

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2016**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Board/Superintendent Retreat of August 13, 2016  
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 16, 2016
  - IV. Adoption of Agenda
  - V. Official Correspondence
  - VI. Visitor Presentations
    - A. General Public
    - B. Employee Organizations
  - VII. Superintendent's Report
    - A. Recognition of the September 2016 Employees of the Month
  - VIII. New Business
    - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
      1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
      2. Award Diplomas to Community School Students
    - B. Approval of Contracts
    - C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts
    - D. Public Hearing, Discussion, and Action on National University Academy Charter Petition Appeal
    - E. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 16-07 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Community and Special Education Schools)
    - F. Adoption of Meeting Norms
    - G. Board Report – School of Education
  - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
    - A. Board Members
    - B. Board President
    - C. Committees
  - X. Items for Distribution
    - A. September/October Events
    - B. September/October Site Visits
  - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
    - A. September 20, 2016 – Capital Region Academies for the Next Economy (CRANE)
    - B. October 4, 2016 – School Readiness
  - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Levy 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, Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Greg Geeting, Jackie Levy, and Brian Rivas. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Sue

Stickel, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Matt Perry, Robin Pierson, Tammy Sanchez, and Mark Vigario, Assistant Superintendents; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Josh Harris, SELPA Executive Director; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; John Liddicoat, SCOETA; Natalya Edwards, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. Ms. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Rivas and seconded by Ms. Davis, the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Retreat of August 13, 2016 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Mr. Geeting, the revised minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 16, 2016 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

IV. Mr. Geeting moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Brown 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. Natalya Edwards CSEA President, Chapter 480 stated she is looking forward to sharing information from the annual state conference with CSEA membership. Congratulated Marty Florey on her employee of the month recognition.

VII.A. Marty Florey, Administrative Assistant, Court & Community Schools, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for September.

Brad Hulan, ROP/CTE Teacher, Sacramento Community Based Coalition, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for September.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- On August 27, at the SCOE Conference Center, 71 aspiring administrators participated in an orientation for our Leadership Institute's Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program. This program - beginning its seventh year - provides leadership development and training for those interested in becoming an administrator in education. He thanked Deputy Superintendent Sue Stickel and School of Education Executive Director Steve Winlock for hosting the event and welcoming the large group of aspiring administrators.
- Thanked everyone who attended SCOE's Employee Recognition Day event on August 18 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Congratulations to all

the employees and retirees who were honored. He thanked SCOE's Employee Events committee and the team of volunteers who organized the event. And a special thanks to keynote speaker Tony Asaro, who gave a very inspiring talk about how people can maintain a well-balanced life. Thanks to the generosity of SCOE's employees, we collected more than 1,240 pounds of food and three barrels of non-food items for the Sacramento Food Bank. We also collected 40 boxes of items for SCOE's Project TEACH program.

- On Monday, September 12, 2016, please join SCOE for an awards recognition dinner for clients of the Sacramento Community Based Coalition - Parolee Re-Entry Program. The event is from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento. Please see Dr. Matt Perry for details.
- On Wednesday, September 14, 2016, SCOE will host Back to School Night at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School campus. The event is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Invited everyone to join SCOE on Friday, September 16, 2016, when we celebrate excellence in education at the 2017 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year dinner. We will honor SCOE Teacher of the Year Patti Buckholz and teachers from the other districts in Sacramento County, and announce the county's two Teachers of the Year for 2017. Please see Tim Herrera for details.

VIII.A. Mr. Fong moved and Ms. Ahola 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 Community School Students

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following students will be awarded a diploma: Ruben De Jesus Lopez and Rajnal Akash Lal from North Area Community School and Monique Chouteau from Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr./Sr. High School.

VIII.B. Mr. Rivas moved and Ms. Davis seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts

VIII.D. Public Hearing, Discussion, and Action on National University Academy Charter Petition Appeal

President Levy announced that a Public Hearing would be conducted on the charter renewal appeal filed by the National University Academy Robla (NUAR) Charter School. Robla School District originally approved the charter school for a three-year term. On

June 27, 2016, Robla denied renewal of the charter. NUAR now appeals to the Sacramento County Board of Education (County Board) to overturn Robla's decision and renew its charter. This Public Hearing is to provide petitioners, the school district, and citizens with an opportunity for public testimony and input on the charter renewal appeal. She asked General Counsel to outline the legal standards for the County Board's consideration of a charter renewal appeal.

Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, provided background information.

