

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2020

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
 - A. Recognition of the March 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
 - B. No 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. \$1,340,845 K-12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP) grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
 - D. Adopt Resolution No. 20-03 – Establishing Student Scholarship and Loan Fund
 - E. California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election Ballot
 - F. Board Report – Governor's Budget
 - G. Board Report – Update on Current Legislation
 - H. Board Report – SCOE Local Accountability System for Court and Community Schools
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. February/March Events
 - B. February/March Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. March 10, 2020 – Study Session on Charter Schools
 - B. March 17, 2020 – Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
 - XII. Adjournment
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- I. President Lefkovitz called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Lefkowitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Tammy Sanchez, Associate Superintendent; Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent; Coleen Johnson, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Rachel Perry, Executive Director of C-SAPA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison.

II. Mr. Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. No Approval of Minutes

IV. Ms. Talamantes moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Ahola 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. Laura Villanueva-Howes, Speech, Language, Pathology Assistant, Special Education Programs, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for March.

Krista Solway, Language, Speech, and Hearing Therapist, Special Education Programs, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for March.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Congratulated Cari Wernicke who today was named SCOE's Classified Employee of the Year for 2020. Cari is a transition specialist at El Centro Jr./Sr. High School and has been a SCOE employee since September 2014. Cari will now participate in the Sacramento County Classified Employees of the Year interviews on March 6. Good luck, Cari! Thanks to everyone who attended our reception earlier this evening.
- Congratulated Eden (*GEETA-hoon*) Getahun from C.K. McClatchy High School for winning the 2020 Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud competition. She took first place during the finals on February 6. Amorri Lee from John F. Kennedy High School is the runner-up. Eden will represent Sacramento County in the State Finals, March 15-16, in Sacramento.

- Thanked everyone who joined us on February 14 for SCOE’s 13th annual Heart and Soul Soup Luncheon. There was no cost, but contributions were accepted on behalf of SCOE’s Homeless Youth Services program. The event raised nearly \$375. Thanks to everyone who attended and donated, including Board Vice President Keefer.
- Invited everyone to the 2020 Student Art Show and Reception from 1:00-2:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, here at the Meaney Center. See the art and meet some of the student artists who contributed to our annual SCOE calendar. Some treats for the event are being prepared by students participating in our culinary program at El Centro. All student art will remain on display through mid-April.
- On February 27, we will host the Moot Court Final Round and Awards Ceremony, at the 3rd District Court of Appeal, 914 Capitol Mall downtown. The finals begin at 5:45 p.m.
- On March 2, we will host the 2020 Mock Trial Final Round at the US District Court at 501 “I” Street, Sacramento. The finals begin at 4:45 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Library Galleria, 828 “I” Street, beginning at 8:00 p.m.
- Reminded everyone that on February 28, we have another Community School Graduation. Many of the graduates are from our Senior Extension Program. The ceremony will be at the SCOE Conference Center beginning at 12:00 noon.
- Announced that because Bella Vista and Mira Loma High Schools scored high enough in the 2020 Sacramento County Academic Decathlon, both have been invited to the state finals. They will join this year’s champs, Folsom High School in the California Academic Decathlon, which will be held March 27–30 in Sacramento. California’s winning team advances to the U.S. Academic Decathlon, April 30–May 2 in Anchorage, Alaska.

VIII.A. Ms. Davis moved and Ms. Talamantes 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: Archie Richard from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Gadia Epps from Gerber Jr./Sr. High School; and Eddie Lee Cain from North Area Community School.

VIII.B. No Approval of Contracts

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Ahola, seconded by Mr. Fong, 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. \$1,340,845 K-12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP) grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office for the 2020-2021 fiscal year

VIII.D. Mr. Keefer moved and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-03 – Establishing Student Scholarship and Loan Fund. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.E. Ms. Ahola moved and Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion to approve California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election Ballot. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.F. Tammy Sanchez, Associate Superintendent, provided a report on the Governor's Budget to the Board.

VIII.G. Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, provided an Update on Current Legislation to the Board.

VIII.H. Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, provided a report on SCOE Local Accountability System for Court and Community Schools to the Board.

IX.A. Mr. Brown – no report.

Ms. Talamantes shared when she was a 10th grader in high school, she used to hang with the at-risk students. She applied for the youth employment program, through Glen County Health and Human Services with school districts. She was denied her first application, as she was doing well in school. She tried again, and they accepted her. She knows a lot of those students appreciated the space there. The caseworker there kept it real; whooped us all into shape. She was there because she wanted to be there. It was a truly a memorable experience and as Dr. Perry was speaking about his programs, it reminded her of her 10th grade year. Thank you for everything you do.

Mr. Keefer mentioned that Stanford University's Philosophy Department talks about Aristotle's reference to intellectual virtues, which are divided into two sorts: those that pertain to theoretical reasoning and those that pertain to practical thinking. When we think about the state budget, he encourages his colleagues to think about both sides and compare us to what we could be and what we are.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Ms. Davis shared that she was able to attend the Personnel Commission Meeting today and they are moving forward. There are some exciting new positions.

Ms. Ahola – no report.

IX.B. President Lefkowitz reminded everyone that it is Black history month. She had a chance to attend the National Action Network conference. It was cohosted by Dr. Fortune and her team. There was a panel of five top performing African American schools. She thanked Dr. Perry and Dr. Herota for being there. It was very interesting and inspiring to see people closing the achievement gap for African American students. She chose a quote by Rosa Parks because it speaks about what we need to do as leaders, particular when we are faced with hard decisions. Her quote is, “You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.”

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the February/March Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the February/March Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

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XII. Ms. Talamantes moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of SCOE employee Yami Gaitan and SCOE retiree Monica Hodges; Ms. Ahola seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 (ayes). The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: March 17, 2020