

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2021**

**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 20, 2021
  - IV. Adoption of Agenda
  - V. Official Correspondence
  - VI. Visitor Presentations
    - A. General Public
    - B. Employee Organizations
  - VII. Superintendent's Report
  - VIII. New Business
    - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
      1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
      2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students
    - B. Fortune School of Education Sacramento Countywide Charter Renewal Petition
    - C. Approval of Contracts
    - D. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts
    - E. First Reading of Board Policy 3200 – Grants
    - F. First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8009 (Renumbered 9000) – Purpose and Role of the Board
    - G. Second Reading of Proposed Elimination of Board Policies 5145 and 6000 and Bylaw 8001
    - H. Informational Item: Elimination of Administrative Rules and Regulations 6000 – Coordination of Educational Programs of the County School Services Fund
    - I. Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan
  - 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 8, 2021
    - B. June 22, 2021
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Ahola 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, 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; Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

Other staff present via teleconference were Brent Malicote and Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendents; Coleen Johnson, Chief Administrator; Michael Kast, Executive Director; Kristin Wright, Executive Director; Channa Cook-Harvey, Executive Director; Rachel Perry, Executive Director; and Tim Herrera, Director.

II. Ms. Lefkovitz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Talamantes, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2021 were approved. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 1 abstention (Ahola) based on the following Roll Call vote:

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

IV. Mr. Keefer moved to adopt the agenda with item VIII.F. (First Reading of Revisions to Board Bylaw 8009 (Renumbered 9000) – Purpose and Role of the Board) withdrawn from the agenda.

Mr. Fong seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes  
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 regarding SJUSD:

Mario Galvan  
Magali Kincaid  
Juan Yniguez  
Scott Rafferty  
Carolina Flores

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

VII. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

#### LOCAL DISTRICT UPDATES

- Arcohe: Last day of school is May 25. Accessing subs has been difficult. Summer academies planned.
- Center: Last day of school is May 27. Summer learning planned. In the Fall, remote learning will be offered through independent study.
- Elk Grove: Last day of school is May 27 for traditional schools. Others are open throughout June. Draft AB86 plan goes before Board tonight.
- Elverta: Last day of school is June 16.
- Folsom Cordova: Last day of school is May 27. AB86 plan goes to Board this Thursday. Summer programs planned for all grades and a school-based health clinic is being planned. First vaccine clinic for youth ages 12 and over hosted last Saturday. A total of 1,200 vaccines were administered.
- Galt Elementary: Last day of school is June 4. AM/PM model continues. Accessing subs has been difficult. Three weeks of full day summer school is planned at elementary and middle schools; and programs offered for PreK. 72 families are interested in a home academy.
- Galt High: Last day of school is June 3. In-person graduation planned. Summer school planned at three sites. 30% of students plan to attend summer school. AB86 plan approved last month. Planning more robust independent study. Planning a vaccine clinic for students and the community.
- Natomas: Last day of school is June 10. AB86 plan approved.
- River Delta: Last day of school is June 4. 96% students attend in-person. Virtual academy being offered through independent study. AB86 goes before Board May 26. Summer learning planned for middle school in July. CTE experiences planned for high school in July.
- Robla: Last day of school is June 18. Robust summer school planned for July until one week before start of school.
- Sacramento City: Switched from two days to four days at schools where they can ensure six feet of social distancing.
- San Juan: Last day of school is June 8. Summer school planned at all secondary and elementary schools.
- Twin Rivers: Last day of school is June 4. Robust summer school planned.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY VACCINATION EFFORTS

- Our COVID-19 vaccination clinic – in partnership with Safeway – remains open to the public. The FDA has authorized Pfizer vaccine for children 12 to 15 years old. On May 12, the CDC agreed to allow providers like Safeway to start immunizing this age group. We also are partnering with the City of Rancho Cordova to reach out to families

with children 12 to 15 to immunize them, and their parents. To accommodate families, our clinic is operating on certain Saturdays. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon Hansen in Administration.

#### COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BASE PROGRAM

- Principal Lisa Alcalá and College & Career Readiness Director Jackie White are collaborating to provide Relationship Centered Schools training to staff. Students will have extensive support from faculty, mental health clinicians, and non-profit partners this summer. Faculty and staff will engage in four additional days of engagement and project-based learning training this summer. The community schools are now receiving expanded support from the College and Career Readiness Department.

#### SENIOR EXTENSION

- Students continue to enroll from across the county. Approximately 150 students have graduated during the 2020-2021 school year. Plans are under way to expand concurrent enrollment with regional community colleges. We are exploring the on-campus Sacramento State ACE program. SCOE will hire peer mentors (full-time college students) to help Senior Extension students navigate life choices, post-secondary exploration, decisions, and the application process.

