

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2020

VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of March 10, 2020
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 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 April 2020 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
 - Report on COVID-19 Support Activities
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students
 3. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code (Technology)
 - 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. \$530,504 ESSA Comprehensive Support and Improvement County Office of Education grant from the California Department of Education/ESSA Funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
 2. \$25,000 CA Scaling Up Multi-Tiered System of Support Statewide (SUMS) School Level Implementation grant from the Orange County Department of Education for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
 3. \$216,312 Quality Counts California (QCC) Equitable Learning Opportunities (ELO) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
 - D. Approval of Bids for External Financial Auditing Services
 - E. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 6180 (Renumbered 6178) – Career Technical Education
 - F. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 5142 – Authorization to Administer Prescription Medication and Medicinal Cannabis
 - G. Second Reading and Elimination of Board Policy 2001 – Quality Leadership and Qualify First Process
- IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members

- B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. April/May Events
 - B. April/May Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. May 5, 2020
 - B. May 19, 2020
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Lefkovitz 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, 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; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; other staff; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison. Trustees Fong and Keefer were not present at roll call time.

Mr. Keefer joined at 6:34 p.m.

II. Ms. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lefkovitz read the following protocols:

- Please mute your phone until you are ready to speak
- Please identify yourself before you speak
- Please wait for others to complete their thoughts before speaking
- For each action item, if there is a desire for discussion, we will use a round-robin approach and I will call on each person in alphabetical order
- Superintendent Gordon will conduct a Roll Call vote on each action item

III. On a motion by Mr. Keefer and seconded by Ms. Talamantes, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of March 10, 2020 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Fong), 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Ms. Talamantes – yes

On a motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Davis, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2020 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Fong), 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

IV. Ms. Ahola moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion, which carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Fong), 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. Scott Rafferty submitted written public comments addressing an issue not on the agenda related to the California Voting Rights Act and San Juan USD and Folsom Cordova USD's method of electing school board members. The comments were read by Tim Herrera.

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

VII.A. Deborah Cooley, Para-Educator, Special Education Programs, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for April.

Paulette Abegglen, Program Specialist, Special Education Programs, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for April.

VIII. Superintendent Gordon provided an extensive report on COVID-19 Support Activities. Questions and updates followed regarding student meals, SCOE employee protective equipment, student homework accountability, mental health, technology availability and the budget/LCAP process.

Mr. Fong joined at 7:06 p.m.

VIII.A. Ms. Davis moved and Ms. Talamantes seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court and Community School Students
3. Declared equipment listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of equipment Pursuant to Education Code (Technology)

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Payton Lopez from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Darius Christopher Magda from Gerber Jr./Sr. High School; and Ximena Ibarra, Clayton Johnson, and Horace Ricardo Riley from North Area Community School.

VIII.B. Mr. Brown moved, and Ms. Ahola seconded approval of the contracts. Motion to approve the contracts carried Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board Authorized staff 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 as follows:

1. \$530,504 ESSA Comprehensive Support and Improvement County Office of Education grant from the California Department of Education/ESSA Funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
2. \$25,000 CA Scaling Up Multi-Tiered System of Support Statewide (SUMS) School Level Implementation grant from the Orange County Department of Education for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years

3. \$216,312 Quality Counts California (QCC) Equitable Learning Opportunities (ELO) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2019-2020 fiscal year

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

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

VIII.D. Mr. Keefer moved, and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to approve Bids for External Financial Auditing Services. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 no (Fong), 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Discussion occurred among the Board members and Tammy Sanchez regarding the contract expiring, the bid process and criteria used to select an auditor.

VIII.E. President Lefkovitz announced this is the Second Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 6180 (Renumbered 6178) – Career Technical Education.

Chair Joanne Ahola of the Policy Committee recommended the Board adopt the revisions to Board Policy 6180 (Renumbered 6178) – Career Technical Education. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Fong) based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.F. President Lefkovitz announced this is the Second Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 5142 – Authorization to Administer Prescription Medication and Medicinal Cannabis.

Chair Ahola of the Policy Committee recommended the Board adopt the revisions to Board Policy 5142 – Authorization to Administer Prescription Medication and Medicinal Cannabis. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 no (Fong), 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

VIII.G. President Lefkovitz announced this is the Second Reading and Elimination of Board Policy 2001 – Quality Leadership and Qualify First Process.

