

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 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 February 16, 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 April 2021 Employees of the Month
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community Schools Students
 3. Accept Donation to College and Career Readiness Department
 - B. Approval of Contracts
 - C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts
 - D. Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget Revision No. 2
 - E. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year
 - F. Informational Item: SCOE Resiliency Scholarship Fund Update
 - G. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-01 – A Resolution in Support of Equal Treatment for All
 - H. Board Report – Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. March/April Events
 - B. March/April Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. April 9, 2021 – Study Session
 - B. April 20, 2021
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Ahola called the meeting to order at 6:33 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; Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

Other staff present via teleconference were Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; 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. Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Ms. Talamantes and seconded by Mr. Fong, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of February 16, 2021 were approved. 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

IV. Ms. Davis moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which 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 individuals:

Myiea Henry-Gray, parent of student at Alan Rowe College Prep
Regina Ethley, parent of student at Fortune School
Brittany Sullivan, parent of student at Fortune School

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

VII.A. Rachel Dennis, Infant Educator/Bilingual, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for April.

Kirsten Sapp, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Specialist, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for April.

Superintendent Gordon provided an update on reopening plans in our local districts and reported on the following:

- **Arcohe:** Remains open in hybrid with no plans to change at this time.
- **Center:** Grades K-6 & 7-8 scheduled to return 3/25-3/26. All schools will be open 4/6.
- **Elk Grove:** PreK-3 starts today. Grades 4-6 start next week. Secondary to start 3/31-4/1.
- **Elverta:** To remain hybrid rest of year. Plans to start next year with regular schedule.
- **Folsom Cordova:** Grade 6 trimester schedule starts today. Grades 7-12 will return in-person, hybrid, 3/17.
- **Galt Elementary:** Elementary starts this Thursday/Friday with orientation and back in classroom next week with am/pm model. Middle school to start next Wednesday and Thursday.
- **Galt High:** Open this Thursday with A/B hybrid. After spring break, hope to return four days/week.
- **Natomas:** Reported last week they are open for PreK-6 with 40% students in attendance. Some small cohorts still active.
- **River Delta:** All schools open in hybrid for Cohort A.
- **Robla:** To open Cohort A Monday and Cohort B Thursday of next week.
- **Sacramento City:** K-12 is scheduled to return 4/8.
- **San Juan:** K-12 to return 3/22 in AB model.
- **Twin Rivers:** April 6 all schools to return.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY VACCINATION EFFORTS

- On March 4, we began our vaccination clinic – in collaboration with Safeway – for the community in Rancho Cordova and for our educators and childcare staff. He gave a big shoutout to Safeway for partnering with us and getting vaccinations going here at Mather. It will – no doubt – help us with the reopening of schools. It will help with giving people a sense of safety and more comfort in doing their work, for both for educators and childcare workers who have been working for months with young people. He thanked the many SCOE staff who are volunteering their time to ensure the clinics run as smoothly as possible. Safeway has added two Saturday clinics: March 20 and April 10. We still need volunteers for future clinics. If anyone is interested, please contact Shannon Hansen in Administration.

COURT AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS / Adult Reentry UPDATE

- All Adult Re-Entry sites are open and serving clients with one-to-one appointments. We are planning to return to small group sessions and increased client activity on April 12.
- El Centro – all students are engaged in full day, in-person instruction.
- Community Schools and Senior Extension – all students are engaged in 1:1 and some are on campus all day. We will return to group instruction on April 12. (Senior Extension often runs small workshops for students.)
- CARE Programs – All Folsom Cordova CARE teachers will begin providing in-class instruction tomorrow to approximately ½ of their students daily while the others engage with the class remotely.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

- SCOE has welcomed back students in our Special Education programs in the following districts:
 - Galt Elementary & Galt HS
 - Twin Rivers
 - Center
 - Natomas
 - Coming soon:
 - Bannon Creek – April 12
 - Leo A. Palmiter – April 12
 - EGUSD locations – April 6
 - SCUSD TBD
- We are working on planning out the details of our Extended School year for the summer.

