

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2019**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2019  
Approval of the Minutes of the Board/Superintendent Retreat of October 12, 2019  
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2019
  - IV. Adoption of Agenda
  - V. Official Correspondence
  - VI. Visitor Presentations
    - A. General Public
    - B. Employee Organizations
  - VII. Superintendent's Report
    - A. Recognition of the December 2019 Employees of the Month
  - VIII. New Business
    - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
      - 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
      - 2. Award Diplomas to Court School, Community School, and Special Education Students
      - 3. Approval of 2019-2020 School Plans for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools
    - B. Approval of Contracts
    - C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts
    - D. Fortune Countywide Charter School – Annual Report and Report on Student Assessments
    - E. First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8510 (Renumbered 9310) – Policy and Administrative Regulation Development
    - F. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of the Following Bylaws and Policies:  
BB 8520 – Revision of Bylaws, Policies, and Administrative Regulations  
BP 2010 – Formulation of Administrative Regulations  
BP 2300 – Regional Programs  
BP 6163.1 – Provision of Instructional and Support Services and Materials
    - G. Informational Item: Executive Committee Report
    - H. Informational Item: 2018-2019 Annual Report of Sacramento County Williams Reviews
  - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
    - A. Board Members
    - B. Board President
    - C. Committees
  - X. Items for Distribution
    - A. November/December Events
    - B. November/December Site Visits
  - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
    - A. December 10, 2019 – History-Social Science/Civics/2020 Census
    - B. January 14, 2020 – Mental Health
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Lefkovitz 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, Al Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Tammy Sanchez, Associate Superintendent; Nancy Herota and Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendents; Coleen Johnson, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; and Rachel Perry, Executive Director of C-SAPA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison.

II. Mr. Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Fong, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2019 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Ms. Talamantes, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Retreat of October 12, 2019 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

On a motion by Ms. Ahola and seconded by Ms. Davis, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2019 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 abstentions (Brown, Keefer).

IV. Mr. Brown moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Fong 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. Kerstin Morell, Family Advocate, Early Learning Department, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for December.

Christina Newport, School Nurse, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for December.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone who attended our November 6 Family and Community Engagement Summit where we explored a set of standards for evidence-based, family engagement strategies. On November 1, we hosted a summit featuring author and family engagement expert Dr. Steve Constantino. That event was also well attended. Thanks to President Lefkovitz and Trustees Keefer and Davis for attending. And a special

thanks to Trustee Davis for presenting at the workshop. Our spring summit is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2020. For more information, please contact Carla Miller.

- On Saturday, November 2, we hosted our first Youth Engagement Summit, at the SCOE Conference Center with nearly 100 students from across the county joining us. We had student facilitated panel discussions on the Census 2020, Voter Education, and Student Mental Health Support. Thanks to President Lefkovitz for attending. Several local leaders also joined us including Elk Grove Mayor Steve Ly and Galt Elementary Board Member John Gordon, who is also with the Galt Youth Commission. The Sacramento County Registrar of Voters, Courtney Bailey-Kanelos, stayed the whole day. We also were joined by Kim Williams, Sacramento Building Healthy Communities; Tatyana Kravchuk, U.S. Census Bureau; and Adrian Ruiz from the Youth Development Network. Thanks to History/Social Science Director Frank Pisi and the team of SCOE staff for organizing the event.
- On Monday, November 18 from 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the lunchroom, SCOE staff are invited to bring a frozen turkey to work as part of the annual Sacramento Food Bank Frozen Turkey Drive. Then on Friday, November 22, thanks to the hard work and generosity of our North Area Community School staff, students, and their families will receive donated turkeys, traditional holiday side dishes, and pies during a holiday food drive at the campus. The Friday event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thanks to all the local businesses contributing food items for our families.
- Thanked everyone who joined us on October 30 for the annual Golden Spoon Bake-Off, sponsored by our Employee Events Team. The event raised nearly \$180 in donations for the Special Education Student Body Fund. The proceeds will help fund field trips for our special education students. Thanks to all our generous SCOE employees for their support.
- The 17th Annual Project SAVE Golf Tournament on October 28, at the Valley Hi Country Club, was a great success. We had nearly 90 golfers participate. Among them was our own Trustee Dr. Al Brown. Thank you for participating, Dr. Brown. The tournament is the primary fundraiser for this very successful countywide violence prevention program. Thanks to all the tournament organizers, especially Project Specialist Cindy Kennedy, SCOE retiree Cheryl Raney, and the entire tournament committee for organizing another great event.
- Thanked everyone who attended the grand reopening of our Culinary Café at our Palmiter campus on October 17. We had a great meal prepared by Chef and Culinary Arts Instructor Steve Hazelton and his outstanding student team. Thanks to President Lefkovitz and Trustees Ahola, Davis, and Brown for joining us. The café is open Thursdays during the school year. Please check the SCOE website for dates and menus.

- Also, on October 17 at Palmiter, we kicked off our second Principals Academy, under the direction of Dr. Marty Martinez, from our SCOE School of Education. The Principals Academy is part of our Leadership Institute which we developed in collaboration with the local school districts we serve, along with other county offices in our Capital Service Region. The program will run monthly.
- On November 14, we will host the second in our series of Social and Emotional Learning Community of Practice sessions. The session is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the SCOE Conference Center. These sessions involve teams of educators helping participants from our districts lead SEL integration in their schools.
- On Wednesday, December 11, we will host our annual Winter Warm-Up in the Mather Room. The employee event is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 am.
- Also, on December 11, at the SCOE Conference Center, we will host our Annual Sacramento County Academic Bowl. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year's topic: Sustainable Transportation for the 21st Century. Students from several of our court and community schools and our Senior Extension Program will be participating. For details, please see Matt Perry.
- Reminded everyone that all SCOE Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving break November 27 through 29.
- On Thursday, December 19, our Community School graduation ceremony will be at the SCOE Conference Center. The graduation is from noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Announced that at the November 5 meeting of the First 5 Sacramento Commission, he was appointed as an Ex Officio Commission Member. He looks forward to continuing the work on the Commission.