President Levy read the format that the County Board will follow in conducting this Public Hearing and noted that copies of the format are available on the counter in the back with the blue and yellow Speaker Cards. After the County Board has heard from the petitioners, the school district, and SCOE (Sacramento County Office of Education) staff, testimony will be received from anyone wishing to speak under the established guidelines.

President Levy opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Alicia Legarda and Kimberleigh Kopp, National University Academy Robla representatives, presented their charter renewal appeal.

President Levy thanked Ms. Legarda and Ms. Kopp.

Robla Superintendent Ruben Reyes addressed the Board and explained his Board's rationale for denying the charter renewal.

President Levy thanked Superintendent Reyes.

Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent, and Tamara Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented SCOE's analysis and recommendations.

President Levy thanked Deputy Superintendent Stickel and Assistant Superintendent Sanchez and began calling up individuals who signed up to speak regarding the National University Academy Robla charter renewal appeal.

The following spoke in support of the National University Academy Robla renewal petition:

Brian Jensen  
Medhat Said  
Anne Howard  
Frankie Howard  
Jennifer Vargas  
Tyler Boyd  
Kimberleigh Kopp  
Denise Brandt  
Rachel Chandler  
Dr. James Juarez  
Michelle Hedge

Donald Puffer  
LeeAnn Puffer  
Faith Watson  
Victoria Warren  
Nycole Ostrander  
Teresa Tunstall  
Danielle Marshall

President Levy closed the Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m. and stated that the Board was now ready for questions and deliberations.

There was a lengthy discussion where Board members posed questions and SCOE staff, the Robla school district representative, and petitioners provided responses.

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Rivas seconded the motion that the Sacramento County Board of Education adopt the written Recommended Findings of Fact by SCOE Program staff.

The motion carried unanimously, based on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ahola – aye  
Mr. Brown – aye  
Ms. Davis – aye  
Mr. Fong – aye  
Mr. Geeting – aye  
Ms. Levy – aye  
Mr. Rivas – aye

Mr. Brown moved, and Ms. Ahola seconded the motion that the Sacramento County Board of Education deny the National University Academy Robla charter school renewal appeal based on the Findings of Fact.

The motion carried unanimously, based on the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ahola – aye  
Mr. Brown – aye  
Ms. Davis – aye  
Mr. Fong – aye  
Mr. Geeting – aye  
Ms. Levy – aye  
Mr. Rivas – aye

VIII.E. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 16-07 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Community and Special Education Schools)

President Levy opened the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m.

Dr. Robin Pierson and Dr. Matt Perry presented the item and assured the Board that all sites and students had ample instructional materials. No one came forward.

President Levy closed the Public Hearing at 8:37 p.m.

Mr. Geeting moved and Mr. Brown seconded the adoption of resolution No. 16-07 – Determination of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials Sufficiency Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119 (Community and Special Education Schools). Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 absent (Fong).

VIII.F. Ms. Ahola moved and Mr. Rivas seconded the motion to adopt the meeting norms. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 absent (Fong).

VIII.G. Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Dr. Steve Winlock, Executive Director, who provided a report on the School of Education to the Board.

IX.A. Mr. Rivas – no report.

Ms. Ahola – no report.

Ms. Davis thanked Sue Stickel for the LCAP briefing.

Mr. Geeting expressed his appreciation to all of the SCOE staff who made Employee Recognition Day on August 18 such a huge success. He thanked Tony Asaro, the keynote speaker, 2016 Teacher of the Year Marsha Cornwell, 2017 Teacher of the Year Patti Buckholz, and 2016 Classified Employee of the Year Kelly Bernier-Mun, who all addressed the group. It was a terrific morning! He also expressed appreciation to the SCOE staff who participated in and contributed to the vast effort to produce the Williams Review Reports.

Mr. Brown thanked Sue Stickel for the LCAP training and Tammy Sanchez for the budget training. He has visited several sites and wished to thank Dr. Matt Perry, Marc Nigel, and Chris Aland for escorting him on these visits.

Mr. Fong gave an update on his suggestion that he was going to talk to the Elk Grove Unified School District about their bond. He reported that all the timelines had passed, even while he was talking about it at the last meeting. The Elk Grove board had already taken action several months ago about putting the bond measure up. So, the timeline to present an argument for or against the bond has passed, and he will not be pursuing that bond measure at all.

IX.B. President Levy – no report.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

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

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

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

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XII. Mr. Rivas moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Geeting seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: September 20, 2016