

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2018

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 26, 2018
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 10, 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 September 2018 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Court School Students
 - 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 Budgets
 1. \$2,386,807 Safe Zone Squad grant from the Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Behavioral Health, Mental Health Services for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 fiscal years
 2. \$14,165 Library Helping Immigrants grant from the Butte County Library for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
 3. \$666,563 Capital Area Promise Scholars (CAPS) Program grant from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years
 4. \$60,500 Sacramento Adult Day Reporting Center grant from the Sacramento County Probation Department for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
 - D. Deferred Maintenance and Modernization Projects
 - E. Information Item: Suspension Rates in Sacramento County
 - F. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 18-06 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Juvenile Court Schools)
 - G. Board Report – Expulsion Appeal Process

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:30 P.M.

- IX.
 - A. Hearing of Student Expulsion Appeal (18-02) from the Galt Joint Union High School District (Closed Session Pursuant to Education code Section 48920)
 - B. Deliberations on Expulsion Appeal 18-02 (Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code Section 48920)

- C. Reconvene in Open Session for Decision and Action on Expulsion Appeal 18-02

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- D. Hearing of Student Expulsion Appeal (18-03) from the Natomas Unified School District (Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code Section 48920)
 - E. Deliberations on Expulsion Appeal 18-03 (Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code Section 48920)
 - F. Reconvene in Open Session for Decision and Action on Expulsion Appeal 18-03
 - X. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - XI. Items for Distribution
 - A. August/September Events
 - B. August/September Visits
 - XII. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. August 25, 2018 – Board/Superintendent Retreat
 - B. September 11, 2018 – Early Learning
 - XIII. Adjournment
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I. President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent; Elizabeth Linton, Acting General Counsel; Nancy Herota, Matt Perry, and Tammy Sanchez, Assistant Superintendents; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Rachel Perry, Director of C-SAPA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. Mr. Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Lefkovitz, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2018 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Keefer, Talamantes).

On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Talamantes, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2018 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

IV. Mr. Fong moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Keefer 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. Bill Adams, Jason Bartley, Scott Burton, Sandy Foley, Ryan Krell, Lindon Lewis, and Josh Spencer, Support Services Team, were recognized and honored as the classified employees of the month for September. Mike Alves and Brian Alves were also recognized, but were not present.

Linda Glines, Nurse, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for September.

VIII.A. Ms. Ahola moved and Mr. Keefer 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 School Students

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: 4 Candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School.

VIII.B. Ms. Davis moved and Ms. Lefkowitz seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Fong, seconded by Ms. 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. \$2,386,807 Safe Zone Squad grant from the Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Behavioral Health, Mental Health Services for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 fiscal years
2. \$14,165 Library Helping Immigrants grant from the Butte County Library for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
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Ms. Lefkowitz disclosed that she is on the board of the Northern California Construction and Training, which may receive funding under item VIII.C.4. She was not involved in any of the contract negotiations.

Mr. Fong amended his motion to approve items VIII.C.1., VIII.C.2., and VIII.C.3. Ms. Talamantes, as the second, agreed to the amendment. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

Mr. Fong moved to approve item VIII.C.4., Ahola seconded the motion, and it carried 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Lefkovitz).

VIII.D. Mr. Keefer moved and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to award the contract to RBH Construction, Inc. for the required office space improvement at the David P. Meaney Education Center. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.E. An informational item on Suspension Rates in Sacramento County was provided in the Board packet. Dr. Matt Perry provided a brief synopsis of this item.

Mr. Fong stated that this is a very important topic and he would like to know if the Board can receive periodic updates on how trainings provided by SCOE for districts are going. He also asked if there were goals to reduce suspension rates being set in response to the training. He requested a consolidated document with the suspension reduction goals that districts have set, so he can share it with his constituents.

Mr. Keefer commended SCOE for their reduction in suspensions and the work that has been done in SCOE schools. He questioned if some of our best practices will be shared with the districts, if we track districts' suspensions, and what percentage of suspended students end up in our schools. What responsibility do we have as a Board to partner with districts and help with the limitation or elimination of district suspension rates, and how do we measure the work we are doing to know if it is genuinely creating a change in the environment at the district level?

Ms. Lefkovitz thanked Superintendent Gordon and Dr. Perry for bringing this report forward and recognized the incredible reduction we have had in our own programs. She is really happy that we are addressing the issue collaboratively with the districts and taking a leadership role. She asked if all of the six differentiated assistance districts are electing to be part of the community of practice. She also asked if the upcoming September 25 training is open to all the teachers and schools. As districts start articulating their outcomes that they are hoping to achieve around the suspension issue, she requested that staff share the information with the Board so members can be knowledgeable as they speak with constituents.