VIII.A. Ms. Ahola moved and Mr. Brown 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, Community School, and Special Education Students
3. Approved 2019-2020 School Plans for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, and Michael Kast, Executive Director, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: 6 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Elijah Smith from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Emmanuel Deloney, Jada Ellesse Pearson, and Linda Xiong from Gerber Jr./Sr. High School; Tyler N. Jackson from North Area Community School; and Jeremiah Johnson and Jamie McFerson from Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School.

Dr. Perry provided an overview on the school plans for student achievement, which are often referred to as SPSAs, and are required to receive Title I funding. We use Title I funding within the three community schools and at El Centro and have developed single plans that align directly with our LCAP goals. You will receive a more detailed report of our accountability at the February Board Meeting with an updated and enhanced accountability model that includes deeper resolution on our new college and career/workforce indicators.

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

VIII.C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts

VIII.D. Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, introduced Charter School Oversight Monitor Nancy Brownell, who presented the Fortune School of Education Countywide Charter School Annual Report, and Margaret Fortune, who presented Fortune's Report on Student Assessments and other information regarding the Fortune charter.

VIII.E. President Lefkovitz announced that this was the First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8510 (Renumbered 9310) – Policy and Administrative Regulation Development.

Chair Joanne Ahola of the Policy Committee recommended that the revisions to Board Bylaw 8510 (Renumbered 9310) – Policy and Administrative Regulation Development move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting.

VIII.F. President Lefkovitz announced that this was the First Reading and Proposed Elimination of the Following Bylaws and Policies:

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Chair Ahola of the Policy Committee recommended that the proposed elimination of these Bylaws and Policies move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting.

VIII.G. An informational item on the Executive Committee Report was provided in the Board packet.

VIII.H. An informational item on the 2018-2019 Annual Report of Sacramento County Williams Review was provided in the Board packet.

IX.A. Superintendent Gordon announced that Deputy Superintendent, Al Rogers has been appointed as the new Superintendent of the Merced City School District, effective January 1, 2020. The district is about 11,700 K-8 students and feeds into the Merced Union High School District. We will inform all our staff tomorrow morning. We are very pleased and proud of Al and think he will be a wonderful leader for that community.

President Lefkovitz asked Superintendent Gordon to send our congratulations to him and will miss him; but are happy for his onward mobility and success.

Ms. Ahola thanked staff for the evaluation of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District data. It painted the picture she was expecting to see which is unfortunate, however, she is sure they are working on it. Today was the nomination for candidates running for election and she was excited to pull papers with fellow colleagues at the Voter Registrar's Office.

Ms. Davis asked if anyone knows how many trick or treaters Greg Geeting had because she meant to reach out to him. (Ms. Carla Miller responded that Greg emailed her and reported 491 this year.) The Culinary Café is having their Thanksgiving this Thursday, November 14 – a roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole with toasted marshmallows, green beans, stewed cranberry orange relish, macaroni and cheese, assorted pies. She will try her best to attend. She thanked staff for their work on the FACE project. It is difficult to change culture, but she is so grateful and thankful that everyone is trying so hard. She is out there trying to push that work forward. She thanked the Board and Superintendent who supports her.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Mr. Keefer – no report.

Ms. Talamantes stated she loves when kids come to her house for Halloween. She mentioned that Bina and Heather have birthdays next week. Everyone sang happy birthday to them.

Mr. Brown stated that his high school friend on the Alabama Board of Education for the last 20 years passed away. Tomorrow, he will be a principal for a day at a K-8 school in the San Juan USD. On Friday this week, he will sit on a panel at CSUS with the nursing school advocacy as they present on charitable events in the community that they are working on. When he has his asthma camp in the summer, he recruits the student nurses. He, Joanne, and Heather pulled papers today for re-election.

IX.B. President Lefkovitz thanked the team for the Youth Leadership Summit. So proud that we had a group of students from one of our community schools attend and worked on the mental health issue. We also had a group from Palmiter who worked on the Census 2020 event. She looks forward to more opportunities for our young people to have voice and agency. She and Superintendent Gordon have been working on the scholarship fund and have been assembling the Advisory Board, consisting of Superintendent Gordon, herself, Trustee Brown, Pam Hayes (Los Rios Community College Board), Lee Seale (Chief Probation Officer), Eddie Aguilar (Bina's colleague), and are working on one more from the banking community. The goal is to have an Advisory Committee assembled and guidelines to be reviewed in January with the group. She and Superintendent debriefed on the retreat. She typed up their evaluations and distributed copies at the meeting – very positive, people liked the ice breakers, values, Board role discussion, how we engage the community, ways we support each other, and update on strategic priorities. We started to post our mission statement on the agenda beginning in December. An idea that was discussed for

community engagement was conducting a service project together, then going out for an evening of fun. Trustee Ahola sent some ideas for service projects. She and the Superintendent will work on assembling these recommendations and get them to you.

Mr. Brown asked if we can we call the scholarship fund “The SCOE Scholarship Fund”.

President Lefkovitz said her hope is to have a name by January. She gave the Superintendent a few ideas. The SCOE Scholarship Fund name will be fine.

Superintendent Gordon shared the list of Board reports that will be coming up for the rest of the year.

President Lefkovitz shared a quote, “Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.” Quote is by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the November/December Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the November/December Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:

A. December 10, 2019 – History-Social Science/Civics/2020 Census

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XII. Ms. Talamantes moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Ella Bell, Alabama Board of Education. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: December 10, 2019