

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2021**

**VIA ZOOM/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 April 9, 2021
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Official Correspondence
- VI. Visitor Presentations
  - A. General Public
  - B. Employee Organizations
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Recognition of the June 2021 Employees of the Month
  - B. Recognition of SCOE Staff
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
    1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
    2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students
  - 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. \$690,000 Seeds of Partnership grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
    2. \$720,998 Early Head Start grant from the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years and Adoption of Resolution No. 21-03
    3. \$80,000 TEACH California grant from the California Department of Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
    4. \$6,471,904 California Preschool Instructional Network grant from the California Department of Education/Early Learning and Care Division for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years
    5. \$205,570 California Preschool Instructional Network – Region 3 grant from the California Department of Education/Early Learning and Care Division/Federal Migrant Education for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
    6. \$150,000 California Preschool Instructional Network Migrant Education grant from the California Department of Education/Federal Migrant Education Office for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
    7. \$1,965,345 Early Learning Partnerships Building Mindful Early Care and Education (PBM) grant from the First 5 Sacramento Commission for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years

- 8. \$1,020,000 Help Me Grow: Developmental Screenings and Support grant from the First 5 Sacramento Commission for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years
  - D. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-04 – Declaring May 12, 2021 as California Day of the Teacher
  - E. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-05 – Declaring May 16-22, 2021 as Classified School Employee Week
  - F. Informational Item: Progress Report on SCOE’s Internal DEI Work
  - G. Board Report – Youth Engagement and Student Voice
  - 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. May 18, 2021
    - B. June 8, 2021
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Ahola 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, and Bina Lefkovitz. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant. Trustee Karina Talamantes was absent.

Other staff present via teleconference were Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; 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.

II. Mr. Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Mr. Keefer, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of April 9, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Talamantes), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

Ms. Ahola – yes

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

Ms. Talamantes – absent

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 Public Comments from the following individuals:

Carolina Flores

Juan Yñiguez

Magali Kincaid

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

VII.A. Trisha Odin, Program Analyst, Communications Department, was recognized and honored as the classified employees of the month for June.

Kristina Aldrich, Teacher, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for June.

VII.B. Brent Malicote introduced Director Brett Nelson who presented James Wagnon as the 2021 Classified Employee of the Year.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

#### **LOCAL DISTRICT UPDATES**

- Arcohe: 15 days of school remain. Regular summer school program planned plus a Kinder Camp funded with private money.
- Center: High School in session five days/week with 55% attending in-person. Last day of school is May 27. Summer school planned for four days/week ½-day sessions. 25-30% families have signed up to attend.
- Elk Grove: Four days/week. Plans to double teacher wages for summer going before Board tonight. Planning summer programs.
- Elverta: Continuing in AM/PM model until end of year. Learning center model planned for grades 2-5 and some for middle school as well as after school programs planned for next year.

- Folsom Cordova: Elementary schools in session four days/week in AM/PM model. Middle Schools and High Schools in session four days/week in AB model. Average in-person attendance is 60%. High School graduation offered in-person with limited capacity. Also offering drive through graduation and livestreaming. Three weeks of summer programs planned at elementary and some middle/high school sites. Enhanced salary schedule planned for summer programs. Considering starting a community health clinic with AB86 funds.
- Galt Elementary: AM/PM model in place through end of year. Three weeks of summer programs planned.
- Galt High: 60% of students are attending in-person. Four days/week through end of year, June 3. Graduation planned in-person in stadium with limited capacity. Six weeks of summer school planned: credit recovery, intercession model for math/English, bridge model for 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Natomas: Five days/week in attendance. Considering enhanced summer salary schedule. Families do not want extended year programming. Summer school offerings will be activity-based.
- River Delta: In-person hybrid model two days/week. Regular summer programs planned in June. Extended school year planned for Special Education. Incorporating Social-emotional learning in July with AB86 funds.
- Robla: Transition model with two cohorts. Last day is June 18. Five-week summer school program planned. Doubling pay scale for summer. AB86 post pandemic task force in planning stages.
- Sacramento City: Two days/week with plans to collapse cohorts. Five-week summer school program planned starting June 28 partnering with CBOs to provide programs.
- San Juan: In-person four days/week. There have been some positive COVID cases in athletics program. Last day of school is June 8. Planning high-interest activities for summer school.
- Twin Rivers: no report.

