

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2018

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2018
 - IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - V. Official Correspondence
 - VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
 - VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Recognition of SCOE Staff
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Court School Students
 3. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code (Technology)
 - B. No Approval of Contracts
 - C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts
 - D. Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget Revision No. 4
 - E. Approval of the 2017-2018 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report
 - F. Board Report – Foster Youth and Homeless Services
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. October/November Events
 - B. October/November Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. October 16, 2018 – Civics Education
 - B. November 13, 2018 – Fortune School of Education Countywide Charter School Annual Report and Report on Assessments
 - XII. 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 Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkowitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent; Nancy Herota, Matt Perry, and Tammy Sanchez, Assistant Superintendents; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology;

Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Rachel Perry, Director of C-SAPA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary. Trustee Fong was absent.

Trustee Ahola was not present at the time of roll call.

II. Mr. Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Keefer and seconded by Ms. Lefkovitz, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2018 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong).

IV. Ms. Davis moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion, which carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Ahola, Fong).

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. April Javist, Executive Director of the Sacramento Public Library Foundation, addressed the Board and introduced their latest project, called Community Literacy Map. For more details, go to communityliteracymap.org. She provided a copy of their first year report card which provides details of kids being at grade level reading, and where we are right now as a community to the Board. Next year, she will return to report how well they have done.

VI.B. There were no requests for presentations from employee organizations.

VII.A. Executive Director Michael Kast introduced Cynthia Guzman for Board recognition as the 2019 SCOE Teacher of the Year.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- This past Friday, President Brown and he had the honor of joining former Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy at the Library and Learning Center at the Federal Courthouse, which is named after Justice Kennedy, for an event with students from the community from six or seven of our local high schools. The purpose was to help him get acquainted with more of our high school students. Not many people know that during his term on the Supreme Court, Justice Kennedy would come to Sacramento three or four times a year and talk to students at their schools. We had a wonderful opportunity to see him engage with students, but the main purpose of the program was to introduce something that SCOE had worked on which was the new Civic Passport. The Civic Passport was designed to promote young people visiting sites downtown such as the different courthouses, Unity Center, California Museum, and Capitol. We created a passport for them to use and get stamps from each of the sites. Frank Pisi, a very imaginative person on our staff, was involved with creating the Civic Passport and he will be reporting at our next meeting on our Civics program and the work we are doing throughout the state. It

was a wonderful experience to see Justice Kennedy's grace and wisdom. He gave a brief speech, and the topic of his speech was civil dialogue and the importance of civil dialogue in our affairs. The young people, as always, were amazing. They came back from their visits and shared what they had learned.

- Tomorrow, the Sacramento County School Boards Association will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Mather Room. Our guest speaker will be Greg Lucas, who is the California State Librarian. His topic: "How Libraries Can Make Your Life Better and Save the World." Dinner is being provided by Chef Hazelton and the students from our Culinary Arts program.
- Thanked everyone who attended and participated in our September 25 workshop "Reducing Suspensions: The Law and Alternatives." Special thanks to presenters Carl Corbin, General Counsel of the public law firm School and College Legal Services of California; and Paul Osincup, consultant and educator with a background in conflict resolution and restorative justice. The workshop was well attended and well received by our attending districts. He thanked Vice President Ahola for attending.
- On September 25, he was honored to join Secretary of State Padilla and Sacramento Mayor Steinberg for an event at Leroy Greene Academy in Natomas. The purpose was to highlight the efforts in Sacramento County around registering and pre-registering students to vote, calling attention to various mock elections and voter registration drives occurring throughout the school districts in Sacramento County. 250,000 16 & 17 year olds have registered.
- Thanked Principal Lauren Roth and her team for hosting a very nice Back to School night on September 20 at Palmiter. It is always a great opportunity to meet with students, families, and staff. It was also nice to introduce and meet Stephen Hazelton, our new Culinary Arts instructor.
- And speaking of Chef Hazelton, on October 30, 2018, we will have our Culinary Café Grand Opening for this year at the Palmiter campus. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- It was an inspiring event on September 13 when we celebrated the successes of more than 70 members of the 2018 graduating class of SCOE's Placer County Re-Entry Program for parolees and probationers. Thanks to President Brown and Trustee Lefkowitz for joining us.
- The annual Project SAVE Golf Tournament will be held October 22, 2018 at the Empire Ranch Golf Club in Folsom. Check in is at 7:30 a.m. The event starts at 8:30 a.m. The tournament is the primary fundraiser for this very successful countywide violence prevention program. Anyone

interested in participating should contact Project Specialist Cindy Kennedy.

