

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 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 May 4, 2021
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Official Correspondence
- VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Operation Recognition Scholarship Essay Winner
- 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 Donation to the College and Career Readiness Department
 - 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. \$6,765,495 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Support System (CAASPP) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
 2. \$800,000 Placer County Re-Entry Program (PREP) grant from the Placer County Board of Supervisors – Procurement Office AB 109 and Re-Alignment Funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
 3. \$200,000 Reach for the Upside Initiative grant from Genentech for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years
 4. \$183,808 Preschool Development Grant – Renewal (PDG-R) from the California Department of Education/Early Learning and Care Division for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 fiscal years
 - D. Public Hearing – SCOE 2021-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
 - E. Public Hearing – 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
 - F. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-07 – Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member
 - G. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-08 – Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member
 - H. Approval of Use of Proposition 30, the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012, in Substitution of Regular Revenue Limit Apportionments
 - I. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 3200 – Grants
 - J. Fortune School of Education Countywide Charter School Renewal Resolution No. 21-06

- IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. June/July Events
 - B. June/July Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. June 22, 2021
 - B. July 13, 2021
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Ahola called the meeting to order at 5:49 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; Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

II. Ms. Talamantes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ahola announced we will now recess the meeting and the Board will convene in Closed Session, Under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), regarding Pending Litigation of Sacramento County Superior Court Case Nos. 34-2019-80003155 and 34-2019-80003194. The Board has provided public notice that the Board will meet in Closed Session for this purpose.

Recessed Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

Convened Closed Session at 5:52 p.m.

Adjourned Closed Session at 6:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:31 p.m.

The Board took no final action in Closed Session.

Other staff present via teleconference were Brent Malicote and Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendents; Michael Kast, Executive Director; Kristin Wright, Executive Director; Channa Cook-Harvey, Executive Director; Rachel Perry, Executive Director; and Tim Herrera, Director.

III. On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Mr. Keefer, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Talamantes) based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

IV. Ms. Lefkovitz 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 the Public Comments from the following:

Anonymous (in Spanish)
Magali Kincaid
Scott Rafferty
Juan Yniguez
Carolina Flores (in Spanish)

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

VII.A. Diego Jimenez (Monterey Trail High, Elk Grove USD) was introduced and honored as the Operation Recognition Scholarship Essay Winner. Diego read his essay entitled, “Why We Must Appreciate America's Veterans.”

Superintendent Gordon thanked Mr. Jimenez for his essay and introduced the CEO of the SAFE Credit Union, Dave Roughton. SAFE supports the essay contest scholarship and other SCOE activities.

Superintendent reported on the following:

SCOE VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS

- We have scheduled a series of dates for 2021-2022 to begin the important work of revising SCOE’s Vision, Mission, and Goals, which includes incorporating our focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

We will begin the process August 10 with the goal of completing the process in November.

ONGOING DEI STUDY SESSIONS AND OTHER UPDATES

- We are coordinating efforts to confirm either September 28 or October 5 for a DEI Study Session, as well as March 1, where we will continue to learn, incorporate DEI, and partner with the Board in this important work. DEI updates will also be shared at the November 16 and January 11 Board meetings. At the June 28 Leadership meeting, a 90-minute interactive session has been scheduled that focuses on enhancing staff effectiveness in the area “Creating LGBTQ and Gender Inclusive Schools for School Leaders.” Board members are invited to attend.

DEI SURVEY TO STAFF

- As part of our DEI work, we are asking SCOE staff for their input. We sent all employees an anonymous survey to help guide our internal DEI efforts over the next year. It is an ongoing effort to enhance the way we work together here at the county office to support the students and families in our community.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- 5 students graduated from the Community School Base program this year.
- All students completed three exhibitions in one year – a first.
- 90-percent of our current students chose to remain enrolled in the community school program next year (they have been with us for 1.25 years now and want to finish their diploma).
- Staff created engaging activities to celebrate AAPI culture during May and June. The onsite activities were hands-on, students engaged in cultural lessons before each activity and completed crafts and cooked food together at school. Students at home participated via DIY kits supported by Zoom.
- Summer school Session 1 started yesterday, June 7
 - One of our CARE teachers is providing summer school instruction (great job-alike training).

