

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2021**

**VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE CALL**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Organization of the Board of Education for 2021-2022
  - A. Election of President
  - B. Election of Vice President
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2021  
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2021  
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2021
- V. Adoption of Agenda
- VI. Official Correspondence
- VII. Visitor Presentations
  - A. General Public
  - B. Employee Organizations
- VIII. Superintendent's Report
- IX. New Business
  - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
    1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
    2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students
    3. Approval of the 2021-2022 Consolidated Application Part 1 for Funding Categorical Aid Programs for Juvenile Court and Community Schools
  - 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. \$5,001,660 Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
    2. \$1,340,520 After School Education and Safety Program: Technical Assistance System of Support for Expanded Learning Grant from the California Department of Education/Expanded Learning for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
    3. \$1,340,520 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC): Technical Assistance System of Support for Expanded Learning Grant from the California Department of Education/Expanded Learning for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
    4. \$412,374 Workability I Statewide Professional Development Grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
    5. \$358,743 Quality Counts California Workforce Pathways Grant from the California Department of Education/Early Learning and Care Division for the 2021-2022 fiscal year

- 6. \$195,000 STEAM Hub: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics for Expanded Learning, Year 9 grant from the California Department of Education/Expanded Learning Division for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
  - 7. \$300,000 Safe Schools for All grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
  - D. Overview of Process for Adjusting Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee Areas Based Upon 2020 Census
  - E. American River Collegiate Academy Charter School End of Year Report
  - F. Board Report – CARE & Senior Extension
  - X. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
    - A. Board Members
    - B. Board President
    - C. Committees
  - XI. Items for Distribution
    - A. July/August Events
    - B. July/August Site Visits
  - XII. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
    - A. July 24, 2021 – Board/Superintendent Retreat
    - B. August 10, 2021
  - XIII. Adjournment
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I. President Ahola called the meeting to order at 6:32 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; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

Other staff present via teleconference were Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; 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; and Tim Herrera, Director.

II. Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.A. Election of President

President Ahola announced nominations are now in order for the office of Board President for the 2021-2022 term. Mr. Keefer nominated Karina Talamantes to serve as Board President for the 2021-2022 term. Mr. Fong seconded nomination.

President Ahola called for a roll call vote on the nomination of Ms. Talamantes to serve as Board President for the 2021-2022 term.

Vote 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

### III.B. Election of Vice President

Newly elected President Talamantes announced nominations are now in order for the office of Vice President for the 2021-2022 term.

Newly elected President Talamantes nominated Paul Keefer to serve as Vice President for the 2021-2022 term. Ms. Lefkovitz seconded nomination.

Newly elected President Talamantes called for a roll call vote on the nomination of Mr. Keefer to serve as Vice President for the 2021-2022 term.

Vote carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Fong) based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Newly elected President Talamantes presented outgoing President Ahola with a plaque recognizing her work as Sacramento County Board of Education President for the 2020-2021 term.

Newly elected President Talamantes thanked her fellow Board members for electing her to serve as President.

IV. On a motion by Ms. Ahola and seconded by Ms. Davis, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstention 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

On a motion by Mr. Keefer and seconded by Mr. Brown, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2021 were approved.

Mr. Fong referenced pg. 21-89 of the June 8 minutes and asked if it is customary to publish full statements from Board Members.

After discussion, President Talamantes suggested that if Board members would like their statement read into the record that they should state such. This suggestion will be moved to the Executive Committee.

Motion to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes carried 6 ayes, 1 no (Fong), 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes  
Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – no  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – yes

On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Ms. Ahola, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2021 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

V. Mr. Keefer 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

- VI. There was no official correspondence.
- VII.A. There were no requests for presentations from the General Public.
- VII.B. There were no requests for presentations from Employee Organizations.
- VIII. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

#### NEW BOARD OFFICERS 2021-2022

- Congratulated Trustee Talamantes for being selected to serve as our new Board President. Also congratulated Trustee Keefer for being selected to serve as Vice President. Thanked Trustee Ahola for serving as Board President over the past year, and to Trustee Talamantes for serving as Vice President.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

- Provided an overview of the new health guidance regarding mask mandates for students. Districts will be required to provide Independent Study models.

#### LOCAL DISTRICT UPDATES

- Arcohe and Center: Summer programs are over, and they are preparing for the new year.
- Elk Grove: Summer programs are in session at most sites. Eighteen sites start year-round school on Thursday.
- Elverta: New Superintendent, Michael Wells, reported that he is transitioning to new position.
- Folsom Cordova: Summer programs for middle school and high school ended in June. New school year starts August 11. Grand opening of new school is scheduled.
- Galt Elementary: Summer programs are over. Preparing for new year which starts mid-August.
- Galt High: Summer programs ending July 16. Preparing for new year which starts August 9.
- Natomas: First summer program is over. Second session focused on literacy and activities is in progress. Preparing for new year.
- River Delta: Second session of summer program in progress.
- Robla: Summer programs in progress. Preparing for new year which starts August 23.
- San Juan: Summer programs in progress. Preparing for new year which starts August 12.

