

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2018

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of September 25, 2018
- 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 2018 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Special Education, Court, and Community School Students
 3. Accept Donations to Project TEACH
 4. Notice of Intent to Dispose of Surplus or Undistributed Obsolete Instructional Materials
 - 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 Budgets
 1. \$12,000 California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Arts Initiative grant from CCSESA for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
 2. \$180,000 Preschools SHINE (Shaping Healthy Impressions through Nutrition and Exercise) grant from the California Department of Education/Nutrition Services Division for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
 3. \$450,000 Geographic Lead Agency System within California's Statewide System of Support grant from the California Department of Education for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
 - D. Appointment of Board Representative to the Personnel Commission
 - E. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 18-10 – Establishing the 2018-2019 Appropriations Limit
 - F. Public Hearing to Evaluate California Department of Education School Site Selection Standards and Adoption of Resolution No. 18-11 – Approving Suitability and Acquisition of Real Property for the Proposed New Community School Property
 - G. Board Report – History-Social Science/Civics Education
- 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 13, 2018 – Fortune School of Education Countywide Charter School Annual Report and Report on Assessments
 - B. December 11, 2018 – Adult Re-Entry
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. Acting President Ahola called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Joanna Ahola, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Paul Keefer, and Bina Lefkowitz. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Nancy Herota, Matt Perry, and Tammy Sanchez, Assistant Superintendents; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Rachel Perry, Director of C-SAPA; John Liddicoat, SCOETA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary. Trustees Brown and Talamantes were absent.

II. Mr. Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Ms. Lefkowitz, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of September 25, 2018 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes).

IV. Mr. Keefer moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes).

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. Heather McTighe, Transition Specialist, Community Schools, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for November.

Cynthia Tanaka, Counselor, Community Schools, was not available to receive her award for certificated employee of the month for November.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- The Sacramento County School Boards Association meeting on October 3 was a great success. He thanked our very entertaining guest speaker Greg Lucas, the California State Librarian. Thanks also to Culinary Arts instructor Chef Steve Hazelton and his Palmiter students for providing a wonderful dinner. He thanked Board President Brown and Trustees Talamantes, Davis, Lefkowitz, and Keefer for attending.
- On October 10, he had the opportunity to visit Sly Park with Trustees Talamantes and Keefer. It was a great chance to tour the facility and meet new Sly Park Director Brett Nelson who appears to be doing a terrific job.
- The annual Project SAVE Golf Tournament will be held October 22, 2018 at the Empire Ranch Golf Club in Folsom. The event starts at 8:30 a.m. The tournament is the primary fundraiser for this very successful countywide violence prevention program. Anyone interested in participating should contact Project Specialist Cindy Kennedy.
- Invited everyone to join us on October 26, 2018 for the second annual SCOE Golden Spoon Bake-Off, sponsored by our Employee Events Team. It will be held in the Staff Lunchroom from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to our Culinary Arts program.
- We hope you can join us on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, when we will have our Culinary Café Grand Opening for this year at the Palmiter campus. Lunch will be served beginning at noon.
- Invited everyone to join us on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, when we honor clients who have found success in our Yolo Day Reporting Center program. The event is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Woodland Community and Senior Center on East Street. It is always an inspiring event where we celebrate the achievements of men and women working to transition back into their communities.
- Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 9, 2018, when we host a graduation for our Community School students at the Sierra Health Foundation from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- On Friday, November 16, 2018, the team at North Area Community School will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway. Transition Specialist Vickie Foston-Odabashian is coordinating the project by going to area businesses seeking donations to provide North Area families with a nice holiday dinner.
- Reminded everyone that all SCOE offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018, in recognition of Veterans Day. We also will be closed November 21-23, 2018 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

VIII.A. Ms. Lefkowitz moved and Ms. Davis seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes). By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Special Education, Court, and Community School Students
3. Accepted donations to Project TEACH
4. Disposed of surplus or undistributed obsolete instructional materials

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Christopher Rabe Abar, Jr., Sammuel Arenas, Anthony Harrison, Shemari Hollaway, Cesar Omar Rizo, Janelle Sanchez, Crystian Noe Sandoval, Kimberly White, and Mason Amere Woods from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Patrick Wellons from Gerber Jr./Sr. High School; and Jesus Damien Montero Evans, Daniel Albert Drouin, and Sonia Marisol Arreguin Russo from North Area Community School.

VIII.B. No Approval of Contracts

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Fong, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes), 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 2018-2019 fiscal year
2. \$180,000 Preschools SHINE (Shaping Healthy Impressions through Nutrition and Exercise) grant from the California Department of Education/Nutrition Services Division for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
3. \$450,000 Geographic Lead Agency System within California's Statewide System of Support grant from the California Department of Education for the 2018-2019 fiscal year

VIII.D. Ms. Davis moved and Mr. Keefer seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Cathy Broyles as the Board Representative to the Personnel Commission for the December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2021 term as revised. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Fong), 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes).

Effie Crush provided background information. Ms. Broyles introduced herself to the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to serve.

VIII.E. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 18-10 – Establishing the 2018-2019 Appropriations Limit

Acting President Ahola opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m. No one came forward. Acting President Ahola closed the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m.

Mr. Fong moved and Ms. Lefkowitz seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-10 – Establishing the 2018-2019 Appropriations Limit. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes).

