

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2017

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2017
 - IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - V. Official Correspondence
 - VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
 - VII. Superintendent's Report
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 - B. No 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. \$135,400 21st Century Community Learning Center, Year 10 grant from Federal funds for the period March 8, 2017 through June 30, 2017
 2. \$203,100 After School Education and Safety Program, Year 10 grant from the California Department of Education for the period March 8, 2017 through June 30, 2017
 3. \$160,000 Classified Employee Credential grant from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the period March 8, 2017 through June 30, 2018
 - D. Award Contracts if SCOE Receives E-Rate Discounts for Fiscal Year 2017-2018
 - E. Board Report – Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC)
 - 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 Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. March 21, 2017 – Foster Youth
 - B. April 7, 2017 (Friday) – Student Programs (Palmiter and EL Hickey)
 - 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; Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Matt Perry, Robin Pierson, and Tammy Sanchez, Assistant Superintendents; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Bill Mullen, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Mr. Rivas, the revised minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2017 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

IV. Mr. Brown moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes).

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. The following individuals addressed the Board regarding an incident at Bannon Creek Elementary School:

Sarah Howell
Donielle Prince
Trina Allen
Denise Lipscomb
Rebecca Sharad
Kate Crosby
Janis Rich Smith
Faith McKinnie
Sonia Lewis
Phong Le

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

VII.A. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Congratulated Natalya Edwards for being selected as the 2017 SCOE Classified Employee of the Year. Natalya works as a Transition Specialist in our Adult Re-Entry Program. She will be formally recognized at the May 2, 2017 Board Meeting. Natalya will represent SCOE in the classified employee recognition program at the county level in the Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance category. Also moving forward to the county level is Marty Florey who will represent SCOE in the Office and Technical category. Congratulations to both!
- Reported that the 2017 Gordon D. Schaber Moot Court and Mock Trial competition has drawn to a close. He congratulated Elk Grove High for

winning the Mock Trial championship on February 27. Sacramento Country Day finished in second place. We also congratulate Mira Loma High (Team 2) for winning the Moot Court title. Bella Vista High (Team 1) finished second.

- Stated that the 2017 Sacramento County History Day competition on Saturday was a big success. Congratulations to all of the local students who qualified to participate in the state competition, which is May 6–7, 2017 at William Jessup University, in Rocklin. Again, thanks to Craig Irish and his team for organizing the event.
- On February 24, it was an honor for him to attend the dedication for the Discovery ChalleNGe Academy. It is a partnership between the California National Guard and San Joaquin County Office of Education for youth between the ages of 16 and 18 who have dropped out of high school, are at-risk of dropping out, or are credit deficient. He commended National Guard General James Gabrielli and San Joaquin Superintendent James Mousalimas for their work on a wonderful program dedicated to turning kids' lives around.
- Reminded everyone to mark their calendars for Thursday, March 16, 2017, when we host the 2017 Academic Bowl at the Rosemont High School Auditorium. The theme is "Earthquakes." Each team will create a tower out of straws that must withstand a simulated earthquake, and the weight of small sand bags. Teams will also have to create a PowerPoint on this year's theme. The competition begins at 11:00 a.m., and the awards and luncheon is at 1:00 p.m.
- We are looking forward to Saturday when the Sacramento Kings hold their annual Salute to Educators Night and will honor the 2017 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year. Among the honorees is SCOE Teacher of the Year Patti Buckholz. And remember to mark your calendars because the River Cats will also honor our district Teachers of the Year during a game on Sunday, April 23, 2017. For details, please see Tim Herrera.

VIII.A. Mr. Geeting moved and Mr. Brown seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes). By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions

VIII.B. No Contracts

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Ms. Davis, 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. \$135,400 21st Century Community Learning Center, Year 10 grant from Federal funds for the period March 8, 2017 through June 30, 2017 as revised
2. \$203,100 After School Education and Safety Program, Year 10 grant from the California Department of Education for the period March 8, 2017 through June 30, 2017 as revised
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VIII.D. Vice President Geeting assumed the Presidency upon President Levy recusing herself because of a possible conflict. Mr. Rivas moved and Mr. Fong seconded the motion to award contracts if SCOE receives E-Rate Discounts for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Levy).

VIII.E. Deputy Superintendent Al Rogers, Ed.D., introduced Adult Education Director Diana Batista, and CAERC Director Connie Lee, who provided a report on Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) to the Board.

