

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2020

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 10, 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 February 2020 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 School Students
 - B. 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 Budgets
 1. \$222,990 Career Technical Education Incentive grant from the California Department of Education, College and Career Transition Division for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
 2. \$1,671,637 Statewide Non-Profit Private School Professional Development (SNPSPD) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
 - D. Accept Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019
 - E. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2020-2021
 - F. Authorization for Out of State Travel – Trustee Brown to Attend the 50th Annual Capitol-to-Capitol Conference in Washington, DC
 - G. Authorization for Staff to Complete Necessary Requirements for Deferred Maintenance and Modernization Projects
 - H. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-01 – In Support of Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020
 - I. First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
 - J. First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 6174 – Education for English Learners
 - K. First Reading and Proposed Elimination of Board Policy 1320 – Complaints Concerning the County Office of Education
 - L. Board Report – Mental Health
- IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President

- C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. January/February Events
 - B. January/February Site Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. February 4, 2020 – Governor’s Budget and Legislation
 - B. February 18, 2020 – Revised Local Accountability Model
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Lefkovitz called the meeting to order at 6:32 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, 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; Tammy Sanchez, Associate Superintendent; Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Kast, Executive Director of Special Education; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Rachel Perry, Executive Director of C-SAPA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison.

II. Ms. Ahola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Ms. Ahola and seconded by Mr. Brown, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2019 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

President Lefkovitz read the mission statement.

IV. Mr. Fong moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Davis 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. Rachel Unterbrink, Multimedia Design Specialist, C-SAPA Department, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for February.

Rachel Remner, Alternative Education Teacher, Court and Community Schools, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for February.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Introduced and welcomed the newest member of our Personnel Commission. Becky Taylor was selected to replace Christine Robinson,

who retired from the Commission last month. Becky knows us well. She is a retired SCOE employee who previously served as Financial Services Director, among many other duties during her time with us. Becky, welcome.

- Welcomed Dr. Nancy Herota, who is now our Deputy Superintendent of Schools. As you know, Nancy most recently served as our Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Welcome, Nancy.
- Tomorrow morning our own Dr. Natalie Woods Andrews will serve as a panelist at the Early Learning and Childcare Summit for the City of Sacramento. She'll be speaking on efforts to improve access to quality early learning and care in the region. The event is at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria beginning at 9:00 a.m. Natalie's panel begins at 10:00 a.m.
- On December 19, we honored the successes of 30 graduates from our Community School programs at a graduation ceremony. We greatly enjoyed our keynote speaker, Guadalupe Delgado, Director of the Sacramento Cal-SOAP consortium, who gave a very inspirational and compelling speech. Many thanks to Board Trustees Brown, Davis, and Ahola for attending to wish our students well on the next leg of their life's journey.
- Congratulated Gerber Jr./Sr. High School for winning the 2019-2020 Sacramento County Academic Bowl. The competition is for students attending community, continuation, or special education schools. The topic was Sustainable Transportation for the 21st Century and we saw some impressive presentations. Many thanks to President Lefkovitz and Trustees Brown and Davis for serving as judges.
- On December 12, we celebrated the successes of 10 SCOE students who graduated from our special education program for young adults. Many thanks to Trustees Davis and Brown for joining us.
- Thanked everyone who attended our annual Winter Warm-Up on December 11. The annual reception for employees and retirees featured good food and conversation. Many thanks to President Lefkovitz and Trustees Talamantes, Keefer, and Brown for joining us. And thanks to everyone who donated toys for the Sheriff's Toy Drive and warm clothing for students who visit our Sly Park program.
- Please mark your calendars for several upcoming events:
 - Join us on Tuesday, January 21, for our January "Learn at Lunch" presentation. The event begins at noon in Room A. The topic: "Life in Balance: Dimensions of Wellness" and our presenter is Human Resources Chief Administrator Coleen Johnson. "Learn at

Lunch” is a monthly professional learning series for SCOE team members by SCOE team members. Please see Tim Herrera for details.

- The Academic Decathlon competition is Saturday, February 1 at Folsom High School. The Super Quiz begins at 3:45 p.m. This year’s theme: "In Sickness and in Health: An Exploration of Illness and Wellness".
 - The Academic Decathlon Awards dinner is Monday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the CSUS University Ballroom.
 - On February 5, we are hosting our Sacramento County School Boards Association dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Mather Room. The topic is “The Challenge of Serving Students with Disabilities.” Our guest speakers will be Kevin Gordon, President and Partner of Capitol Advisors Group LLC, and Kristin Wright, Special Education Director for CDE.
 - On Thursday, February 6, we are hosting the Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud competition beginning at noon at Rosemont High School.
 - SCOE’s 13th Annual Heart and Soul Soup Luncheon will be held Friday, February 14 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the lunchroom. There’s no cost but contributions are being accepted on behalf of SCOE’s Homeless Youth Services program.
 - For information on these events, please see Tim Herrera.
- Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 18 when we recognize our nominees for the 2020 SCOE Classified Employee of the Year. At the reception, we also will announce our selection for the Classified Employee of the Year. The event starts 5:00 p.m. in the Mather Room.
 - This is a reminder that ALL SCOE offices will be closed on these days:
 - January 20 for the Martin Luther King holiday
 - February 10 for Lincoln’s Birthday
 - February 17 for President’s Day

