

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2020

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 April 14, 2020
 - IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - V. Official Correspondence
 - VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
 - VII. Superintendent's Report
 - VIII. New Business
 - Report on COVID-19 Support Activities
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Community School Students
 3. Accept Donations
 - 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 Budget:
 1. \$6,992,282 Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years
 2. \$100,000 K-12 Strong Workforce Program – Coordinator grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
 - D. Policy Discussion on New Charter School Law
 - E. Informational Item: 2019-2020 Strategic Priorities
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. May/June Events
 - B. May/June Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. June 9, 2020
 - B. June 23, 2020
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Lefkovitz called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; other staff; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison.

II. Ms. Ahola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Ms. Talamantes and seconded by Ms. Ahola, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2020 were approved. 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

IV. Mr. Fong moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Davis 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

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. See item VIII. for Superintendent Gordon's report.

VIII. Superintendent Gordon provided an extensive report on COVID-19 Support Activities for SCOE programs and schools. Questions and updates followed regarding student meals, SCOE employee protective equipment, student homework accountability, mental health, technology availability, and the budget/LCAP process. Additionally, questions and dialogue took place regarding the reopening plan and its

language translations, Sly Park, mental health initiatives, distant learning updates, and the future of AP and IB programs.

VIII.A. Ms. Talamantes moved and Mr. Keefer seconded adoption of the consent agenda. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Community School Students
3. Accepted donations

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

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Khari Kuante Stuart from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; 1 candidate from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Mathew Avalogo Taylor and Alana Wallis from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; and Alexzandria M. Nickolson Diez, Damonte Drew Cabello Fernandez, Roberto Garcia, Henry Hayes, Carlos Emilio Chavez Lemus, Uniqua Madden, Jeneva McCray, Thaiz Price, Francisco Ramirez, and Richard Anthony Starkey from Gerber Senior Extension.

VIII.B. No Approval of Contracts

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Ahola, seconded by Ms. Davis, 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. \$6,992,282 Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years
2. \$100,000 K-12 Strong Workforce Program – Coordinator grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years

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. Policy Discussion on New Charter School Law

Tim Herrera read public comments related to this item from the following individuals:

Brett Barley, California Montessori Project
Eduardo de Leon, Language Academy of Sacramento
Jillayne Antoon, Rocklin Academy, American River Collegiate Academy
Matt Taylor, River Charter Schools

Ms. Stinson provided background information and reviewed charter school policy areas to be clarified or updated as a result of the new charter school law. The Board discussed and provided input regarding the areas outlined in the Agenda Item.

SCOE will obtain additional input from charter school authorizers and operators, and the Policy Committee will consider and work out recommended provisions for a revised Board Policy (BP) on charter schools at its June 16, 2020 meeting. A revised BP will then come back to the full Board for consideration.

VIII.E. An informational item on the 2019-2020 Strategic Priorities was provided in the Board packet.

Comments and clarifications occurred among the Board members, Superintendent Gordon, and Dr. Matt Perry regarding topics listed on the 2019-2020 Strategic Priorities.

President Lefkovitz said the goal is to have another discussion about this when we come back together in executive session as we look at our priorities for next year and the Superintendent's evaluation. Thank you for this report and the good work you all are doing.

IX.A. Mr. Fong has concerns about having a consultant do the evaluation for charter school renewals. Now that we have two charter schools, we should consider having our staff do that as opposed to a consultant.

Ms. Talamantes thanked Superintendent Gordon and staff for doing a tremendous job given the circumstances that we are finding ourselves in right now. She is really proud of all the work that SCOE is doing on digital equity. She hopes that government agencies, the community, and people in the industry can collaborate to make sure all our kids have access to affordable internet, they can do their homework, and connect with their teachers. She is looking forward to continuing the work on this. Through her day job, she is working on some initiatives – if President Lefkovitz, other community

members, and anybody else is interested in digital equity, she invited them to join her in her quest to do the best that we can for our kids.

Mr. Keefer thanked staff and Superintendent Gordon for their work in getting us to this point. The digital distance learning really took a bash from CREDO from Stanford a couple of years ago and the results were not promising in the digital platform. We should know what that report says. We should be able to determine what we can do to be better digitally determined for our students. Our staff should be determined digitally. He thinks we are already ahead of the curve – how do we really sharpen the pencil?

Ms. Ahola said she promised a report on what was happening in the county for charters and distance learning and she is still waiting on analysis of data, so when she has that, she will be sure to share in one of her updates.

Mr. Brown thanked staff and Superintendent Gordon for doing such a wonderful job. We have a new employee and he would like to welcome her. Her name is Renee Collins, Adult Education Director. Teachers along with kids are struggling at this time and we could be very helpful if we come up with some kind of training or support system for teachers that are dealing with virtual learning challenges weekly or monthly because this is the way of the future.

Ms. Davis extended her thanks to staff, she is thankful to everyone on Board. She is also glad that we are all different, and appreciates everyone's backgrounds, views, and opinions. She just cannot say enough about the amount of respect she has for each and every one of you. She hopes that walking out of tonight, each of you know that.

IX.B. President Lefkovitz is very appreciative of all the incredible work going on. It was teacher appreciation day on Wednesday last week. It is Classified Employee week. Give a teacher and or classified employee a virtual hug.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

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

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

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. June 9, 2020

Mr. Keefer moved, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to cancel June 9, 2020 Board Meeting.

Clarification was provided regarding upcoming budget updates and budget committee meetings, as well as the 2020-2021 School Year Planning guide that is currently being worked on.

Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 no (Fong), 0 absent, 0 abstention based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

B. June 23, 2020

President Lefkovitz read her quote, “You are not alone, now more than ever we need to find ways to connect to our community.” Quote is from the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) which is a phenomenal organization. She thinks, given COVID, this is more relevant. Let your young people know they are not alone and that things will be okay.

XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Davis 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 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: June 23, 2020