## **SACRAMENTO COUNTY VACCINATION EFFORTS**

- Pleased that our COVID-19 vaccination clinic – in partnership with Safeway – remains open to the public. The clinic, at the SCOE Conference Center, is averaging roughly 200 vaccinations per day. Now that vaccinations are available to all Californians young people 16 and older, we have been reaching out to this group and have seen many young people – accompanied by their parents – coming in for vaccinations. The clinic will be operating through May 21, for second doses. If you are interested in volunteering at the clinic, please contact Shannon Hansen, in Administration. Sacramento County has been selected to help youth ages 12-15 receive the vaccine.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BASE PROGRAM**

- Students are finishing their academic year with extensive support including:
  - Monday morning all-school advisory
  - Online classes provided across all sites
  - Transition specialist support for employment
  - Principal support for students returning to district programs

- All students are invited and welcome to summer school programming

### **SENIOR EXTENSION**

- Students continue to graduate. All students are provided with wellness, post-secondary, and employment support. We are expanding online career exposure and driver training programs.

### **EL CENTRO**

- Our students continue to enjoy all day, in-person learning with full Culinary and Construction programming
  - Plans to transform the library into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center continue
  - Support for our girl's unit and long-term students are increasing.
- 22 students out of 80 are enrolled in early college.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

- Students that have come back to in-person learning are thriving. We have all programs except for Infant now offering in-person learning. Students are picking up right where they left off when it comes to school routines. We have been pleasantly surprised by how much our students have grown academically during distance learning. We are now staffing up for summer school. All students who participate in in-person learning during summer will be offered expanded learning opportunities in the form of extra classroom hours.

### **SUMMER PROGRAM PLANS FOR DISTRICTS**

- We plan to contract with several non-profit partners to provide a wide variety of summer enrichment opportunities to re-engage with the excitement of learning.
- We are working with community-based organizations, non-profits, and local school districts to create Summer Education Innovation Hubs at several local schools.
- Some of the partners will include Project Optimism, Black Child Legacy, the Hawk Institute, the Museum of Science and Curiosity, and our own Sy Park Environmental Education Center.
- To support High School aged students, SCOE is developing a program that involves peer mentoring to support the summer learners. We will share more information regarding non-profit partners at our next Board meeting.

### **SUBSIDIZED MEALS FOR STUDENTS**

- As we shared in a recent Board Communication, schools will be allowed to receive full federal reimbursement throughout the next school year for meals served through US Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO), which is typically only available during the summer months. This allows schools to feed both students and community children regardless of their eligibility for free and reduced-price meals. We do not routinely collect information on meal service programs in the county, rather this information is shared informally with us. Further, many local districts are still determining the programs they will offer over the summer, with which they will need to align their summer meal services. We will continue to keep the Board

updated on local district plans. In the meantime, we advise municipal agencies and CBO's to reach out to local districts and the CA Department of Education Nutrition Services Division. Municipal agencies and CBO's can partner with a district to have meals provided at their site. In addition, some public agencies and CBOs may be eligible to become a program sponsor. They can view a list of current program sponsors and service sites in Sacramento County online and we have provided them with that link. SCOE's cafeteria at Sly Park can provide meals through the SSO program in partnership with schools in El Dorado County this summer. However, the extent of our participation will depend on whether public health guidance allows Sly Park to host camps this summer. Our court and community schools and special education schools are planning summer instructional and enrichment programs and will coordinate with their school district partners to provide meals.

### **STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY**

- On May 5, we will be hosting a virtual ceremony recognizing those students in Sacramento County who have earned their State Seal of Biliteracy. The event begins at 4:30 p.m. Let us know if you would like to attend and we will have the Zoom link sent to you. To earn the Seal, students must demonstrate English competency by scoring proficient on the California Standards Test in English Language Arts and receive good grades in all English classes required for high school graduation. This year, we are celebrating the accomplishments of roughly 2,400 students.

### **RESILIENCY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

- Pleased to report that 12 of our students have been selected to be the first recipients of the SCOE Resiliency Scholarship. Scholarships of \$1,000 are being awarded to help support these graduating SCOE students who are pursuing post-secondary education and vocational training and development. Our scholarship recipients also are being matched with a mentor to help navigate their post-secondary education and training. Thanks to the selection committee – which includes Trustees Lefkovitz and Brown – for their work in selecting the recipients. Also, proud to report we have raised over \$40,000 for the program.