#### EL CENTRO

- Plans to open the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center continue to move forward. SCOE is hiring a Teacher Librarian to lead the center. The Probation program serving youth formerly incarcerated within DJJ now has a name – The Valley Oak Youth Academy. The NCCT construction program is now 245 days per year (year-round). El Centro is now receiving expanded support from the College and Career Readiness Department. And just to make you hungry, Chef Jones has taught her students to make fresh pasta, which many of the staff look forward to sampling on a daily basis.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

- All programs except for Infant Development are continuing to offer in-person services. We are finalizing summer school staffing and planning. Our virtual May 13 graduation ceremony for the students in our moderate/severe program was a very nice celebration of achievement. Palmiter graduation is on June 3. You should have or will receive soon your invitation.

#### SLY PARK UPDATE

- Regarding our Sly Park Environmental Education Summer Programming, we are reviewing guidance that was released on Friday, May 14 to determine if private camps (basketball, Sugarloaf Fine Arts, Jazz Camp) will be able to operate safely in June and July. We will

once again partner with the Pollock Pines Elementary School District to provide summer meals for students and families in the district.

#### GOVERNOR'S MAY BUDGET REVISION

- As a result of significant increases in state revenues, the Prop 98 minimum guarantee is estimated to increase by \$17.7 billion above the Governor's Budget estimates in January.
- This funding, along with the \$25 billion in federal relief funding the state is receiving, allows for significant investments and new initiatives. Governor Newsom is proposing to address equity gaps.
- The May Revision includes a 5.07% "super COLA" for the Local Control Funding Formula and a 4.05% COLA for special education.
- The May Revision proposes \$1.1 billion to increase the number of nurses, teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, and others providing direct services to students in Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) with the highest concentrations of low-income students, English learners, and foster youth.
- An additional \$1 billion is proposed to provide no-cost afterschool and summer programs in LEAs with the high concentrations of low-income students, English learners, and foster youth, growing to \$5 billion in 2025-2026.
- \$4.6 billion one-time is proposed to fund health and safety costs related to in-person instruction and to close learning gaps resulting from the school closures.
- \$2 billion is proposed to create a \$500 college savings account for each low-income first grader, with additional funding for foster youth and homeless students.
- \$3.3 billion is proposed for a multiyear package to build the teacher pipeline, encourage educator retention, and provide professional training in key areas for administrative, credentialed, and classified staff.
- \$3 billion is proposed for multiyear grants to expand the implementation of the community school model.
- \$1 billion in 2021-2022, \$1.7 billion in 2022-2023, and \$431 million ongoing is proposed to identify and treat behavioral health needs early in youth. This initiative will be designed to invest in LEAs' ability to both deliver care directly and partner with Medi-Cal plans.
- \$150 million is proposed to increase LEA participation in federal universal meal programs.
- The Governor proposes to provide universal access to TK for all four-year-olds in California by 2024-2025 and proposes to increase the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee by \$2.7 billion at full implementation to fund this expansion.
- The Governor proposes an additional \$380 million, growing to \$740 million by 2024-2025, to reduce TK adult-to-child ratios from 1:24 to 1:12.

- \$250 million one-time is also included to provide LEAs resources to prepare for the TK expansion.
- The Governor intends to create 100,000 new subsidized childcare slots and proposes \$250 million one-time for childcare facilities, \$25 million one-time to build the supply licensed childcare homes, and \$20 million for a multiyear effort to strengthen existing quality improvement systems.
- \$7 billion is proposed to expand broadband and reliable internet service statewide, including \$35 million one-time to expand access to isolated and underserved communities through a collaborative partnership of LEAs, regional libraries, and telehealth providers.

#### ONLINE CURRICULUM/STATE BOARD PRESENTATION

- On May 12, we presented to the State Board of Education and the Board adopted distance learning curriculum and instructional guidance for mathematics, English language arts, and English Language Development for local education agencies to use as a resource.
- The guidance is intended to support teachers as they implement mathematics instruction in online, blended, or in-person learning environments. Lessons are infused with Social and Emotional Learning.
- A web version of the document will be posted on the CDE Distance Learning web page so districts and county offices can use it as a resource.
- Many thanks to Deputy Superintendent Nancy Herota and our curriculum experts for developing this important guidance.

#### SUMMER INNOVATION EDUCATION HUBS

- We are working with community-based organizations, non-profits, and local school districts to create Summer Education Innovation Hubs at schools in high need communities. Providing a wide variety of summer enrichment opportunities to re-engage with the excitement of learning and support high school aged students. The districts involved are Twin Rivers, San Juan, and Sacramento City. Program involves peer mentoring to support the summer learners. Partners include Project Optimism, Black Child Legacy, the Hawk Institute, the Museum of Science and Curiosity, and our own Sy Park Environmental Education Center. Architects of Hope has agreed to manage the Peer Mentoring in partnership with Mentor CA. We are also meeting again next week.

#### FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

- On Thursday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., we will have our final virtual Family and Community Engagement session for the year. Parent activist and educational advocate Michele Brooks will present on Implementing Equity-Centered Family Engagement. We will have FACE partners from San Juan, Galt Elementary, and Elk Grove

present as well. We have hit our maximum capacity of 100! However, if any Board members want to attend, we can still register them.

#### STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

- On May 5, we hosted a virtual ceremony recognizing all those students in Sacramento County who have earned their State Seal of Biliteracy. Congratulations to the roughly 2,400 students who earned the seal this year. 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.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION GRADUATION

- On May 13, we hosted a virtual graduation ceremony for students in our Moderate/Severe Special Education Program. We sent out the Zoom link in an earlier communication. Please let us know if you need it.

#### COMMUNITY SCHOOL VIRTUAL GRADUATION

- We have a “virtual” Community School graduation scheduled for May 26 at noon. We will provide the Zoom link as we get closer.

VIII.A. Ms. Davis moved and Ms. Talamantes 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

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

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

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Rhamon Ramell Finney, Jon Mauricio Munoz, Alexandra Barajas Nunez, and Anthony Tyler Ulloa from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; Graciela Gonzalez from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; and Debra Lima from North Area Senior Extension.

VIII.B. President Ahola announced the Board will conduct the Public Hearing on the Fortune School of Education Sacramento Countywide Charter School Renewal Petition.

The Public Hearing provides petitioners, parents, school districts, and citizens with an opportunity for comment and input on the proposed countywide charter renewal petition. The Board's responsibility will determine if this charter renewal petition meets the requirements of law. Copies of Education Code sections 47607 and 47605.6 and applicable Board Policy and Regulations have been provided to Board members and are posted on the SCOE website.

President Ahola opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Margaret Fortune, President and CEO of the Fortune School of Education; Dominic Zarecki, Director of Data, Analytics, and Strategy; and Bonnie Benson, Chief Financial Officer, shared a presentation regarding the charter school's achievements and plans for the future. Fortune scholars Jamel Knighton and Nailah DuBose; Dr. Eleanor Brown; and Amanda Gorman also presented to the Board on behalf of the charter.

Dr. Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent, and Nick Schweizer, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, presented SCOE's analysis.

Mr. Herrera read public comments in support of Fortune School from the following:

Myiea Henry-Gray  
Simeon Gant  
Anonymous  
Kemba Howard  
Rex Fortune  
Cassandra Jennings  
Margaret S. Fortune  
Marvell Reed  
Dondrell Swanson  
Pastor Stefon DuBose  
Brittany Sullivan  
Tecoy Porter  
Anonymous  
William Hancock  
Larry Lee  
Caleb Ethley c/o Regina Ethley  
Regina Ethley  
Patrice Hill  
Toya Barnes  
Jamal Lewis  
Natalie Holland Hemiu  
Amari Wilson  
Dalaniya Benjamin  
Isai Villanueva  
Alexandria Hancock  
Jasmine Johnson  
Anthony Johnson  
Azizza Davis Goines via letter to Fortune



Virgil Torrence via letter to Fortune

President Ahola closed the Public Hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Board members commented on Fortune's outcomes and operations and asked questions about the charter petition, and the Fortune team responded to comments and questions.

Ms. Davis moved, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion that the Sacramento County Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 21-06 granting the renewal of Fortune School of Education Countywide Charter Renewal Petition for a five-year term.

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

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

VIII.C. Ms. Lefkovitz moved and Mr. Fong seconded approval of the contracts.

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

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

VIII.D. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts

VIII.E. President Ahola announced this is the First Reading of Board Policy 3200 – Grants.

Chair Paul Keefer of the Policy Committee asked Ms. Stinson to present this item. The Policy Committee recommended that the First Reading of Board Policy 3200 – Grants move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting.

VIII.G. President Ahola announced this is the Second Reading of Proposed Elimination of Board Policies 5145 and 6000 and Bylaw 8001.

Chair Keeper of the Policy Committee recommended the Board adopt the Proposed Elimination of Board Policies 5145 and 6000 and Bylaw 8001. This is coming from the Policy Committee and therefore does not require a second. Mr. Brown provided a second.

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

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

VIII.H. An informational item on the Elimination of Administrative Rules and Regulations 6000 – Coordination of Educational Programs of the County School Services Fund was provided in the Board packet.

VIII.I. Dr. Perry and Michael Kast, Executive Director, presented the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan to the Board.

Mr. Keefer moved, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan.

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

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

IX.A. Ms. Davis reported that Trustee Lefkovitz, her, and other mentors finished up 30 weeks of LINKS mentoring. They had three students stay through the very end.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Ms. Talamantes noted that we always receive comments about SJUSD redistricting and suggested that we update them on redistricting timelines.

Ms. Lefkovitz reported the Central Labor Council gave a \$5,000 donation to The SCOE Resiliency Scholarship Fund. There is a book called the American Government: The Core that could give the Board great insight when looking at Board Policies and Roles.

Mr. Keefer mentioned the public comments and said he is not sure we should get more involved in the SJUSD redistricting issue. He also expressed appreciation for his fellow Board members.

Mr. Brown commented that we have a great Board. He told the Board about the letter he was planning to send in opposition to pending legislation regarding charter schools.

Superintendent Gordon commended the SCOE staff that worked on the Fortune materials and expressed his appreciation for this work. He also thanked the Board for their work and sound decisions.

IX.B. President Ahola noted that she plans to volunteer at the SCOE vaccination clinic.

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 8, 2021
- B. June 22, 2021

XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: July 13, 2021