#### 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 in November.

#### COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- The second session of summer school is underway. Principal Alcalá is calling each family to stay connected prior to the next school year. As you know, from a Board Communication sent last week, we will be hosting a dedication ceremony for the new High School campus on Thursday, September 30.

#### SENIOR EXTENSION

- Summer school is operating across the county.
- We are meeting with community college representatives to expand dual enrollment.

#### EL CENTRO

- El Centro enrollment has dropped by approximately 10 students over the last month.
- The El Centro Library, now has a SCOE Teacher Librarian building out a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

- Our preschool programs will run until July 22. Summer program for students enrolled in our Mod/severe programs ended July 9. ED programs finished July 2.

#### SUMMER EDUCATION INNOVATION CENTERS

- Our free Summer Education Innovation Centers are operating and running well. 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 Centers are operating at the following sites:
  - F.C. Joyce PK- 8 School, Twin Rivers
  - Thomas Edison Language (K-6) Institute, San Juan Unified
  - Rosa Parks K-8 School, Sac City Unified
- On July 1, he toured the Rosa Parks site with Trustee Lefkovitz.
- Students work with peer mentors we have hired from local High School and College programs. The mentors we met are impressive young leaders.
- The Centers are operating through July 30 and spaces are still available. Registration details are on the SCOE website.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

- We are holding interviews for selecting the 2022 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year. The interview panel convenes tomorrow and Thursday. We will announce the winners during a Zoom event at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28. We will send you a link as we get closer

to the event. Best of luck to SCOE's 2022 Teacher of the Year, Nick Papagiannopoulos from our Leo A. Palmiter program.

#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES 2021-2022

- We are pleased to share our Professional Learning Services for 2021-2022. We have added new services and opportunities with all workshops, learning communities, and district/site support offered by SCOE departments. Services are organized by topic areas and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) priorities. This catalogue of services is posted on the SCOE website.

IX.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 Schools Students
3. Approved the 2021-2022 Consolidated Application Part 1 for Funding Categorical Aid Programs for Juvenile Court and Community Schools

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

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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: three candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School.

Michael Kast announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Kevin Crockett, Joshua DeFilippis, Jeremiah Gage-Thomas, Emma Quartaroli, and Chauncey Waterfield from Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School.

IX.B. Mr. Keefer 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

IX.C. On a motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Ahola, 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:

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

IX.D. Teresa Stinson, General Counsel provided background on the Board Item and introduced Justin Rich, Senior Director from Cooperative Strategies, who presented



an overview of the anticipated process for adjusting Sacramento County Board of Education trustee areas based upon 2020 Census data.

IX.E. Ms. Stinson introduced the American River Collegiate Academy (ARCA) Charter School End of Year Report to the Board. Nancy Brownell presented an oversight report to the Board regarding ARCA's first year of operations. Robin Stout, Executive Director/Superintendent of Rocklin Academy Family of Schools, ARCA Principal Trisha Smith, and Director of Finance Ace Ensign presented ARCA's 2020-2021 Annual Update and answered questions from Board members.

Tim Herrera read public comments from the following:

Nicole Wasylikiw  
Jeannie Bruins

IX.F. Dr. Perry introduced the CARE & Senior Extension report to the Board, which was presented by Director Marc Nigel and Principal Craig Bradford.

Board members commented and asked questions. Dr. Perry, Mr. Nigel, and Mr. Bradford responded to Board member questions.

X.A. Mr. Keefer commented that the Policy Committee was productive tonight. Two Board Bylaws will be moved forward to First Reading. These are BB 8222 – Orientation of New Board Members and BB 8260 – Board Compensation.

Mr. Brown – no report.

Ms. Ahola thanked the Board for allowing her to lead over the past year and is looking forward to the upcoming Board Retreat. She read a poem from Roots of Roses Wild by Rosa Lopez, a student from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School, Unknown Evils.

Mr. Fong is happy to work at his current pay rate and is here to serve the students.

Ms. Davis commented that SCOE does a great job.

Ms. Lefkovitz thanked Trustee Ahola for her leadership and appreciated that she brought youth voice into meetings by reading from 916 Publications. Ms. Lefkovitz revisited the previous request Trustee Keefer had made of a graphic matrix that represents what strategies will be funded and metrics used to make these decisions.

X.B. President Talamantes thanked Trustee Ahola for her leadership especially during the difficulties of the pandemic.

X.C. Trustee Keefer provided a Policy Committee update above.

XI.A. There was no distribution of the July/August Events item.

XI.B. There was no distribution of the July/August Site Visits item.

XII. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

- A. July 24, 2021 – Board/Superintendent Retreat
- B. August 10, 2021

XIII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Isis Laurie Jones, Senior Extension student. Ms. Ahola 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 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: August 10, 2021