SENIOR EXTENSION

- 200+ students will graduate from Senior Extension (August 2020 – August 2021).
- Summer school Session 1 started yesterday, June 7
 - Two of our El Centro teachers are providing summer school instruction (great job-alike training).
- The scholarship recipients are extremely grateful for the financial support from the Resiliency Scholarship Committee.

EL CENTRO

- 27 students graduated from El Centro this school year.
- As often happens in the summer, enrollment has increased by 15 students to 95 enrolled.
- NCCT is developing a mobile welding program for El Centro and the Community School and Senior Extension programs.
- The DJJ Subcommittee continues to meet biweekly to provide input regarding support of long-term students, (formerly served by DJJ).

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

- All programs have either ended their regular school year or are winding down.
- Summer program starts soon.
 - Mod/severe programs will start June 14 and run through July 9.
 - ED program: 6/7-7/2.
 - Preschool will start June 14 and go until July 22.
- Actively working on plans for the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

SUMMER EDUCATION INNOVATION CENTERS

- To enhance learning for students preparing for the next school year, we are partnering with local districts, community-based organizations, and non-profits to provide students with opportunities to re-engage with the excitement of learning.
- The free Summer Education Innovation Centers will operate for five weeks: June 21 to July 30. They will be closed the week of July 4.
- The centers will offer a variety of integrated hands-on experiences such as arts, social emotional learning, outdoor education, physical activities, and science experiments.
- We will be operating at the following sites: F.C. Joyce PK- 8 School in Twin Rivers, Rosa Parks K-8 School in Sac City Unified, and Thomas Edison Language (K-6) Institute in San Juan Unified.
- All participating students will have peer mentors who will be hired from local High School and College programs.

POSTING BOARD POLICIES

- The Policy Committee has been working for several years to update our Board Policies and Bylaws to ensure they are compliant with legal requirements and standards of practice. We would also like to post the Board Policies and SCOE ARR's on SCOE's website.
- By law, materials posted on government websites must be accessible to individuals with disabilities. This means anyone who has a visual impairment will be able to listen to the Policies and ARR's using software called a "screen reader."
- After the launch of the new SCOE website last year, we began implementing a new online system called "BoardDocs" that will enable us to post Policies and ARR's on our website in an accessible format. We planned to train staff and launch the new system last year, but the

implementation was delayed significantly due to adjusted technology priorities necessitated by COVID.

- Our staff is now converting our Policies and ARR's from PDFs--which are not Accessible--to the new BoardDocs format--which is Accessible. This is a manual process that takes a lot of time to convert each document. Once converted, the documents are easy to maintain. Our goal is to complete this process by the end of August so we can launch the new BoardDocs system. Once launched, BoardDocs will become the new home of our Policies, ARR's, and Board agendas.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL VIRTUAL GRADUATION

- On May 26, we hosted a "virtual" graduation for 75 students graduating from our Community School and Senior Extension Programs.
- Thanks to Cassandra and Rick Jennings as serving as our keynote speakers. Casandra is President of the Greater Sacramento Urban League. Rick is a Sacramento City Council Member and CEO of the Center for Fathers and Families.
- Also, many thanks to our Community School and Senior Extension Teams for all their outstanding work in supporting our students throughout this challenging year.

PALMITER GRADUATION

- On Thursday, June 3, we hosted a virtual graduation – via Zoom – for seven students graduating from our Leo A. Palmiter High school program. It was a wonderful celebration of achievement. Thanks to Principal Lauren Roth and her team at Palmiter for all they have done throughout the year to support our students.

VACCINATION CLINICS

- When we started our COVID vaccination clinic at the SCOE Conference Center – in partnerships with Safeway – we had hoped it would be successful and we are so proud with the results.
- Through the end of May, our clinic has delivered nearly 3,800 vaccine doses to people in our local community.
- We have been successful in reaching young people by delivering a total of 334 first and second doses to eligible youth between the ages of 12 and 17.
- Our last clinic is scheduled for Thursday, June 10 and continue exploring opportunities to continue this collaboration.

SCOE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

- Pleased to tell you the San Juan Unified School District has honored us for our Family and Community Engagement efforts, our coordination team, and our ongoing support for their district. The district has presented us with a "Most Valued Partner" award, which is given to partners the district feels has gone above and beyond for families and

youth. We are grateful for the recognition from our partners at San Juan Unified.