- Thanked everyone who attended our September 25 reception for SCOE's 10th Annual Employee Art Show. Hope you'll get to enjoy the exhibit and see the creative side of some of our employees. The art will be on display through October, weekdays during office hours. We have some special submissions from Trustee Ahola's daughter, Kaitlyn.

President Brown, at 6:38 p.m., asked that the record show that Trustee Ahola was now present.

VIII.A. Ms. Lefkovitz moved and Ms. Ahola seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 absent (Fong). By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court School Students
3. Declared equipment listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code (Technology)

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: 2 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School and Kanasha Beverly from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School.

VIII.B. No Approval of Contracts

VIII.C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts

VIII.D. Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget Revision No. 4

Bina Lefkovitz, Chair of Budget Committee, stated that she would like the Board to consider items VIII.D. and VIII.E. together as the data from both reports is derived from the same place.

Ms. Davis moved to approve item VIII.D. – 2017-2018 Budget Revision No. 4 and item VIII.E. – 2017-2018 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report. Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion which carried 6 ayes, 1 absent (Fong).

VIII.E. Approval of the 2017-2018 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report – see motion above.

VIII.F. Dr. Nancy Herota, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Director Trish Kennedy and Coordinator Alyson Collier, who provided a report on Foster Youth and Homeless Services to the Board.

Devosha Madkins and Alicia Lozoya shared their experiences as foster youth.

IX.A. Mr. Keefer thanked Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Collier for their presentation. Also thanked Trustee Lefkovitz for bringing her guests. He hopes that this conversation continues in earnest. He thanked his fellow Board members for being so conscientious about the topic.

Ms. Talamantes reported that last Thursday, she toured some of the programs with Assistant Superintendent Matt Perry at the youth detention facility. She was really impressed with the classes, different programs, positive reinforcement, and empowering words in the facility, classrooms, and the culture of the team. We visited SCBC and was really impressed with the wrap around services that we provide, everything from GED classes to community classes; also clothes for interviews, all the CTE programs that we have to give people a living wage and benefits, and prepare them for the workforce. Lastly, we went to SCOE for a CRANE discussion.

Mr. Fong was not present.

Ms. Lefkovitz thanked staff for the presentation. She was intrigued by the peer advocate idea. She likes the project that is helping young people to apply for FAFSA and thinking about college, which is very important. She attended the Equity conference by Ed Trust-West, CCBE, and Suspension Workshop that SCUSD hosted. In all cases, there was a lot of discussion around equity. As leaders in the community, we need to lift up the issue of equity and messaging. There was a lot of focus on data collection; using data to make improvements. At the CCBE conference, the San Mateo County Office of Education produced an incredible report where they took the dashboard data and culled it down into five indicators. They created a report where they highlighted the data and identified best practices in different districts, like suspension and 3rd grade reading, and then published a book. She distributed handouts to the Board members. She attended a session on looking at the state accountability measures for alternative schools. They were advocating four measures around credit attainment, successful transitions to work or college, measuring how well our students are doing with FAFSA, and applying to college. She recommended that the Board members attend the CCBE conference next year.

Ms. Davis reported that the charter school study session was appreciated. From a parent's perspective, she shared that her family is experiencing the steps and decisions in choosing a college for her daughter, and the different emotions that come along with it.

Ms. Ahola reported that, as Superintendent Gordon mentioned, she attended the Suspension Workshop, which was done very well. The first speaker was Attorney Carl Corbin who was incredibly engaging. The second speaker was Paul Osincup, who discussed restorative practices. It was very well attended by many districts. She requested that staff obtain a copy of Carl Corbin's and Paul Osincup's presentation. It could help in our expulsion hearings. She will be attending the Project SAVE golf tournament, but will not golf.

IX.B. President Brown reported he also attended the CCBE annual conference in Monterey along with Trustee Lefkovitz. On March 8-9, 2019, a new trustee meeting will

be held at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. He encouraged the new trustees to try to attend this meeting. On March 12, 2019, it is a legislative action day. That's when different county boards lobby their Assemblymembers. We will have a Board development training online learning module on January 19, 2019. There are four seats on the State Board of Education (SBE) that are vacant. We have an election for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and there are two candidates: Tuck and Thurmond. He encouraged everyone to vote.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

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

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

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:

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XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion, which carried 6 ayes, 1 absent (Fong). The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: November 13, 2018