

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2019

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 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 November 2019 Employees of the Month
 - B. Recognition of SCOE Staff
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 - 2. Award Diplomas to Court and Community School Students
 - 3. Accept Donations to the Classified School Employee of the Year Program and Sly Park
 - B. No 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. \$149,665 Title III County Office of Education Regional English Learner Specialists Agreement grant from the California Department of Education for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
 - D. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 19-10 – Establishing the 2019-2020 Appropriations Limit
 - E. Informational Item: Reporting on State Priorities
 - F. Board Report – Countywide Student Performance Results and District Assistance Strategies
 - 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. November 12, 2019 – Fortune Annual Report
 - B. December 10, 2019 – Mental Health Report
 - C. January 14, 2020 – Civics/Census Report
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Lefkowitz 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, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Bina Lefkowitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent; 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; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; and Rachel Perry, Executive Director of C-SAPA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison. Trustees Brown and Keefer were absent.

II. Ms. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Ms. Ahola, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2019 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Keefer).

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

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. Diane Faulks and Maria Mojarro, Para-Educators, Special Education Department, were recognized and honored as the classified employees of the month for November.

Abby Williams, SH Teacher, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for November.

VII.B. Austin "Timber" Roughton was recognized as the 2020 SCOE Teacher of the Year by Director Brett Nelson.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone who attended the Sacramento County School Boards Association meeting on October 2. We appreciated hearing guest speaker Aneesh Raman, Senior Advisor on Economic Strategies for Governor Newsom. His topic was: "The Future of Work and the Governor's Priorities." He thanked President Lefkowitz and Trustees Brown, Davis, and Talamantes for attending.

- Thanked Sacramento Mayor Steinberg and many other community leaders for joining us last Thursday when we announced the accomplishments of the \$1 million Art Education Grant we received from CDE last year. We released a report detailing art education growth in all local school districts in Sacramento County and the major accomplishments of a newly established SCOE Arts Education Community of Practice. He thanked Dr. Steve Winlock, the Executive Director of our School of Education, for his leadership in this effort.
- Our annual Resource Fair for our adult re-entry program clients was a huge success. At the October 4 event, we connected close to 300 parolees and probationers with resources and services to help in a successful re-entry back to their communities. We appreciate President Lefkowitz, Vice President Keefer, and Trustee Brown for their attendance. It was great work by Adult Re-Entry Director Marc Nigel, SCBC Project Specialist Natalya Edwards, and the Re-Entry team for organizing such a successful event.
- Also on October 4 was the first installment in our Speakers Series. Nearly 150 people attended. It was a great representation of leaders from our local school districts and charters, and leaders from Yuba, Solano, and Amador Counties also. Our guest speaker was Dr. Sharroky Hollie who talked about “Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Learning.” We have six sessions remaining this year. The next one is this Friday, October 18. We will hear from educator and author Ricky Robertson who will talk about the impact of trauma on learning and social-emotional well-being. For more information, see Dr. Al Rogers.
- On October 3, we hosted our Social and Emotional Learning Community of Practice. We convened teams of educators to help participants from our districts lead SEL integration in their schools. The goal was to offer a collaborative space for professional learning around SEL and equity efforts.
- The 17th Annual Project SAVE Golf Tournament will be held Monday, October 28, 2019 at the Valley Hi Country Club in Elk Grove. The tournament is the primary fundraiser for this very successful countywide violence prevention program. Those interested in participating should contact Project Specialist Cindy Kennedy.
- Reminded everyone that this Thursday, October 17 at noon – our Culinary Arts Café at Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School holds its grand re-opening. The menu includes: chicken cacciatore; garlic and herb macaroni; a salad with ingredients from our sustainable garden; and tiramisu for dessert. Reservations are available.

- Also on Thursday at Palmiter, we are kicking 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 Academy is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It will run monthly.
- On November 1, 2019, we will host our next Family and Community Engagement Summit featuring author, speaker, and family engagement expert Dr. Steve Constantino. Following the Summit, our next workshop, on November 6, 2019, will explore family engagement frameworks that provide evidence-based, family engagement strategies. Our spring summit is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2020. For more information, please contact Carla Miller.
- Please join us on Saturday, November 2, 2019, for our Youth Engagement Summit, at the SCOE Conference Center. We expect up to 100 students from across the county. We will have student facilitated panel discussions on the Census 2020, Voter Education, and Student Mental Health Support. The event is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Frank Pisi.

VIII.A. Ms. Talamantes moved and Ms. Davis seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Keefer). By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court and Community School Students
3. Accepted donations to the Classified School Employee of the Year Program and Sly Park

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Alyssa Belle Savell from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School and Jessica Hernandez-Rodriquez from North Area Community School.

VIII.B. No Approval of Contracts

VIII.C. On a motion by Ms. Ahola, seconded by Mr. Fong and carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Keefer), 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. \$149,665 Title III County Office of Education Regional English Learner Specialists Agreement grant from the California Department of Education for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years

VIII.D. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 19-10 – Establishing the 2019-2020 Appropriations Limit

President Lefkovitz opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. No one came forward.

President Lefkovitz closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Davis moved and Ms. Ahola seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-10 – Establishing the 2019-2020 Appropriations Limit. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Keefer).

VIII.E. An informational item on the Reporting on State Priorities was provided in the Board packet.

VIII.F. Dr. Al Rogers, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Executive Director Rachel Perry, who provided a report on the Countywide Student Performance Results and District Assistance Strategies to the Board. SCOE English Language Arts Director Becky Sullivan, Martin Luther King, Jr. Technology (TRUSD) Principal Shana Henry, SCOE Mathematics Director David Chun, and Oak View Community Elementary School (SJUSD) Principal Shana Walters provided information about school successes resulting from support provided by SCOE.

Discussion and questions took place among the SCOE Board members, Superintendent Gordon, Principal Walters, Principal Henry, and Ms. Perry. Topics and inquiries included math curriculum, professional development, how the CAASP tests are administered, and the technology used. Additionally, there were requests from Trustees Fong and Talamantes to visit the school that was represented tonight.

IX.A. Ms. Talamantes – no report.

Mr. Fong – no report.

Ms. Davis – no report.

Mr. Keefer was absent.

Ms. Ahola – no report.

Mr. Brown was absent.

IX.B. President Lefkovitz mentioned volunteer projects and asked Board members to reach out to her and Superintendent Gordon to identify what they would all like to work on together before our next meeting. She also stated that she and Superintendent Gordon will meet and debrief on the Board/Superintendent Retreat to discuss next steps, and will bring back at our next meeting.

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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President Lefkovitz provided a quote, “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest”. Quote by Ben Franklin.

XII. Ms. Talamantes moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Brown, Keefer). The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: November 12, 2019