VIII.A. Ms. Talamantes moved and Ms. Davis 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 and Community School Students

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: 2 candidates from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School; Luis Tadeo Martinez, Aisha Motley, Cesar Ramirez, and Dymin Stingley from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School; Jennifer Irene Valle Amador, Edward Corice Dennings, Bryce R. Neal, Quiana Lakia Chasity Noble, and Moises Issac Ramirez Ribota from Gerber Jr./Sr. High School; and Jabree Fisher-Hankins, Joseph Mills, Shakirah Aquirah Morgan, and Abigale Renae Williams from North Area Community School.

VIII.B. Mr. Fong moved and Ms. Ahola seconded approval of the contracts. Motion to approve the contracts carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried unanimously (7 ayes), 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:

1. \$222,990 Career Technical Education Incentive grant from the California Department of Education, College and Career Transition Division for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
2. \$1,671,637 Statewide Non-Profit Private School Professional Development (SNPSPD) grant from the California Department of Education for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years

VIII.D. Mr. Keefer moved and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

Tammy Sanchez introduced Dave Becker, Partner of James Marta & Company, LLP, who presented the summary of the Audit Report.

VIII.E. Ms. Talamantes moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2020-2021 as listed. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.F. Ms. Ahola moved and Mr. Keefer seconded the motion to approve authorization for Out of State Travel for Trustee Brown to attend the 50th Annual Capitol-to-Capitol Conference in Washington, DC. Motion carried 5 ayes, 1 no (Fong), 1 abstention (Brown).

There was discussion among the Board members and Superintendent Gordon clarifying that all Board members may attend and dialogue regarding the benefits of attending and why it is important for SCOE to have a presence in Washington, DC, in terms of networking with legislators and advocacy for programs.

VIII.G. Mr. Fong moved and Mr. Keefer seconded the motion to approve authorization for Staff to Complete Necessary Requirements for Deferred Maintenance and Modernization Projects. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.H. Ms. Ahola moved and Ms. Davis seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-01 – In Support of Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.I. President Lefkovitz announced this is the First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Chair Joanne Ahola of the Policy Committee recommended that the First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting.

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VIII.L. Dr. Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Director Brent Malicote and Coordinator Chris Williams, who provided a report on Mental Health to the Board.

IX.A. Mr. Brown – no report.

Ms. Talamantes thanked Superintendent Gordon for the School of Education ugly sweater. She attended the Winter Warm-Up and voted for that sweater as the ugliest sweater, and wore it proudly.

Mr. Keefer wished everyone a Happy New Year. His goal is to bring virtue back to the town square, and tonight, the virtue of prudence elevated SCOE. Aristotle and Plato were key to develop prudence and St. Thomas Aquinas helped to build it out into a larger scope of study, but it's looking out into the future and also being wise to accept counsel. He thinks that the SCOE team Board report shows that both are occurring.

Mr. Fong wished Happy New Year to everyone. As we move into the first year of the new century, he would like the Board to double our efforts in closing the achievement gap in our county. It is something we talked about and we have programs trying to achieve it both with the Robla School District and a charter school. He is pleased that the governor's budget has a lot to say about where funding is going in terms of early childhood education and K-12 education. Hopefully those resources will translate into programs in the school districts and schools where they do their LCAP plans that will actually benefit the kids that need it the most.

Ms. Davis wished the four trustees a happy birthday and said she would not be able to stay for cake but wished them all the very best. She congratulated Dr. Herota and stated that she would like to visit Cal-SOAP this year. It's been awhile since she has been at Sly Park and would like to visit that site/program as well.

Ms. Ahola said she's curious about the COE's work to support districts & schools with diversity inclusion, whether that is professional development or someone on staff. She recently has become aware of a staff person at Butte COE that is the person's job to support districts and charters in the county. Our board presentations are very informative, and months later she would like to go back and look at it but can't find it in her email. She wondered if we could we add these presentations on our Board shared drive.

IX.B. President Lefkovitz wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Executive Committee met earlier. We are working on the scholarship fund and thinks there will be a report to the Board in February. Superintendent Gordon provided an update on each of the strategic priorities so look for a summary of those in the minutes. There was a discussion on having a presentation on equity, and maybe diversity and inclusion. She was pleased with the direction we are taking on closing the achievement gap. We can ask the Superintendent to speak specifically to that at a future Board meeting; maybe give a ten-minute update.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the January/February Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the January/February Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. February 4, 2020 – Governor's Budget and Legislation

B. February 18, 2020 – Revised Local Accountability Model

XII. Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fong seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 (ayes). The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: February 4, 2020