TWIN RIVERS: EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

- Congratulations to Rhima Blenkhorn from the Twin Rivers Unified School District for being selected as the California Classified School Employee of the Year in the Food and Nutrition Services category.
- She is the café team lead at Orchard Elementary School.
- SCOE coordinates the Sacramento County Classified School Employee of the Year program locally.
- We are sending a congratulatory letter to her on behalf of SCOE and the Board.

PRIDE MONTH RECOGNITION

- Finally, reminded everyone that June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. And he wanted to say that SCOE honors the contributions and achievements of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Plus employees, students, and their families. We also want to affirm our commitment to dedicating ourselves to ensuring that our diverse citizens of Sacramento County feel safe, honored, welcome, and valued.

Ms. Lefkovitz thanked Superintendent Gordon for the rollout of dates to start the business for DEI work and looking at our strategic plan.

Mr. Keefer thanked Ms. Stinson and Superintendent Gordon for moving forward with getting our Board Policies and ARRAs on our website.

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 School Students
3. Accepted donation to the College and Career Readiness Department

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: Dominic Reese Allan, Rorie Anissa Borja-Allan, Daevon Clay, Carmella Desire Daniels, Adam Jesse Goin, Enrique Navarro, and Angel A. Robinson from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; 4 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Damian W. Boosh, Tawnie Renee Leal, Yoselin Lopez, Dayshawn McHolder, and Myra Renteria from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; Darius Bizer, Yolanda Gianna Carranza, Karina De-Orta-Garcia, Jacob G. Eaton, Nathan Halaapiapi, Shannon Corita Bautista Hall, Dominic Benjamin Hernandez, Seanna-Chris Pheloney McManus, Maleah Alisa Gabriel Meyer, Simon Peter Maximas Meza, Angie Stephanie Muneton, Karina Marie Plascencia-Zamora, Darla Jean Sapp, and David Salvador Torres-Benitez from Gerber Senior Extension; and Denise Le’Nae Arnold, Kylie Dawn Brooks, Kalie Raylene Cann, Alan Manuel Cruz Almanzon, Kevion Novell Estell, Athena Ashanti Falcon, Velda Marie Fernandez, Kemya Henderson, Lillianna Christine Hinnen, A’nya Ethel Mae Johnson, Knowledge Luera, Calvin Greg Malone, Ailani Perez, Corey Joseph Reiss, Jaden Rice, Gabriel Salinas, Donica Lena-Mae Sargent, Maninder Singh, Elijah Gregory Spain, Joseph Scott Turner, and Arryonna Sherri Zafranovich from North Area Senior Extension.

VIII.B. Ms. Lefkovitz moved and Mr. Brown seconded approval of the contracts. 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.C. On a motion by Ms. Talamantes, seconded by Ms. Davis, 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 budget as follows:

1. \$6,765,495 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Support System (CAASPP) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
2. \$800,000 Placer County Re-Entry Program (PREP) grant from the Placer County Board of Supervisors – Procurement Office AB 109 and Re-Alignment Funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
3. \$200,000 Reach for the Upside Initiative grant from Genentech for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years

4. \$183,808 Preschool Development Grant – Renewal (PDG-R) from the California Department of Education/Early Learning and Care Division for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 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. Public Hearing – SCOE 2021-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

President Ahola opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Perry/Michael Kast provided a presentation on the SCOE 2021-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan and responded to questions and comments from Trustee Lefkovitz.

President Ahola closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

VIII.E. Public Hearing – 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

President Ahola opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Chair Heather Davis of the Budget Committee provided comments regarding the budget which was discussed and reviewed in the Budget Committee Meeting on June 3, 2021.

Board members commented and asked questions about the budget, and Nick Schweizer, Associate Superintendent, responded.

President Ahola closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

VIII.F. Mr. Keefer moved, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-07 – Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member (Joanne Ahola). Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Ahola) 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 – abstain

VIII.G. Ms. Davis moved, and Mr. Keefer seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-08 – Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member (Karina Talamantes). Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Talamantes) based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.H. Ms. Lefkovitz moved, and Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion to approve Use of Proposition 30, the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012, in Substitution of Regular Revenue Limit Apportionments. 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.I. President Ahola announced this is the Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 3200 – Grants.