Chair Ahola of the Policy Committee recommended the Board adopt the elimination of Board Policy 2001 – Quality Leadership and Qualify First Process. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

IX.A. Ms. Davis attended the Personnel Commission Meeting today via phone. That committee is such a treasure to the work that we do. They are people that are kind of at the frontline of the hiring and level of commitment and seriousness; we are very fortunate. Coleen shared on behalf of her staff that they are very encouraged by the Superintendent's and Board President Lefkovitz' videos and very appreciative. We are still hiring because of our awesome tech team; we can be in a position where we are hiring and interviewing. She was disappointed to cancel the May meeting as well as not having our meeting at Palmiter. She looks forward to that every year. One of the graduates that Dr. Perry announced tonight is her one of her mentees from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School. She is very pleased. Finally, she has a request of Superintendent Gordon. She would like the ability to work with libraries to offer the opportunity to students to use books, especially if this crisis continues through the summer. She refers to a similar process Anaheim is doing where they pick up and drop off books. Superintendent Gordon said we will pursue that.

Ms. Ahola commended Trustee Talamantes in facilitating the deal with Sacramento County Library and the computers. She loved the idea of the library by Trustee Davis. Some families' homes don't necessarily have access to libraries. She thanked Superintendent Gordon and staff for setting up continuing calls with charter operators to provide them with critical updates from your perspective. There are very early and preliminary conversations with YMCA to have some charter schools in the county provide sites for emergency childcare. There's a lot more to be discussed and considered but those preliminary conversations have begun. There is a continued need in the county and other areas regarding childcare needs provided for our essential workers; not only essential workers, but families that begin to go back to work after the order is lifted which is unclear. She appreciated update from Superintendent Gordon. She can put together a similar update for the charter school programs in the county who are still getting about 10% of our students to let you know what they are doing with their distance learning programs. We are currently surveying all the schools across the state and she can provide that update for the county at our May Board meeting.

Mr. Brown expressed concern about children conducting their online work, yet not supported well by their parents. He questioned if there was a way to monitor progress on students' performance.

President Lefkovitz clarified with Mr. Brown if he was talking about our students in court and community schools or in general – throughout all the districts.

Mr. Brown replied general – throughout all the districts.

Mr. Fong agreed and added to Trustee Brown's comment and suggestion of monitoring student online progress but would like to focus on our students – court and community, special education and vocational, who are also doing distance learning.

Mr. Keefer thanked Dave Gordon and all of staff for a fantastic job with migrating to new a platform and keeping the Board abreast of all the departments. It would be great if all the things you read was put into a template and sent to trustees. In regards to the comment at the beginning of the meeting regarding trustee areas of the two school districts, he would like an update on that process and how the county board interfaces with that process to the extent of what are the protocols, what should they expect, and how is it going so we are more aware of the process and what is actually happening.

Ms. Talamantes stated in a matter of weeks, our country has changed in its entirety. It's important for everyone to continue being patient with one another when we are interacting with the community, students, parents, or whoever it may be. We are all in a unique position to lead to provide comfort to our families and helping with what we can. For SCOE, her hope is as we start planning short-term and long-term goals with our kids, that we address mental health and continue to focus on SEL. She has concern with language access on materials handed out not being translated into Spanish/Hmong and other languages. She mentioned to Trustee Davis, that she sits on the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board, she's happy to work with Trustee Ahola on a Tech Drive, to ensure there is no e-waste, just stuff that is useful. SCOE keep up the good work

and thinks we are doing well and hopes that everyone continues staying home, managing social distancing and staying safe for yourselves and your loved ones.

IX.B. President Lefkovitz took notes and thought there were a lot of great ideas, suggestions, and questions that came up. She will follow up with Superintendent Gordon. She would like to add to the list of things to talk and think about as we moved forward, what will happen this summer with our court and community schools' students and students overall. She's curious about our after-school programs and to what extent will they be operating for the rest of the year and summer. She likes the idea of another update and would like to work with the Superintendent to think about what the COVID update will look like for the May meeting. She supports Trustee Talamantes' idea that yes, the math and science is important, but for right now for our young people, if we can get our school districts and teachers to check-in on the academic and SEL side as a kind of practice or set of protocols she would support that. She read a quote by Desmond Tutu, "Hope is being able to see there is light despite all the darkness."

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the April/May Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the April/May Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. May 5, 2020

Ms. Davis moved, and Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion to cancel May 5, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 no (Fong), 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

B. May 19, 2020

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: May 19, 2020