IX.A. Mr. Fong reported that the SCOE teachers that we have are the best at what they do. No one is perfect. Anyone can make a mistake and he believes in redemption and learning from mistakes. He felt a lot for the speakers who talked about their concerns. He hoped that the speakers would have remained in the meeting to hear what the Board had to say.

Mr. Brown reported that there are procedures for staff to follow and when the process is complete, a decision will be made based on what the staff has learned.

Mr. Geeting joined Trustee Fong in his thoughts regarding the distressing information we received during public comments. We should learn from and rectify any issues with respect to policy and procedure, and there should be the opportunity for redemption by those who made mistakes. He stated it was a pleasure to join President Levy for the Mock Trial finals and awards ceremony on February 27. Congratulations to Elk Grove High School for coming in first and winning the right to represent our county in the state Mock Trial competition later this month in Riverside. Congratulations, as well, to Sacramento Country Day School, which came in second place. Special thanks to Federal District Court Judge William Shubb for presiding at the finals, and to Pamela Wu, Public Relations Director of the UC Davis School of Law, for being master of ceremonies for the awards. It was also a pleasure to attend the finals and awards ceremony for Moot Court on February 28. Congratulations to Mira Loma's Team 2 for winning the competition, and to Bella Vista's Team 1 which won second place honors. It was also a privilege to join President Levy for the History Day Awards Ceremony last Saturday. We should all extend special thanks to President Levy who participated for the entire day as a judge in the multi-faceted competition. Congratulations to all of the students who will move on to the state History Day competition in May. Thanks, as well, to local celebrity Matías Bombal for again serving as master of ceremonies for this event. And, finally, congratulations to

Natalya Edwards for being named SCOE's Classified Employee of the Year, and who will participate in the state-sponsored Classified Employee of the Year program in the paraprofessional educator category, and to Marty Florey, who will also participate in the state-sponsored program in the office and technical category.

Ms. Davis thanked Trustee Geeting for the lovely cookies. She thanked President Levy for attending so many of the events and representing the Board so well. As a new Board member, the events are new to her and she is still learning. She shared that with having children in school while being a Board member, she missed history day, and was saddened not to attend. Her daughter was going to the prom. She wondered if there was a system for kids who cannot afford to go to prom; and if there isn't, she would like to look into it. The high school her daughter attends includes the special education students in the regular prom. She attended an event at her son's school interviewing candidates for a principal. Her husband and she are co-chairing the school's auction this weekend. Her site council meetings have determined three reasons why students are not qualifying for A through G: math, science, and foreign language. She decided to have her son start watching the Spanish channel on TV. His grade in Spanish has increased two percentage points. She thanked the Board members that are able to do what she is not able to.

Ms. Ahola commented that Trustee Fong's earlier remarks were very well said. Regarding the requests that were made by one of the speakers, some of them cannot be addressed publicly, but she thinks we should address those that are. One of the requests was in reference to a policy that will be put into place: meeting with parents and students in the classroom, and what training will be put in place to ensure that this situation does not occur in the future.

Mr. Rivas asked if we could attempt to open a line of communication with a leader of the individuals who spoke.

Superintendent Gordon stated we cannot publicly address personnel issues. However, we have been transparent from the beginning about the issue of the film being shown. We have absolutely corrected the procedures which led to the showing of that film. In the future, before any film is shown in any of our classrooms, the film will be pre-screened. Also, in the future, IEP meetings will be conducted at times when teachers are not expected to be in their classrooms. If any emergency situations arise, the teacher will be backed up by a sub teacher or an administrator. Dr. Rogers and Dr. Pierson have had extensive meetings with our principals. In terms of the selection of the film and the fact there was no teacher in the classroom, that was not done properly and we have done what is needed to correct it for the future. We would be happy to meet with whomever. The troubling part is that we cannot be responsive to talk about personnel actions or other contacts with staff because we must protect their privacy.

IX.B. President Levy stated that when members of general public have incorrect information, we cannot correct it due to privacy issues. President Levy reported that she agreed with Trustee Fong's remarks and is pleased that corrective measures have been taken. Also, she really enjoyed reading the quarterly SCOE employee newsletter. It always has interesting information and great photos. Thanks to Mr. Herrera and the Communications Department for a great publication.

IX.C. Chair Rivas of the Policy Committee reported that Policy met today. We will be moving a policy on volunteers forward to the next Board meeting.

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

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XII. Mr. Geeting moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: March 21, 2017