reported that she has engaged in 12 hours of management training through an equity and inclusion lens. This training has equipped her with tools that will help her approach decisions while considering how all groups of people will be impacted, particularly those that are marginalized. She looks forward to digging in to more of that work with SCOE.

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. November 17, 2020

XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes

Mr. Keefer – yes

Mr. Fong – yes

Ms. Davis – yes

Mr. Brown – yes

Ms. Ahola – yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: November 17, 2020