MOOT COURT FINALS AND AWARDS

- Hope you can join this Thursday, March 18, as we hold the final round and then honor local high school students participating in the 2021 Gordon D. Schaber Moot Court competition. The final round of the competition will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. The awards ceremony will take place at approximately 7:15 p.m. We sent the link to the event in a previous Board Communication, but we can provide it again.

SCOE TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES 2022

- Please remember to mark your calendars for March 24 when we recognize 12 SCOE teachers who are being nominated for the 2022 SCOE Teacher of the Year. Our virtual reception begins at 5:00 p.m. We will be sending you a Zoom link to the event as we get closer.

COLLEY SCHOOL SITE TOUR

- On Friday, March 5, we toured the construction site for the new Nathaniel S. Colley, Sr. High School, located at Gerber and Power Inn Roads. We have some video to show you the progress. The site is taking form and it is shaping up to be a state-of-the-art campus. Each building will have flexible space for our programs. We will have a five-classroom wing with four rooms that can be used

as academic classrooms or transformed into a technology lab or school media learning center. We are customizing one classroom to support the needs of our Senior Extension Program students, especially those who are young parents with children. We will host a school dedication event in the summer after construction is completed.

VIII.A. Mr. Fong 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 Court and Community Schools Students
3. Accepted donation to College and Career Readiness Department

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: Tenaya Kaylie Jones and Savannah Solei Sanchez from Cordova Lane Senior Extension; two candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Ana Michel Navarro from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Senior Extension; Jansan Tragger Debrum, Jack Kou Her, and Akashpreet Singh from Gerber Senior Extension; and Audrey Foster, Timoci Lalanabaravi, Timothy Alisherovich Normukhamedov, and Brittany Peters from North Area Senior Extension.

VIII.B. Mr. Brown moved and Ms. Talamantes 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.C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts

VIII.D. Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget Revision No. 2

Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent, and Ms. Heather Davis presented this item.

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Keefer seconded the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Revision No. 2.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Revision No. 2 to include item VIII.E. – Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Mr. Keefer seconded the amended 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

VIII.E. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year – see item VIII.D.

VIII.F. An informational item of the SCOE Resiliency Scholarship Fund Update was provided in the Board packet. Ms. Stinson presented this item.

VIII.G. Superintendent Gordon introduced revised Resolution No. 21-01 – A Resolution in Support of Equal Treatment for All. Mr. Herrera read a Public Comment from Anne Kjemtrup and Melanie Mages-Canale with Sacramento Chapters of Sisterhood of Salaam-Shalom.

Mr. Fong moved, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to adopt revised Resolution No. 21-01 – A Resolution in Support of Equal Treatment for All.

Board members expressed appreciation to SCOE staff for presenting this Resolution and the commitment to equity.

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.H. Dr. Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent, and Kristin Wright, Executive Director, provided a report on Family and Community Engagement (FACE) to the Board.

IX.A. Ms. Davis – no report.

Mr. Keefer – no report.

Mr. Brown – no report.

Ms. Talamantes recommends the book *Imani's Moon* by Janay Brown-Wood be made available to SCOE programs since the author is local and the content is culturally relevant. The author is African American and tells her experience growing up.

Mr. Fong thanked Nicolas Schweizer and Trustee Davis for the financial report. Mr. Fong expressed that he was pleased that the SCOE scholarship fund has increased. He was also happy that schools are opening and looks forward to in-person Board meetings. He commented that he has previously attended FACE presentations at CSBA conferences where they emphasize that families are the first educators of their kids. He strongly agrees with this belief. He also shared his personal experience with some of the issues referenced in the Resolution. He said there is a lot of fear and anxiety in the Asian community and his family is impacted by it.

Ms. Lefkowitz appreciated the presentation at the last Board meeting where Foster and Homeless Youth programs were highlighted. This is Women's History month. She has a report about how girls and women are doing published by the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls that she will share with Superintendent Gordon if anyone wants to see it.

IX.B. President Ahola – no report, however, read from *Wild Broken Dreams*, written by E.G., student from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School, titled, "The Sea".

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the March/April Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the March/April Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. April 9, 2021 – Study Session

B. April 20, 2021

XII. Mr. Keefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which 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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: April 20, 2021