Ms. Talamantes stated there are a lot of community leaders that are interested in getting involved in terms of the reducing suspension rates in Sacramento. She asked how we can engage them and bring them into this conversation.

Dr. Perry explained each district will be setting their own goals for reducing suspensions. There is an initiative in Sacramento County to reduce these exclusionary practices. We will be meeting with the districts to develop a community of practice. Data and goals will be part of the discussion.

Dr. Perry said suspension is a topic that is being worked on as part of the Differentiated Assistance, but we do not yet know which districts will be part of the community of practice. We will be offering assistance and training to districts throughout the county. Districts will have the option to choose who to send.

Dr. Perry indicated that he has been engaged with people who are working toward the same goal of reducing suspensions, including nonprofit groups. There is a process being led by the Sacramento Chapter of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) that will facilitate town hall meetings.

Our community of practice will likely be more technical in nature focusing on district procedures, district growth, and school site growth. He doesn't want to design a community of practice before we've met with our partners. He will report back to the Board after he has had a chance to meet with the districts and has more information.

VIII.F. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 18-06 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instruction Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Juvenile Court Schools)

President Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

No one came forward.

President Brown closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Lefkovitz moved and Mr. Fong seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-06 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instruction Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Juvenile Court Schools). Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.G. Superintendent Gordon introduced Dr. Matt Perry and Acting General Counsel Elizabeth Linton who presented the Expulsion Appeal Process to the Board.

President Brown announced that the Board would meet in Closed Session for Expulsion Appeal 18-02, involving Galt Joint Union High School District and reconvene in Open Session to report on the Board's decision.

All individuals not associated with the Galt Joint Union High School District expulsion appeal left the room.

President Brown recessed Open Session at 7:28 p.m. and convened the first Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.

IX. A. Hearing of Student Expulsion Appeal (18-02) from the Galt Joint Union High School District (Closed Session Pursuant to Education code Section 48920)

President Brown recessed Closed Session at 7:52 p.m.

B. Deliberations on Expulsion Appeal 18-02 (Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code Section 48920)

President Brown reconvened the Closed Session (in the Board Room) at 8:11 p.m.

President Brown adjourned the Closed Session at 8:13 p.m.

C. Reconvene in Open Session for Decision and Action on Expulsion Appeal 18-02

President Brown reconvened Open Session at 8:13 p.m. and reported that the County Board took action to affirm the Galt Joint Union High School District's decision to expel the student in Expulsion Appeal No. 18-02 by the following vote:

Ms. Ahola – yes

Ms. Davis – yes

Mr. Fong – yes

Mr. Keefer – yes

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes

Ms. Talamantes – yes

Mr. Brown – yes

President Brown stated that the Board's written decision will be issued within three school days.

President Brown announced that the Board would meet in Closed Session for Expulsion Appeal 18-03, involving Natomas Unified School District and reconvene in Open Session to report on the Board's decision.

All individuals not associated with the Natomas Unified School District expulsion appeal left the room.

President Brown recessed Open Session at 8:19 p.m. and convened the second Closed Session at 8:19 p.m.

D. Hearing of Student Expulsion Appeal (18-03) from the Natomas Unified School District (Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code Section 48920)

President Brown recessed Closed Session at 9:19 p.m.

E. Deliberations on Expulsion Appeal 18-03 (Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code Section 48920)

President Brown reconvened Closed Session (in the Board Room) at 10:13 p.m.

President Brown adjourned Closed Session at 10:16 p.m.

F. Reconvene in Open Session for Decision and Action on Expulsion Appeal
18-03

President Brown convened Open Session at 10:16 p.m. and reported that the County Board took action to affirm the Natomas Unified School District's decision to expel the student in Expulsion Appeal No. 18-03 by the following vote:

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

President Brown stated that the Board's written decision will be issued within three school days.

X.A. Ms. Ahola – no report.

Ms. Davis – no report.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Mr. Keefer – no report.

Ms. Lefkovitz – no report.

Ms. Talamantes – no report.

X.B. President Brown – no report.

X.C. President Brown distributed committee assignments.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Employee Recognition Day is August 16, 2018, this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.
- Teacher of the Year Dinner is Friday, August 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilton Arden Way.
- The Placer Prep Graduation, one of our re-entry programs, will be September 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Placer County Fairgrounds Events Center.
- We are closed on Labor Day.

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

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

XII. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:

A. August 25, 2018 – Board/Superintendent Retreat

B. September 11, 2018 – Early Learning

XIII. Ms. Ahola moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: September 11, 2018