VIII.F. Public Hearing to Evaluate California Department of Education School Site Selection Standards and Adoption of Resolution No. 18-11 – Approving Suitability and Acquisition of Real Property for the Proposed New Community School Property

Acting President Ahola opened the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m. No one came forward. Acting President Ahola closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Tammy Sanchez provided background information.

Ms. Lefkowitz moved and Mr. Fong seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-11 – Approving Suitability and Acquisition of Real Property for the Proposed New Community School Property. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes).

VIII.G. Dr. Nancy Herota, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Director Frank Pisi, who provided a report on History-Social Science/Civics Education to the Board.

The following teachers and students shared their experiences:

Teacher Barry Roth, Encina High School
Teacher Ed Lloyd, Rio Linda Preparatory Academy
Student Marley Fortin, Rio Americano High School
Student Kennedy Echols, Cosumnes Oaks High School

The following addressed the Board:

Theresa Riviera, League of Women Voters
Lauren Wolkov, League of Women Voters
Paula Lee, League of Women Voters

IX.A. Mr. Keefer recognized Trustee Talamantes, Superintendent Gordon, and Dr. Nancy Herota for a fantastic visit to Sly Park. Turns out one of his kids attended and had fun things to say. He thinks that Brett Nelson will be a star. He thanked Dr. Perry and Dr. Rogers and the team for the North Area visit and for the great work that is happening there. They are hitting a lot of the levels and education is important. He is proud to be a part of the team. He looks forward to supporting all of you.

Ms. Lefkowitz reported she enjoyed Greg Lucas's presentation. She appreciated his comments about the importance of libraries and how libraries can be more of a resource to the schools. She had the opportunity to attend the Language Academy, which was recognized as a dual emersion school. They had two young people speak; a young woman who is English speaking by birth and a young man who is Spanish speaking by

birth; they were two leaders at the school. They talked so eloquently about the benefits of being bilingual, not only how it helps them think differently using both sides of their brain, just being better global citizens. It was really inspiring.

On a personal note, Ms. Davis reported her 7th grader is going to have his first dance. Her daughter is a senior in high school this year and she is in AP government and also has art and walking PE, because there are not a lot of classes left for her at this point. She learned of audio book options on Spotify. If you are not a reader by nature, it is something that should be shared with students. There is good literature everywhere.

Mr. Fong enjoyed the civics presentation, and would like to see a follow up. He would like to get an update on our own SCOE student advisory committee and how that is coming along. He noticed there will be follow up sessions on the charter school study session, and he's looking forward to that. He would also like to follow up with looking at best practices in both the charter schools as well as the traditional public schools and how each of those can help each other provide a great education for our kids. Looking ahead to the November 13 presentation on the Fortune charter school, he requested to see some information on the actual enrollment of kids, the applicants who applied, and whether they got into the schools. In addition, what areas of the county they are from that are attending those schools for each school site. He knows in the past they gave that information to us based on the zip codes of where they live. He thinks they currently have 5 or 6 schools. He wanted to get an idea of where the enrollment is coming from. He also asked if he could get a map of the former children's zones boundaries. Although Fortune is not using these anymore, he would still like to know whether students are coming from the lowest performing areas. He hopes Fortune still reaches out to the areas where the lowest performing kids reside, to encourage the Fortune school option and close the achievement gap for them.

Ms. Talamantes and Mr. Brown were absent.

IX.B. Acting President Ahola stated she also visited the Language Academy. It was great. She plans on attending the Culinary Arts Café grand opening and Trustees Davis and Talamantes will be joining her. She is very appreciative of the next steps from the charter schools study session, which is to have a couple of focus groups with our superintendents and charter leaders from across the county. She is not sure if trustees will be invited to attend those focus groups, but if so, she would like to attend. She is looking forward to learning what comes out of those and how it is going to influence practice for the county going forward.

Superintendent Gordon commented about the trustees attending. We will proceed however the Board would like us to do it. However, there are two concerns. Because of the Brown Act, we have to be very careful about having more than a couple of trustees, if it is not a noticed meeting. If it becomes a noticed meeting, it may not be viewed as a listening session.

Mr. Fong stated if trustees will not be there because of the Brown Act, he asked if it could be recorded so trustees could listen to it after the fact.

Acting President Ahola stated she can see that impacting the dialogue in the room. She asked if we can have the session recorded.

Superintendent Gordon replied he would have the same concerns if the sessions are recorded.

Mr. Fong asked if we could have one or two Board members attend. If the Board doesn't have a voice in listening, he finds it a bit difficult to be asked to make decisions and maybe change policies. Based on his experience from various charter people, they are not shy about saying what is helpful to them.

Superintendent Gordon stated we're trying to get suggestions on how to make the process work better rather than their positions or attitude towards charter schools, public schools, or non-charter schools. His recommendation would be the people who we have in the focus groups will be invited to attend the Board meeting where we discuss their feedback, so at that meeting, they would be welcomed to come and address the Board on anything we summarize or recommendations that we make. The Board would hear the summary of the feedback. The people would be in the audience if they chose to come.

IX.C. Acting President Ahola reported that the Policy Committee met. The Board will be receiving the First Reading of edit/revised Suspension and Expulsion policy in the future.

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 13, 2018 – Fortune School of Education Countywide Charter School Annual Report and Report on Assessments

B. December 11, 2018 – Adult Re-Entry

XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lefkowitz seconded the motion, which carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Talamantes). The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: November 13, 2018