Chair Paul Keefer of the Policy Committee recommended the Board adopt the revisions to Board Policy 3200 – Grants. This is coming from the Policy Committee and therefore does not require a second.

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.J. Fortune School of Education Countywide Charter School Renewal Resolution No. 21-06

Mr. Herrera read two public comments from the following:

Shelly Clements
Calvin McGee II

Ms. Stinson presented this item to the Board and responded to questions and comments from Board members.

Ms. Davis and Ms. Lefkovitz expressed their support for amending the Resolution to remove the provision from the MOU regarding Fortune's outreach and recruitment.

Ms. Stinson confirmed that the Board can continue to ask for information regarding the recruiting process or other items of interest.

Mr. Fong would like more detailed information about the outreach.

President Ahola commented that reports show that Fortune has met the requirements of the law. She is also in agreeance that this statement be removed from the MOU.

Ms. Talamantes said her only concern was the interview process and inquired if she could make a request that the interviews happen after admission to relieve the stress on the potential students.

President Ahola suggested that Karina might find it helpful to speak directly with Ms. Fortune.

Ms. Davis agreed that the interview process is useful to help students and families have the best understanding of Fortune.

After more discussion around this topic, President Ahola commented that at this point the petition has been approved as it stands, and this item is regarding the resolution to remove specific language that is already in the petition and that the school is abiding by.

Mr. Fong moved to table this until we get the MOU. This motion was not seconded. Motion failed.

Mr. Keefer moved, and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to adopt amended Resolution No. 21-06. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 noes (Fong, Talamantes), 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – no
Ms. Lefkovitz – yes
Mr. Keefer – yes

Mr. Fong – no
Ms. Davis – yes
Mr. Brown – yes
Ms. Ahola – yes

VIII.K. Superintendent David W. Gordon provided the Year in Review report to the Board.

IX.A. Mr. Keefer will not be present for June 22 Board meeting. He will be doing a 200-mile hike on the John Muir trail.

Mr. Brown has been asked to give a speech at an 8th grade graduation this month.

Ms. Lefkovitz is excited to hear from scholarship recipients at our next Board meeting. She is looking forward to CSBA Conference and encouraged others to go.

Ms. Talamantes applauded the scholarship fundraising and was moved by the Operation Recognition scholarship essay winner. Ms. Talamantes serves on the steering committee for the Sacramento Coalition for Digital Inclusion and at today's meeting there was a discussion about creating a tech hotline for serving Sacramento.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Ms. Davis went to a grad party last weekend in Esparto. The topic was FFA pigs. She sat next to a student that was extremely inspiring, very intelligent and motivated and has a 1.9 GPA. She noted that the GPA was not indicative of the young man's high intelligence.

IX.B. President Ahola read a statement, "At our last Board meeting, Trustee Fong asked several questions that were frankly on the wrong side of the issue of closing the African American achievement gap in Sacramento County. Trustee Fong questioned whether there really is an achievement gap in the county and questioned Fortune's enrollment numbers by referencing the number of White students enrolled within the entire county insinuating Fortune School is not doing their job of enrolling enough White students. At the last Board meeting, there were close to 200 Fortune School parents who virtually attended our Board meeting who are all subjected to this line of questioning. I attended the Fortune School town hall last week to listen to parents. Fortune parents are hurt and angry and they should be. Fortune School has always followed the law in regard to their recruitment practices. If White families are not enrolling their students in Fortune School, that is a choice made by those families. Our staff has reviewed and validated Fortune's recruitment practices as well as confirmed they are within the law. Our Board chose to sit silent after Trustee Fong's questions. It is our job to not only represent our communities but to also hold each other accountable. In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., 'In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.' I want to personally apologize to the Fortune School community for not calling Trustee Fong out on his misguided line of questioning. I will not stay silent in the future, and Trustee Fong I do sincerely hope that you take time to reflect on our last Board meeting and take an opportunity to

apologize to the Fortune community. And I would also like to ask staff to work on an updated Findings of Fact to put on the record, Sacramento County in fact does have an African American achievement gap.”

President Ahola read “The Clue” by Alicia Mariah Greenway, an Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School student. She also read “Criminal Rest Easy” by Gigi Liana Novadi, an Encina Preparatory High School student.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the June/July Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the June/July Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. June 22, 2021

B. July 13, 2021

XII. Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. 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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: July 13, 2021