### **SCOE TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2022**

- Congratulations to Nick Papagiannopoulos who has been selected as the SCOE Teacher of the Year 2022. Nick – known to students and staff as “Mr. Pappas” – works at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School where he teaches an array of subjects: English Language Arts, Economics, and Government. He serves as Teacher in Charge, Student Council Advisor and Academic Bowl Coach, among other duties. Nick is now eligible to participate in the countywide Teachers of the Year program.

Mr. Fong suggested that vaccines for youth be administered at school sites instead of them coming to the SCOE clinic.

Superintendent Gordon indicated that we are considering that option, but storage of the vaccine may be problematic.

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, clarified that the library at the Juvenile Hall will be enhanced to allow for research for careers and educational opportunities.

SCOE is offering learning and activity hubs in various communities of need and these will be open to SCOE students as well.

VIII.A. Mr. Brown 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

Mr. Fong commented on the various retirements on the Personnel Transaction report and acknowledged the work of those retiring.

Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Talamantes), 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 announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Patrick Michael McCarl from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; 2 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Valerie Sunshine Martinez from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; Keajana Emily Hendrickson, Meggan Joelyn Ledesma, Hilda Torres Martinez, Misael Vazquez Perez, and Jose Ramirez, Jr. from Gerber Senior Extension; and Annaleah Princess Avila, Paul Campana, and Santino G. Chacon from North Area Senior Extension.

VIII.B. No Approval of Contracts

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Keefer, 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. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – yes

VIII.D. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-04 – Declaring May 12, 2021 as California Day of the Teacher

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Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes



Ms. Ahola – yes

Mr. Fong acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of the teachers this year during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

VIII.E. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-05 – Declaring May 16-22, 2021 as Classified School Employee Week

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Mr. Fong – yes

Ms. Davis – yes

Mr. Brown – yes

Ms. Ahola – yes

Mr. Fong acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of the staff this year during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

VIII.F. Channa Cook-Harvey and Kristin Wright provided a Progress Report on SCOE's Internal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Work and responded to questions from the Board.

VIII.G. Brent Malicote, Assistant Superintendent; Frank Pisi, Director; Joelle Orrock, Coordinator; and Charley Gilmore, Curriculum Specialist provided a report on the Youth Engagement and Student Voice to the Board.

IX.A. Ms. Davis gave a shout out to El Centro team for their WASC accreditation. She also expressed a desire to talk more about some of the DEI articles and books to learn more about this topic.

Mr. Fong would like a response from the SJUSD administration about what action can be taken or make recommendation. As students return to school, he is hopeful that schools have prepared for the bullying against the API community and ways to protect this community. As far as health issues, he wonders if the vaccine can be mandated for youth to attend school.

Ms. Lefkovitz was moved by the SCOE Resiliency Scholarship applications – both written and recorded. It was beautiful to see how the students have progressed and looks forward to the celebration of these students. She was surprised at how many teen parents we have and wondered how we are serving those students. Ms. Lefkovitz also commented that she liked the ideas presented during the Youth Engagement and Student Voice Board Report but would like more focus on youth voice in Court & Community Schools and with the foster youth program. She would like to see more youth speaking directly to the Board about their programs and needs/solutions.

Mr. Brown noted that Resiliency Scholarships were outstanding, and the students are very deserving. He believes that we are on the cusp of making a difference with DEI. Today is Teacher Appreciation Day and he acknowledged the hardship teachers have faced throughout the pandemic and their hard work is appreciated.

Mr. Keefer's Rotary Club had Chet Hewitt from Sierra Health Foundation (SHF) as a presenter. He talked about the 1,300 students of color. With all their partners (school districts, community colleges, and other groups), SHF tracks the kids from the moment they graduate and then through, the alarming piece is how few made it in. When he looks at SCOE's mission statement – ensure that our students are prepared for success in college, career, and community – that is the first one on our mission statement. The key determinant of a person's future is their education. By education will dictate where you live which will dictate your life span. He also commented that he appreciated tonight's meeting being in-person.

Ms. Talamantes was absent.

IX.B. President Ahola read part of the introduction from Dr. Rex Fortune's book, "Bridging the Achievement Gap".

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. May 18, 2021

B. June 8, 2021

XII. Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Keefer seconded the motion, which carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent (Talamantes), 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – absent

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes

Mr. Keefer – yes

Mr. Fong – yes

Ms. Davis – yes

Mr. Brown – yes

Ms. Ahola – yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: June 8, 2021